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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

JAMES ARTHUR EDWARDS,)	NO. EDCV 14-848-VAP (KS)
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER ACCEPTING FINDINGS AND
v.)	RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNITED
)	STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
JEFFREY BEARD,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

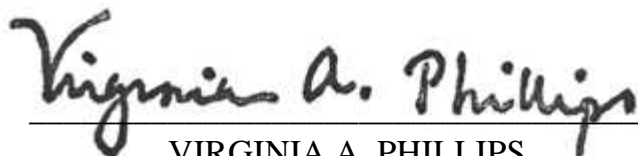
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, the Court has reviewed the First Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (“Petition”), all of the records herein including the Motion to Dismiss (“Motion”) and related briefing, the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge (“Report”), and Petitioner’s Objections to the Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendation (“Objections”). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the Court has conducted a *de novo* review of those portions of the Report to which objections have been stated.

Petitioner makes new arguments concerning his entitlement to equitable tolling in his Objections. A district court has discretion, but is not required, to consider evidence or arguments presented for the first time in objections to a report and recommendation. *See*

1 *Brown v. Roe*, 279 F.3d 742, 744-45 (9th Cir. 2002); *United States v. Howell*, 231 F.3d 615,
2 621-22 (9th Cir. 2000). The Court has exercised its discretion to consider Petitioner's new
3 assertions and evidence but concludes that they do not alter the analysis and conclusions set
4 forth in the Report.

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6 Having completed its review, the Court accepts the findings and recommendations set
7 forth in the Report. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that: (1) the Motion is GRANTED; (2)
8 the Petition is DENIED; and (3) Judgment shall be entered dismissing this action with
9 prejudice.

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11 DATED: March 30, 2017

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13 VIRGINIA A. PHILLIPS
14 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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