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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL LUCAS,	)	1:08-CV-01806 YNP DLB HC
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Petitioner,	)	ORDER REQUIRING RESPONDENT TO FILE
	)	RESPONSE
	)	
v.	)	ORDER SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE
	)	
JAMES HARTLEY, Warden,	)	ORDER DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO
	)	SERVE DOCUMENTS ON ATTORNEY
Respondent.	)	GENERAL
	)	

Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

The Court has conducted a preliminary review of the Petition. It is not clear from the face of the Petition whether Petitioner is entitled to relief. 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,<sup>1</sup> the Court HEREBY ORDERS:

- Respondent SHALL FILE a RESPONSE to the Petition<sup>2</sup> within **SIXTY (60) days** of the date of service of this order. See Rule 4, Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases; Cluchette

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<sup>1</sup>The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure “apply to proceedings for habeas corpus ... to the extent that the practice in those proceedings (A) is not specified in a federal statute, the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, or the Rules Governing Section 2255 Cases; and (B) has previously conformed to the practice in civil actions.” Fed.R.Civ.P. 81(a)(4). Rule 11 also provides “[t]he Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with any statutory provision or these rules, may be applied to a proceeding under these rules.” Rule 11, Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases.

<sup>2</sup>Respondent is advised that a scanned copy of the Petition is available in the Court’s electronic case filing system (“CM/ECF”).

1 v. Rushen, 770 F.2d 1469, 1473-1474 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985) (court has discretion to fix time for  
2 filing a response). A Response can be made by filing one of the following:

3 A. AN ANSWER addressing the merits of the Petition. Respondent SHALL INCLUDE  
4 with the Answer any and all transcripts or other documents necessary for the  
5 resolution of the issues presented in the Petition. See Rule 5, Rules Governing  
6 Section 2254 Cases. Any argument by Respondent that Petitioner has *procedurally*  
7 *defaulted* a claim SHALL BE MADE in the ANSWER, but must also address the  
8 merits of the claim asserted.

9 B. A MOTION TO DISMISS the Petition. A Motion to Dismiss SHALL INCLUDE  
10 copies of all Petitioner's state court filings and dispositive rulings. See Rule 5, Rules  
11 Governing Section 2254 Cases.<sup>3</sup>

- 12 2. If Respondent files an Answer to the Petition, Petitioner MAY FILE a Traverse within  
13 **THIRTY (30) days** of the date Respondent's Answer is filed with the Court. If no  
14 Traverse is filed, the Petition and Answer are deemed submitted at the expiration of the  
15 thirty days.
- 16 3. If Respondent files a Motion to Dismiss, Petitioner SHALL FILE an Opposition or  
17 Statement of Non-Opposition within **THIRTY (30) days** of the date Respondent's  
18 Motion is filed with the Court. If no Opposition is filed, the Motion to Dismiss is  
19 deemed submitted at the expiration of the thirty days. Any Reply to an Opposition to the  
20 Motion to Dismiss SHALL be filed within **EIGHT (8) days**, plus three days for mailing.
- 21 4. Unless already submitted, both Respondent and Petitioner SHALL COMPLETE and  
22 RETURN to the Court within **THIRTY (30) days** a Consent/Decline form indicating  
23 whether the party consents or declines to consent to the jurisdiction of a the United  
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25 <sup>3</sup>Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases provides that upon the court's determination that summary  
26 dismissal is inappropriate, the "judge must order the respondent to file an answer or *other pleading . . . or to take other action*  
27 *the judgemay order*." Rule 4, Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases (emphasis added); see also Advisory Committee Notes  
28 to Rule 4 and 5 of Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases (stating that a dismissal may obviate the need for filing an answer  
on the substantive merits of the petition and that the Attorney General may file a Motion to Dismiss for failure to exhaust.);  
White v. Lewis, 874 F.2d 599, 60203 (9th Cir. 1989) (providing that Motions to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 4 are proper in  
a federal habeas proceeding.)

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States Magistrate Judge pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1).

5. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to SERVE a copy of this order on the Attorney General or his representative.

All motions shall be submitted on the record and briefs filed without oral argument unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Local Rule 78-230(h). Extensions of time will only be granted upon a showing of good cause. All provisions of Local Rule 11-110 are applicable to this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**Dated: July 2, 2009**

**/s/ Dennis L. Beck**  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE