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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 CHRISTOPHER SIMMONS,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 JONATHAN AKANNO, et al.,

15 Defendants.
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1:10-cv-00553-AWI-GSA-PC

ORDER DENYING SUBSTITUTION
OF ATTORNEYS, WITHOUT
PREJUDICE
(Doc. 27.)

17 **I. BACKGROUND**

18 This is a civil action filed by Christopher Simmons (“Plaintiff”), a state prisoner
19 proceeding pro se. On May 22, 2014, Plaintiff filed a request for substitution of attorneys,
20 requesting to substitute attorney Scottlynn J. Hubbard IV, Esq., in place and stead of himself as
21 attorney of record. (Doc. 27.)

22 **II. SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEYS – LOCAL RULE 182(g)**

23 Under Local Rule 182(g), Plaintiff must submit a substitution of attorneys document to
24 the Court, setting forth the full name and address of the new attorney, and *signed by Plaintiff*
25 (as the withdrawing attorney and client) *and the new attorney*. Local Rule 182(g) (emphasis
26 added). “All substitutions of attorneys shall require the approval of the Court, and the words
27 **‘IT IS SO ORDERED’** with spaces designated for the date and signature of the Judge affixed
28 at the end of each substitution of attorneys.” Id.

1 Plaintiff's request for substitution of attorneys does not include the signature of the new
2 attorney, as required by Local Rule 182(g). Therefore, the request must be denied, without
3 prejudice to submission of a new request, or "Stipulation for Substitution of Attorneys" which
4 meets the requirements of Local Rule 182(g).

5 **III. CONCLUSION**

6 Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's request for
7 substitution of attorneys, filed on May 22, 2014, is DENIED without prejudice.

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 Dated: May 23, 2014

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE