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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

JAMES M. LANIER,  
  
Plaintiff,

v.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY OFFICIALS  
ASSOCIATION et al.,  
  
Defendants.

**1:14-cv-1938----GSA**

**ORDER GRANTING IFP**

**(Doc. 2)**

Plaintiff James M. Lanier (“Plaintiff”), appearing pro se, filed a complaint and an application to proceed in forma pauperis on December 4, 2014. (Docs. 1, 2). A review of Plaintiff’s application reveals that he has made the requisite showing under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) and is entitled to proceed in forma pauperis. Accordingly, his application to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), the court conducts an initial review of all pro se complaints for legal sufficiency. The court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if it

1 determines that the action is legally “frivolous or malicious,” fails to state a claim upon which  
2 relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.  
3 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). If the court determines that the complaint fails to state a claim, leave to  
4 amend may be granted to the extent that the deficiencies of the complaint may be cured by  
5 amendment. Plaintiff is advised that the court will screen his complaint in due course and issue  
6 an order addressing the legal sufficiency of his claims. The court’s screening order will be served  
7 on Plaintiff by U.S. mail.  
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10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 Dated: **December 23, 2014**

**/s/ Gary S. Austin**  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE