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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

VICTORIA GARCIA, an individual; and
N.R., a minor, by and through her
guardian,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF KERN; KERN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;
KERN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE;
STEPHANY ROSENOW, an individual;
RALPH LOMAS, an individual; and
DOES 1 through 100,

Defendants.

No. 1:18-cv-00369-DAD-JLT

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD
LITEM

(Doc. No. 22)

On June 22, 2018, David Brooks filed a petition to be appointed guardian ad litem for plaintiff N.R. for purposes of this action. (Doc. No. 22.) A hearing on the motion was held on August 7, 2018. Attorney Jomo K. Stewart appeared telephonically on behalf of plaintiffs, and attorney Kathleen Rivera appeared telephonically on behalf of defendants.

“District courts have a special duty, derived from Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17(c), to safeguard the interests of litigants who are minors.” *Robidoux v. Rosengren*, 638 F.3d 1177, 1181 (9th Cir. 2011). Rule 17 provides that “[t]he court must appoint a guardian ad litem—or issue another appropriate order—to protect a minor or incompetent person who is unrepresented

