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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 2:90-cv-0520 KJM DB P

ORDER

On February 19, 2019, the court received the neutral expert’s monthly invoice for services rendered through January 31, 2019. The court has reviewed the invoice as required by paragraph C(2) of the district court’s January 8, 2019 order. ECF No. 6064 at 5. In that invoice, the neutral expert seeks reimbursement for 14.2 hours of time spent by Christopher Karnes at a rate of \$270.00 per hour. Mr. Karnes is not included in the list of staff approved by the district court on December 18, 2018. *See* ECF No. 6048 (approving “neutral expert's utilization and retention of the persons identified in his filing titled Neutral Expert's Designation of Investigative Team, ECF 6044.) The neutral expert is required to “seek approval of the court in advance of utilization or retention of additional staff beyond that already approved.” ECF No. 6064 at 2. Absent such approval, the court will not authorize payment for those hours.

