reviewed de novo. See Britt v. Simi Valley Unified School Dist., 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir.

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The court has reviewed the applicable legal standards and, good cause appearing, concludes that it is appropriate to adopt the Findings and Recommendations with regard to defendant Stephens.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Findings and Recommendations filed May 15, 2009, are ADOPTED with regard to defendant Stephens, and defendant Stephens is dismissed from this action.

Dated: July 15, 2009

MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE