

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
OR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TIMOTHY ELLIS ROSS

Petitioner, No. CIV S-09-2444 GGH P

VS.

D.K. SISTO

Respondent. **ORDER**

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with an application to proceed in forma pauperis. Petitioner challenges the Governor's 2006 decision to reverse the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) decision, that found him suitable for parole.

Examination of the in forma pauperis application reveals that petitioner is unable to afford the costs of suit. Accordingly, the application to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

Since petitioner may be entitled to relief if the claimed violation of constitutional rights is proved, respondents will be directed to file a response to petitioner's habeas petition.

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In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis is granted;

2. Respondents are directed to file a response to petitioner's habeas petition

within sixty days from the date of this order. See Rule 4, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. An

answer shall be accompanied by all transcripts and other documents relevant to the issues

presented in the petition. See Rule 5, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases;

3. If the response to the habeas petition is an answer, petitioner's reply, if any,

shall be filed and served within thirty days after service of the answer;

4. If the response to the habeas petition is a motion, petitioner's opposition or

statement of non-opposition to the motion shall be filed and served within thirty days after

service of the motion, and respondents' reply, if any, shall be filed and served within fifteen days

thereafter; and

5. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this order, *the*

consent/reassignment form contemplated by Appendix A(k) to the Local Rules of this court

together with a copy of the petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 on

Michael Patrick Farrell, Senior Assistant Attorney General.

DATED: September 16, 2009

/s/ Gregory G. Hollows

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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