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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 TIMOTHY ELLIS ROSS

11 Petitioner,

No. CIV S-09-2444 GGH P

12 vs.

13 D.K. SISTO

14 Respondent.

ORDER

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

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

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

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

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

3 2. Respondents are directed to file a response to petitioner's habeas petition  
4 within sixty days from the date of this order. See Rule 4, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. An  
5 answer shall be accompanied by all transcripts and other documents relevant to the issues  
6 presented in the petition. See Rule 5, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases;

7 3. If the response to the habeas petition is an answer, petitioner's reply, if any,  
8 shall be filed and served within thirty days after service of the answer;

9 4. If the response to the habeas petition is a motion, petitioner's opposition or  
10 statement of non-opposition to the motion shall be filed and served within thirty days after  
11 service of the motion, and respondents' reply, if any, shall be filed and served within fifteen days  
12 thereafter; and

13 5. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this order, *the*  
14 *consent/reassignment form contemplated by Appendix A(k) to the Local Rules of this court*  
15 together with a copy of the petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 on  
16 Michael Patrick Farrell, Senior Assistant Attorney General.

17 DATED: September 16, 2009

18 /s/ Gregory G. Hollows

19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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