1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 ----00000----11 12 GUILLERMO CHAVEZ, No. 2:11-CV-1015 WBS-CKD 1.3 Plaintiff, Court of Appeals No. 17-15161 14 v. ORDER GRANADOZ and BARNETT, 15 16 Defendants. 17 ----00000----18 This matter is before the court on remand from the 19 Court of Appeals for the limited purpose of determining whether 20 2.1

This matter is before the court on remand from the Court of Appeals for the limited purpose of determining whether plaintiff's forma pauperis status should continue on appeal from this court's Order of December 6, 2016 denying plaintiff's motion to vacate the judgment of June 22, 2016. Although, for the reasons set forth in the magistrate judge's Findings and Recommendations filed January 8, 2016, this court does not believe plaintiff's appeal has merit, the court cannot state that the appeal is frivolous or taken in bad faith. See Hooker v. American Airlines, 302 F.3d 1091, 1092 (9th Cir. 2002).

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Accordingly, this court declines to revoke plaintiff's forma pauperis status on appeal. The Clerk of this Court shall forward a copy of this Order to the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dated: February 10, 2017

WILLIAM B SHUBB

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE