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Stewart, 549 U.S. 147, 152-53 (2007); Cooper v. Calderon, 274 F.3d 1270, 1274 (9th Cir. 2001) (once district court has recognized a petition as second or successive pursuant to § 2244(b), it lacks jurisdiction to consider the merits). A petition is successive within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b) where it "seeks to add a new ground for relief" or "if it attacks the federal court's previous resolution of a claim *on the merits.*" Gonzalez v. Crosby, 545 U.S. 524, 532 (2005) (emphasis in original). "[A] 'claim' as used in § 2244(b) is an asserted federal basis for relief from a state court's judgment of conviction." Id. at 530. "Even if a petitioner can demonstrate that he qualifies for one of [the] exceptions [to filing a second or successive petition], he must seek authorization from the court of appeals before filing his new petition with the district court." Woods v. Carey, 525 F.3d 886, 888 (9th Cir. 2008) (citing 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)).

The petition indicates (ECF No. 1 at 2), and the court's records confirm, that petitioner has previously filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus attacking the conviction and sentence challenged in this case. The previous application was docketed on March 1, 2006, and was denied as untimely on September 14, 2007. Anderson v. Evans, No. 2:06-cv-0429 LKK DAD (E.D. Cal.), ECF Nos. 1, 18, 20. This court takes judicial notice of the record in that proceeding. United States v. Wilson, 631 F.2d 118, 119 (9th Cir. 1980) ("[A] court may take judicial notice of its own records in other cases."). The Ninth Circuit has held "that the dismissal of a habeas petition as untimely constitutes a disposition on the merits and that a further petition challenging the same conviction would be 'second or successive' for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)." McNabb v. Yates, 576 F.3d 1028, 1029 (9th Cir. 2009).

Before petitioner can proceed on his claims, he must obtain from the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit an order authorizing the district court to consider the application. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3). Petitioner has not provided any evidence that he has received the required authorization. The undersigned will therefore recommend that this action be dismissed without prejudice to re-filing once petitioner receives authorization to proceed from the Ninth Circuit.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 1. Petitioner's motion to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 2), is granted. 2. The Clerk of the Court randomly assign a United States District Judge to this action. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that this action be dismissed without prejudice. These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(l). Within twenty-one days after being served with these findings and recommendations, petitioner may file written objections with the court. The document should be captioned "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." Petitioner is advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991). DATED: March 1, 2018 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE