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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ,)	No. C 09-3606 JSW (PR)
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Petitioner,)	
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vs.)	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
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BEN CURRY, Warden,)	
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Respondent.)	
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INTRODUCTION

Petitioner, a prisoner of the State of California, currently incarcerated at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, California, has filed a habeas corpus petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging the Board of Parole Hearings ("BPH") denial of parole during parole suitability proceedings in 2003 and 2007. Petitioner has paid the filing fee. This order directs Respondent to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

BACKGROUND

According to the petition, Petitioner was convicted of second degree murder in Los Angeles County Superior Court in 1985, and was sentenced to a term of 15 years-to-life in prison. In this habeas action, Petitioner does not challenge his conviction, but instead challenges the execution of his sentence. Petitioner contends that the denial of parole by the BPH during parole suitability proceedings in 2003 and 2007 violated his constitutional rights, his rights under federal law and the terms of his plea agreement. He

1 alleges that he has exhausted state judicial remedies as to all of the claims raised in his
2 federal petition.

3 DISCUSSION

4 I. Standard of Review

5 This court may entertain a petition for a writ of habeas corpus "in behalf of a
6 person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court only on the ground that he is
7 in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." 28
8 U.S.C. § 2254(a).

9 It shall "award the writ or issue an order directing the respondent to show cause
10 why the writ should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that the
11 applicant or person detained is not entitled thereto." *Id.* § 2243.

12 II. Legal Claims

13 Petitioner alleges that his rights were violated by the parole denials in 2003 and
14 2007. Liberally construed, the allegations are sufficient to warrant a response from
15 Respondent. *See Board of Pardons v. Allen*, 482 U.S. 369 (1987); *see, e.g., Morales v.*
16 *California Dep't of Corrections*, 16 F.3d 1001, 1005 (9th Cir. 1994), *rev'd on other*
17 *grounds*, 514 U.S. 499 (1995).

18 CONCLUSION

19 For the foregoing reasons and for good cause shown,

20 1. The Clerk shall serve by certified mail a copy of this order and the petition, and
21 all attachments thereto, on Respondent and Respondent's attorney, the Attorney General
22 of the State of California. The Clerk also shall serve a copy of this order on Petitioner.

23 2. Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner, within **sixty (60)**
24 days of the issuance of this order, an answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the
25 Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should
26 not be granted. Respondent shall file with the answer and serve on Petitioner a copy of all
27 portions of the state trial record that have been transcribed previously and that are relevant
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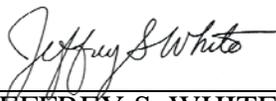
1 to a determination of the issues presented by the petition. If Petitioner wishes to respond
2 to the answer, he shall do so by filing a traverse with the Court and serving it on
3 Respondent within **thirty (30)** days of his receipt of the answer.

4 3. Respondent may file a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an
5 answer, as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing
6 Section 2254 Cases. If Respondent files such a motion, Petitioner shall file with the Court
7 and serve on Respondent an opposition or statement of non-opposition within **thirty (30)**
8 days of receipt of the motion, and Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on
9 Petitioner a reply within **fifteen (15)** days of receipt of any opposition.

10 4. It is Petitioner's responsibility to prosecute this case. Petitioner must keep
11 the Court informed of any change of address by filing a separate paper captioned "Notice
12 of Change of Address." He must comply with the Court's orders in a timely fashion.
13 Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute pursuant
14 to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b)

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 DATED: December 3, 2009

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19 JEFFREY S. WHITE
20 United States District Judge
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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE
3 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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5 ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ,
6 Plaintiff,
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Case Number: CV09-03606 JSW

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

8 v.

9 BEN CURRY et al,
10 Defendant.
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11 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District
12 Court, Northern District of California.

13 That on December 3, 2009, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing
14 said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by
15 depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office
16 delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

17 Antonio Rodriguez
18 P.O. 689 BW-333
19 Soledad, CA 93960

20 Dated: December 3, 2009


Richard W. Wieking, Clerk
By: Jennifer Ottolini, Deputy Clerk