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

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| MICHAEL S. JONES, |) | No. C 10-2537 JSW (PR) |
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| Petitioner, |) | ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE |
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| vs. |) | |
| |) | |
| R. GROUNDS, Warden, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |
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INTRODUCTION

Petitioner, a prisoner of the State of California, currently incarcerated at the California Training Facility in Soledad, California, has filed a habeas corpus petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging the decision of the Board of Parole Hearings (“Board”) to deny him parole in 2008. He has paid the filing fee. This order directs Respondent to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

BACKGROUND

According to the petition, in 1989, Petitioner was convicted of second-degree murder and was sentenced to a term of 25 years-to-life in state prison. In this habeas action, Petitioner does not challenge his conviction, but instead challenges the decision of the Board to deny him parole. He alleges that he has exhausted state judicial remedies as to all of the claims raised in his federal petition.

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1 **DISCUSSION**

2 I Standard of Review

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

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

10 II Legal Claims

11 Petitioner claims that the denial of parole violated his right to due process because
12 it was not supported by at least “some evidence.” Liberally construed, the allegations are
13 sufficient to warrant a response from Respondent.

14 **CONCLUSION**

15 For the foregoing reasons and for good cause shown,

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

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


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

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

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 DATED: November 15, 2010

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15 JEFFREY S. WHITE
16 United States District Judge
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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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5 MICHAEL S JONES,
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7 Plaintiff,

Case Number: CV10-02537 JSW

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

8 v.

9 R GROUNDS 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 November 16, 2010, 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 Michael S. Jones
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19 P.O. Box 689
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Dated: November 16, 2010



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

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