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

PAUL MITCHELL,

No. C 11-02705 SBA (PR)

Petitioner,

**ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER A
FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE HIS OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO
DISMISS; DENYING HIS OTHER
PENDING MOTION AS MOOT; AND
DENYING HIS SECOND MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

v.

ANTHONY HEDGEPEETH, Warden,

Respondent.

(Docket nos. 26, 35, 38)

Before the Court is Petitioner's motion entitled, "Order to Show Cause for a Preliminary Injunction" (docket no. 26), which will be construed as a motion for an order allowing him access to the Salinas Valley State Prison (SVSP) law library. He also requests a fourth extension of time in which to file his opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss.

Petitioner's opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss is presently overdue. The Court has granted Petitioner three prior extensions of time to file his opposition because he initially informed the Court that lockdowns at SVSP prevented his access to the law library.

On December 27, 2012, Petitioner filed a motion for an order directing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to allow him physical access to the SVSP law library (docket no. 26).

In an Order dated February 15, 2012, the Court directed Respondent to respond to Petitioner's motion for an order allowing him access to the SVSP law library.

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1 On February 27, 2012, Respondent filed his response. In that response, Respondent
2 informed the Court that Petitioner had been transferred from SVSP to the R. J. Donovan
3 Correctional Facility (RJDCF) on February 8, 2012. Respondent claims that, "[s]ince [Petitioner] is
4 no longer housed at SVSP, his motion for an order allowing him access to the SVSP law library is
5 now moot." (Feb. 27, 2012 Resp. at 1.) Respondent adds that "[P]etitioner has access to yard on
6 Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays" and that he "should be able to go to the law library on those days."
7 (Id. at 1-2.)

8 In Petitioner's declaration attached to his aforementioned motion for appointment of counsel,
9 he acknowledges that he has since been transferred to RJDCF; however, he claims that his legal
10 property has not yet arrived from SVSP. (Pet'r Decl. at 4.)

11 Accordingly, the Court DENIES as moot Petitioner's motion for an order allowing him
12 access to the SVSP law library (docket no. 26); and GRANTS him a fourth extension of time in
13 which to file his opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss. The time in which Plaintiff may file
14 his opposition will be extended up to and including **twenty-eight (28) days** from the date of this
15 Order.

16 Respondent shall file a reply brief no later than **fourteen (14) days** after the date Petitioner's
17 opposition is filed.

18 Also before the Court is Petitioner's second motion for appointment of counsel to represent
19 him in this action (docket nos. 35, 38). The Court previously denied Petitioner's first request for
20 appointment of counsel. For the same reasons, Petitioner's second request for appointment of
21 counsel is DENIED.

22 Finally, Daniel Paramo, the current acting warden of the prison where Petitioner is
23 incarcerated, has been substituted as Respondent pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of
24 Civil Procedure.

25 This Order terminates Docket nos. 26, 35 and 38.

26 IT IS SO ORDERED.

27 Dated: 6/6/12

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SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

PAUL MITCHELL,
Plaintiff,

Case Number: CV11-02705 SBA

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

v.

ANTHONY HEDGEPEETH et al,
Defendant.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on June 12, 2012, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
P.O. Box 794004
San Diego, CA 92179

Dated: June 12, 2012

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk
By: Lisa Clark, Deputy Clerk