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| 8 | IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA | |
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| 10 | FOR THE NORTHERN | DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA |
| 11 | ABEL REYES, |) No. C 13-0980 RMW(PR) |
| 12 | Plaintiff, |) ORDER DIRECTING |
| 13 | v. |) DEFENDANT TO FILE) DISPOSITIVE MOTION OR |
| 14 | A. MEYER, |) NOTICE REGARDING SUCH) MOTION |
| 15 | Defendant. |) (Docket No. 3) |
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Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding <u>pro se</u>, filed a civil complaint in the Superior Court of Monterey County. On March 4, 2013, defendant Meyer filed a notice of removal. For the reasons stated below, the court directs defendant to file a dispositive motion or notice regarding such motion.

DISCUSSION

A. <u>Standard of Review</u>

A federal court must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. <u>See id.</u> § 1915A(b)(1), (2). <u>Pro se</u> pleadings must, however, be liberally construed. <u>See Balistreri v. Pacifica Police</u>

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