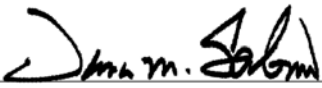


1 on the entire record is left with the definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.”
2 *United States v. United States Gypsum Co.*, 333 U.S. 364, 395 (1948). In contrast, the “contrary to
3 law” standard permits independent review of purely legal determinations by a magistrate judge. *See*
4 *e.g., Haines v. Liggetts Group, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 81, 91 (3d Cir. 1992); *Medical Imaging Centers of*
5 *America, Inc. v. Lichtenstein*, 917 F.Supp. 717, 719 (S.D. Cal. 1996). Thus, the district court should
6 exercise its independent judgment with respect to a magistrate judge’s legal conclusions. *Gandee v.*
7 *Glaser*, 785 F.Supp. 684, 686 (S.D. Ohio 1992).

8 Defendant’s objection to the Magistrate Judge’s Order does not establish that the Magistrate
9 Judge’s rulings were either clearly erroneous or contrary to law. Accordingly, the Court overrules
10 Defendant’s objection to the Magistrate Judge’s Order.

11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

12 DATED: February 16, 2010

13 
14 _____
15 HON. DANA M. SABRAW
16 United States District Judge
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28