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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

JUAN PORTILLO,

Petitioner,

v.

VICTOR ALMAGER, Warden,

Respondent.

Civil No. 08-0706 LAB (JMA)
**ORDER SETTING BRIEFING
SCHEDULE**

On April 16, 2008, Petitioner, proceeding pro se, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (Doc. No. 1.) On May 1, 2008, the Hon. Larry A. Burns dismissed this case without prejudice because Petitioner failed to allege exhaustion of his state judicial remedies. (Doc. No. 2.) Petitioner was instructed that to have this case reopened he had to file a First Amended Petition no later than June 25, 2008. On May 13, 2008, Petitioner filed a First Amended Petition pursuant to this Court’s Order. (Doc. No. 3.) On November 20, 2008, this case was stayed until the Ninth Circuit issued a decision in *Hayward v. Marshall*, 527 F.3d 797 (9th Cir. 2008). (Doc. No. 9.) The mandate in *Hayward* was issued on June 10, 2010, and District Judge Burns subsequently reopened this case and directed a scheduling order be issued. (Doc. No. 14.) In accordance with District Judge Burns’ order, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. If Respondent contends the First Amended Petition can be decided without the Court’s reaching the merits of Petitioner’s claims (e.g., because Respondent contends Petitioner has

1 failed to exhaust any state remedies as to any ground for relief alleged in the Petition, or that the
2 First Amended Petition is barred by the statute of limitations, or that the First Amended Petition
3 is subject to dismissal under Rule 9 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases, or that all of the
4 claims are procedurally defaulted, or that Petitioner is not in custody), Respondent shall file a
5 motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases no later than **August**
6 **13, 2010**. The motion to dismiss shall not address the merits of Petitioner’s claims, but rather
7 shall address all grounds upon which Respondent contends dismissal without reaching the merits
8 of Petitioner’s claims is warranted.¹ At the time the motion to dismiss is filed, Respondent shall
9 lodge with the Court all records bearing on Respondent’s contention in this regard. A hearing
10 date is not required for the motion to dismiss.

11 2. If Respondent files a motion to dismiss, Petitioner shall file his opposition, if any, to
12 the motion no later than **September 10, 2010**. At the time the opposition is filed, Petitioner shall
13 lodge with the Court any records not lodged by Respondent which Petitioner believes may be
14 relevant to the Court’s determination of the motion.

15 3. Unless the Court orders otherwise, Respondent shall not file a reply to Petitioner’s
16 opposition to a motion to dismiss. If the motion is denied, the Court will afford Respondent
17 adequate time to respond to Petitioner’s claims on the merits.

18 4. If Respondent does not contend that the First Amended Petition can be decided
19 without the Court reaching the merits of Petitioner’s claims, Respondent shall file and serve an
20 answer to the Petition, and a memorandum of points and authorities in support of such answer,
21 pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases no later than **September 3, 2010**. At
22 the time the answer is filed, Respondent shall lodge with the Court all records bearing on the
23 merits of Petitioner’s claims. The lodgments shall be accompanied by a notice of lodgment
24 which shall be captioned “**Notice of Lodgment in 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Habeas Corpus Case —**
25 **To Be Sent to Clerk’s Office.**” Respondent shall not combine separate pleadings, orders or
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28 ¹ If Respondent contends Petitioner has failed to exhaust any state remedies as to any ground for relief alleged in the Petition, the motion to dismiss shall also specify the state remedies still available to Petitioner.

1 other items into a combined lodgment entry. Each item shall be numbered separately and
2 sequentially.

3 5. Petitioner may file a traverse to matters raised in the answer no later than **October 1,**
4 **2010.** Any traverse by Petitioner (a) shall state whether Petitioner admits or denies each
5 allegation of fact contained in the answer; (b) shall be limited to facts or arguments responsive
6 to matters raised in the answer; and (c) shall not raise new grounds for relief that were not
7 asserted in the Petition. Grounds for relief withheld until the traverse will not be considered.
8 No traverse shall exceed ten (10) pages in length absent advance leave of Court for good cause
9 shown.

10 6. A request by a party for an extension of time within which to file any of the pleadings
11 required by this Order should be made in advance of the due date of the pleading, and the Court
12 will grant such a request only upon a showing of good cause. Any such request shall be
13 accompanied by a declaration under penalty of perjury explaining why an extension of time is
14 necessary.

15 7. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, this case shall be deemed submitted on the day
16 following the date Petitioner's opposition to a motion to dismiss and/or his traverse is due.

17 8. Every document delivered to the Court must include a certificate of service attesting
18 that a copy of such document was served on opposing counsel (or on the opposing party, if such
19 party is not represented by counsel). Any document delivered to the Court without a certificate
20 of service will be returned to the submitting party and will be disregarded by the Court.

21 9. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Court and counsel for Respondent of any change
22 of Petitioner's address. If Petitioner fails to keep the Court informed of where Petitioner may
23 be contacted, this action will be subject to dismissal for failure to prosecute.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25 DATED: June 22, 2010

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27 Jan M. Adler
28 U.S. Magistrate Judge