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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RODNEY S. KOCH,

CASE NO. 1:09-cv-00116-SMS PC

Plaintiff,

ORDER DIRECTING DEFENDANTS TO  
CONSENT TO OR DECLINE UNITED  
STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
JURISDICTION WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS

v.

DR. JEFFERY NEUBARTH, et al.,

Defendants.

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This is a civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by Rodney S. Koch, a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis. This action is currently assigned only to the undersigned based on Plaintiff’s consent to United States Magistrate Judge jurisdiction and Appendix A(k)(4) of the Local Rules of the Eastern District of California. Defendants have now appeared in the action.

Therefore, Defendants shall notify the Court within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of service of this order whether they consent to or decline United States Magistrate Judge jurisdiction.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**Dated:** October 20, 2009

/s/ Sandra M. Snyder  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE