1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 ERIC CHARLES RODNEY K'NAPP, Case No.: 1:09-cv-00412-SAB (PC) 12 Plaintiff, ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF COURT'S 13 v. SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, ORDER 14 ARLITZ, et al., [ECF No. 43] 15 Defendants. 16 Plaintiff Eric Charles Rodney K'Napp is appearing pro se in this civil rights action pursuant to 17 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Plaintiff consented to the jurisdiction of the United 18 19 States Magistrate Judge on March 23, 2009. Local Rule 302. 20 On October 8, 2014, Plaintiff filed a motion for the District Court to reconsider and vacate the 21 undersigned's September 16, 2014, screening order. 22 Plaintiff consented to United States Magistrate Judge jurisdiction on March 23, 2009. 23 Therefore, this action was assigned to a Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). 24 Plaintiff previously filed a motion for reconsideration on the same grounds, which was denied with prejudice on August 19, 2009. (ECF Nos. 11, 12.) 25 26 Plaintiff's present motion for reconsideration must be denied. "The Federal Magistrate Act 27 provides that '[u]pon the consent of the parties, a full-time United States Magistrate Judge ... may

conduct any or all proceedings in a jury or nonjury civil matter and order the entry of judgment in the

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case, when specially designed to exercise such jurisdiction by the district court." Wilhelm v. Rotman, 1 2 680 F.3d 1113, 1118 (9th Cir. 2012) (citing Roell v. Withrow, 538 U.S. 580, 585 (2003). In this instance, Plaintiff unambiguously consented to the jurisdiction of "a United States Magistrate Judge" 3 by selecting the "consent" box on the court-provided form. Wilhelm v. Rotman, 680 F.3d at 1118. 4 5 The form advised Plaintiff that "[w]ithout the written consent of the parties presently appearing pursuant to 28 U.S.C. [§] 636(c), a magistrate judge cannot conduct all proceedings and enter 6 7 judgment in this case with direct review by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in the event an appeal is filed. If a party declines to consent and the case is assigned to a district judge, the assigned 8 magistrate judge shall continue to perform all duties as required by Eastern District Local Rule 72-302." (ECF No. 6.) Plaintiff checked the box "consent" and signed and dated the form which 10 specifically stated "[t]he undersigned hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate 11 12 Judge conduct all further proceedings in this case." (Id.) Thus, Plaintiff knowingly and voluntarily consented to jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge. Wilhelm v. Rotman, 680 F.3d at 1118-13 1119. Plaintiff's continued disagreement with the Court's screening order provides no basis for the 14 withdrawal of his earlier consent, and this case will remain assigned to the undersigned Magistrate 15 16 Judge. 17 Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration is DENIED. 18 19 20 IT IS SO ORDERED. 21 Dated: **October 14, 2014** UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 22 23 24 25 26

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