UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DAVID VERA SANDOVAL,

Plaintiff,

v.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:14-cv-02086 AWI DLB PC

ORDER DISMISSING ACTION AS DUPLICATIVE OF 1:14-cv-02038-BAM-PC AND VACATING ORDER DIRECTING CDCR TO COLLECT PAYMENTS FOR FILING FEE

[ECF No. 5]

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Plaintiff David Vera Sandoval, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed this civil action on December 31, 2014.

On January 15, 2015, Plaintiff filed a document notifying the Court of the existence of two cases. Plaintiff explained that he did not understand which case he needed to proceed with since a prior case had been opened under the same complaint in 1:14-cv-2038-BAM-PC. Plaintiff complains that he did not intend to open two cases, and now he is being charged with an additional filing fee. The Court has reviewed the complaint in 1:14-cv-2038-BAM-PC, and indeed, the complaints are identical and bear the same date, December 7, 2014, on the proof of service.

The instant case, having been filed in error after the first case, must be dismissed as duplicative. Under the circumstances, as the second action was opened in error, the Court will vacate the January 5, 2015, order requiring CDCR to collect payments for this action.

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ORDER Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action is DISMISSED as duplicative and the order requiring CDCR to collect payments for this action is VACATED. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: <u>April 13, 2015</u> SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE