1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 REGINALD RAY YORK, No. 1:15-cv-01828-DAD-BAM 12 Plaintiff. 13 v. ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS REOUEST FOR A SCREENING ORDER 14 G. GARCIA, et al., (Doc. No. 50 15 Defendants. 16 17 On May 9, 2018, defendants filed a request for a ruling by the district judge on a prior 18 screening order issued by the assigned magistrate judge in this case. (Doc. No. 50.) Particularly, 19 defendants seek a ruling on the magistrate judge's order of June 22, 2016. (Doc. No. 8.) A 20 review of the court's docket shows that the ruling sought by defendants is unnecessary. 21 The magistrate judge entered a screening order in this case on June 22, 2016. Doc. No. 8.) 22 Plaintiff objected to this screening order on July 18, 2016. (Doc. No. 9.) The undersigned 23 construed these objections as a request for reconsideration under Rule 72 of the Federal Rules of 24 Civil Procedure and denied it on November 3, 2016. (Doc. No. 10.) On November 8, 2016, the magistrate judge filed another order requiring plaintiff to file an amended complaint or notify the 25 26 court of his willingness to proceed only on his claims found to be cognizable. (Doc. No. 11.) 27 Plaintiff filed a notice on November 18, 2016 indicating he did not wish to file an amended

complaint and would instead proceed on the claims previously found cognizable by the court.

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(Doc. No. 12.) On January 10, 2017, the undersigned issued an order dismissing certain claims and defendants, and directing the case to proceed against the defendants on the claims previously cognizable by the magistrate judge. (Doc. No. 17.)

The Ninth Circuit's holding in *Williams v. King*, 875 F.3d 500 (9th Cir. 2017) held a magistrate judge lacks jurisdiction to dismiss a complaint unless all parties, both those already appearing before the court as well as those who have not yet appeared, have consented to magistrate judge jurisdiction. Here, it was the undersigned, and not a magistrate judge, who dismissed plaintiff's claims and certain named defendants from this action. (Doc. No. 17.) *Williams* is therefore inapplicable and, defendants' request is, accordingly, denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **May 11, 2018**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE