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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 REGINALD R. THOMAS,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 MATEVOUSIAN, et al.,

15 Defendants.  
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1:17-cv-01592-AWI-GSA-PC

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR STAY  
(ECF No. 13.)

18 Reginald R. Thomas (“Plaintiff”) is a federal prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma*  
19 *pauperis* with this civil rights action pursuant to Bivens vs. Six Unknown Agents, 403 U.S. 388  
20 (1971). The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
21 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302.

22 On March 19, 2018, findings and recommendations were entered, recommending that  
23 Plaintiff’s motion for preliminary injunction be denied. (ECF No. 9.) On May 4, 2018,  
24 Plaintiff filed a motion for a stay of the final ruling on Plaintiff’s motion for preliminary  
25 injunction, until after Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint has been screened.

26 This court does not lightly stay litigation, and in this case it would be futile to stay the  
27 court’s ruling on the motion for preliminary injunction. Screening of the First Amended  
28 Complaint will not affect the court’s jurisdiction to grant the injunctive relief requested by

1 Plaintiff, which is to require prison officials to provide him with paper, postage, and copies to  
2 prosecute this case. Therefore, Plaintiff's motion for stay shall be denied.

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion for stay, filed on May  
4 4, 2018, is DENIED.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Dated: May 7, 2018

/s/ Gary S. Austin  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE