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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GRANT S. PARKISON, JR.,

Plaintiff,

No. 2:09-cv-2257 MCE DAD P

vs.

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
DEPT., et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER AND

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Plaintiff is state prisoner and former Butte County Jail inmate proceeding through counsel with a civil rights action seeking relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This matter is before the court on a motion for summary judgment brought on behalf of defendant California Forensic Medical Group pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Counsel for plaintiff has filed an opposition to the motion, and counsel for defendant has filed a reply. In addition, both parties have filed motions to strike and counsel for plaintiff has filed a motion to supplement plaintiff's opposition. Below the court addresses each of these pending motions.

The court heard the oral arguments of counsel in this case on May 25, 2012, and took the matter under submission at that time. For the reasons stated herein and already on the record, the court issues the following orders and findings and recommendations.

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1 **BACKGROUND**

2 Plaintiff is proceeding on his original complaint against defendant California  
3 Forensic Medical Group (hereinafter "CFMG").<sup>1</sup> In relevant part, plaintiff alleges in his  
4 complaint as follows. On June 7, 2008, plaintiff was incarcerated at the Butte County Jail  
5 ("BCJ"). During a lock-down incident, he was face down on the floor when defendant  
6 Correctional Officer Marten shot him in the back of the head at point blank range with a gun  
7 loaded with pepper balls. (Compl. at 3.)

8 Prior to his arrest and incarceration at BCJ, plaintiff underwent two consecutive  
9 surgical procedures in 2006 to control epileptic seizures. At that time, doctors removed a portion  
10 of plaintiff's brain matter that contained a tumor. As a result of the surgery, plaintiff is half blind  
11 and suffers from severe short-term memory loss, which affects his ability to retain information  
12 and, thus, follow directions. According to the complaint, plaintiff needs semi-annual MRI's to  
13 monitor his post-surgical status, his anti-seizure medication Tegretol, and blood tests to monitor  
14 his intake and levels of Tegretol. Plaintiff alleges that he did not receive any such monitoring for  
15 the sixteen months he was incarcerated at BCJ. (Compl. at 3 & 6.)

16 Plaintiff claims that defendant CFMG violated his rights under the Eighth  
17 Amendment and the Bane Act because the defendant denied him necessary medical treatment.  
18 Plaintiff also claims that defendant CFMG engaged in medical malpractice and violated his rights  
19 pursuant to a contract between CFMG and Butte County that governs the provision of medical  
20 care to inmates at the County Jail. In terms of relief, plaintiff seeks an award of monetary  
21 damages. (Compl. at 4-10.)

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24 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiff has also sued the Butte County Sheriff's Department, Correctional Officer  
25 Marten, and Captain Jones. These county defendants are represented by the Butte County  
26 Counsel. Counsel on behalf of the county defendants has also filed a motion for summary  
judgment, which the court will address in separate findings and recommendations.

1                                   **SUMMARY JUDGMENT STANDARDS UNDER RULE 56**

2                                   Summary judgment is appropriate when it is demonstrated that there exists “no  
3 genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a  
4 matter of law.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c).

5                                   Under summary judgment practice, the moving party  
6 always bears the initial responsibility of informing the district court  
7 of the basis for its motion, and identifying those portions of “the  
8 pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions  
9 on file, together with the affidavits, if any,” which it believes  
10 demonstrate the absence of a genuine issue of material fact.

11                                   Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c)). “[W]here the  
12 nonmoving party will bear the burden of proof at trial on a dispositive issue, a summary  
13 judgment motion may properly be made in reliance solely on the ‘pleadings, depositions, answers  
14 to interrogatories, and admissions on file.’” Id. Indeed, summary judgment should be entered,  
15 after adequate time for discovery and upon motion, against a party who fails to make a showing  
16 sufficient to establish the existence of an element essential to that party’s case, and on which that  
17 party will bear the burden of proof at trial. See id. at 322. “[A] complete failure of proof  
18 concerning an essential element of the nonmoving party’s case necessarily renders all other facts  
19 immaterial.” Id. In such a circumstance, summary judgment should be granted, “so long as  
20 whatever is before the district court demonstrates that the standard for entry of summary  
21 judgment, as set forth in Rule 56(c), is satisfied.” Id. at 323.

22                                   If the moving party meets its initial responsibility, the burden then shifts to the  
23 opposing party to establish that a genuine issue as to any material fact actually does exist. See  
24 Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986). In attempting to  
25 establish the existence of this factual dispute, the opposing party may not rely upon the  
26 allegations or denials of its pleadings but is required to tender evidence of specific facts in the  
form of affidavits, and/or admissible discovery material, in support of its contention that the  
dispute exists. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e); Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 586 n.11. The opposing party

1 must demonstrate that the fact in contention is material, i.e., a fact that might affect the outcome  
2 of the suit under the governing law, see Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248  
3 (1986); T.W. Elec. Serv., Inc. v. Pacific Elec. Contractors Ass'n, 809 F.2d 626, 630 (9th Cir.  
4 1987), and that the dispute is genuine, i.e., the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could  
5 return a verdict for the nonmoving party, see Wool v. Tandem Computers, Inc., 818 F.2d 1433,  
6 1436 (9th Cir. 1987).

7           In the endeavor to establish the existence of a factual dispute, the opposing party  
8 need not establish a material issue of fact conclusively in its favor. It is sufficient that “the  
9 claimed factual dispute be shown to require a jury or judge to resolve the parties’ differing  
10 versions of the truth at trial.” T.W. Elec. Serv., 809 F.2d at 631. Thus, the “purpose of summary  
11 judgment is to ‘pierce the pleadings and to assess the proof in order to see whether there is a  
12 genuine need for trial.’” Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587 (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e) advisory  
13 committee’s note on 1963 amendments).

14           In resolving the summary judgment motion, the court examines the pleadings,  
15 depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if  
16 any. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c). The evidence of the opposing party is to be believed. See Anderson,  
17 477 U.S. at 255. All reasonable inferences that may be drawn from the facts placed before the  
18 court must be drawn in favor of the opposing party. See Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587.  
19 Nevertheless, inferences are not drawn out of the air, and it is the opposing party’s obligation to  
20 produce a factual predicate from which the inference may be drawn. See Richards v. Nielsen  
21 Freight Lines, 602 F. Supp. 1224, 1244-45 (E.D. Cal. 1985), aff’d, 810 F.2d 898, 902 (9th Cir.  
22 1987). Finally, to demonstrate a genuine issue, the opposing party “must do more than simply  
23 show that there is some metaphysical doubt as to the material facts . . . . Where the record taken  
24 as a whole could not lead a rational trier of fact to find for the nonmoving party, there is no  
25 ‘genuine issue for trial.’” Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587 (citation omitted).

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1 **OTHER APPLICABLE LEGAL STANDARDS**

2 I. Civil Rights Act Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983

3 The Civil Rights Act under which this action was filed provides as follows:

4 Every person who, under color of [state law] . . . subjects, or causes  
5 to be subjected, any citizen of the United States . . . to the  
6 deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the  
Constitution . . . shall be liable to the party injured in an action at  
law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.

7 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The statute requires that there be an actual connection or link between the  
8 actions of the defendants and the deprivation alleged to have been suffered by plaintiff. See  
9 Monell v. Department of Social Servs., 436 U.S. 658 (1978); Rizzo v. Goode, 423 U.S. 362  
10 (1976). “A person ‘subjects’ another to the deprivation of a constitutional right, within the  
11 meaning of § 1983, if he does an affirmative act, participates in another’s affirmative acts or  
12 omits to perform an act which he is legally required to do that causes the deprivation of which  
13 complaint is made.” Johnson v. Duffy, 588 F.2d 740, 743 (9th Cir. 1978).

14 Moreover, supervisory personnel are generally not liable under § 1983 for the  
15 actions of their employees under a theory of respondeat superior and, therefore, when a named  
16 defendant holds a supervisory position, the causal link between him and the claimed  
17 constitutional violation must be specifically alleged. See Fayle v. Stapley, 607 F.2d 858, 862  
18 (9th Cir. 1979); Mosher v. Saalfeld, 589 F.2d 438, 441 (9th Cir. 1978). Vague and conclusory  
19 allegations concerning the involvement of official personnel in civil rights violations are not  
20 sufficient. See Ivey v. Board of Regents, 673 F.2d 266, 268 (9th Cir. 1982).

21 II. The Fourteenth Amendment and Inadequate Medical Care

22 “[T]he ‘deliberate indifference’ standard applies to claims that correction facility  
23 officials failed to address the medical needs of pretrial detainees.” Clouthier v. County of Contra  
24 Costa, 591 F.3d 1232, 1242 (9th Cir. 2010). See also Simmons v. Navajo County, 609 F.3d  
25 1011, 1017 (9th Cir. 2010) (“Although the Fourteenth Amendment’s Due Process Clause, rather  
26 than the Eighth Amendment’s protection against cruel and unusual punishment, applies to

1 pretrial detainees, we apply the same standards in both cases.”) (internal citations omitted).

2 Deliberate indifference is “a state of mind more blameworthy than negligence”  
3 and “requires ‘more than ordinary lack of due care for the prisoner’s interests or safety.’”  
4 Farmer, 511 U.S. at 835. Under the deliberate indifference standard, a person may be found  
5 liable for denying adequate medical care if he “knows of and disregards an excessive risk to  
6 inmate health and safety.” Id. at 837. See also Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 106 (1976); Lolli  
7 v. County of Orange, 351 F.3d 410, 418-19 (9th Cir. 2003); Doty v. County of Lassen, 37 F.3d  
8 540, 546 (9th Cir. 1994). A deliberate indifference claim predicated upon the failure to provide  
9 medical treatment has two elements:

10 First, the plaintiff must show a “serious medical need” by  
11 demonstrating that “failure to treat a prisoner’s condition could  
12 result in further significant injury or the ‘unnecessary and wanton  
infliction of pain.’” Second, the plaintiff must show the  
defendant’s response to the need was deliberately indifferent.

13 Jett v. Penner, 439 F.3d 1091, 1096 (9th Cir. 2006). See also McGuckin v. Smith, 974 F.2d  
14 1050, 1059 (9th Cir. 1991) (an Eighth Amendment medical claim has two elements: “the  
15 seriousness of the prisoner’s medical need and the nature of the defendant’s response to that  
16 need.”), overruled on other grounds by WMX Techs., Inc. v. Miller, 104 F.3d 1133 (9th Cir.  
17 1997) (en banc).

### 18 III. State Law

#### 19 A. The Bane Civil Rights Act

20 California’s Bane Civil Rights Act provides:

21 (a) If a person or persons, whether or not acting under color of law,  
22 interferes by threat, intimidation, or coercion, or attempts to  
23 interfere by threats, intimidation, or coercion, with the exercise or  
24 enjoyment by any individual or individuals of rights secured by the  
25 Constitution or laws of the United States, or of the rights secured  
26 by the Constitution or laws of this state, the Attorney General, or  
any district attorney or city attorney may bring a civil action for  
injunctive and other appropriate equitable relief in the name of the  
people of the State of California, in order to protect the peaceable  
exercise or enjoyment of the right or rights secured . . . .

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1 (b) Any individual whose exercise or enjoyment of rights secured  
2 by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or of rights  
3 secured by the Constitution or laws of this state, has been  
4 interfered with, or attempted to be interfered with, as described in  
5 subdivision (a), may institute and prosecute in his or her own name  
6 and on his or her own behalf a civil action for damages, including,  
7 but not limited to, damages under Section 52, injunctive  
8 relief, and other appropriate equitable relief to protect the  
9 peaceable exercise or enjoyment of the right or rights  
10 secured.

11 Cal. Civ. Code § 52.1(a) & (b).

12 There are four elements to a claim brought under the Bane Act: (1) the defendant  
13 interfered with or attempted to interfere with plaintiff's constitutional or statutory right; (2) the  
14 plaintiff reasonably believed that if he exercised his constitutional right the defendant would  
15 commit violence against him, or the defendant injured plaintiff to prevent him from exercising  
16 his constitutional right; (3) the plaintiff was harmed; and (4) the defendant's conduct was a  
17 substantial factor in causing the plaintiff's harm. See Austin B. v. Escondido Union Sch. Dist.,  
18 149 Cal. App. 4th 860, 883 (2007) ("The word 'interferes' as used in the Bane Act means  
19 'violates.'"); see also Stamps v. Superior Court, 136 Cal. App. 4th 1441, 1448 (2006) (the Bane  
20 Civil Rights Act is intended to supplement Ralph Civil Rights Act and to allow an individual to  
21 seek relief to prevent violence before it occurs).

22 B. Professional Negligence/Medical Malpractice

23 Under California law, a plaintiff may succeed on a medical malpractice claim by  
24 establishing: (1) the duty of the professional to use such skill, prudence, and diligence as other  
25 members of his profession commonly possess and exercise; (2) a breach of that duty; (3) a  
26 proximate causal connection between the negligent conduct and the resulting injury; and (4)  
actual loss or damage resulting from the professional's negligence." Hanson v. Grode, 76 Cal.  
App. 4th 601, 606 (1999) (quoting Budd v. Nixen, 6 Cal. 3d 195, 200 (1971)). "The standard of  
care in a medical malpractice case requires that medical service providers exercise that . . .  
degree of skill, knowledge and care ordinarily possessed and exercised by members of their

1 profession under similar circumstances.” Barris v. County of Los Angeles, 20 Cal. 4th 101, 108  
2 n.1 (1999). Except where the type of conduct required by the particular circumstances is within  
3 the common knowledge of laymen, the standard of care can only be proven by expert testimony.  
4 Hutchinson v. United States, 838 F.2d 390, 392 (9th Cir. 1988). Thus, “[w]hen a defendant  
5 moves for summary judgment and supports his motion with expert declarations that his conduct  
6 fell within the community standard of care, he is entitled to summary judgment unless the  
7 plaintiff comes forward with conflicting expert evidence.” Id. at 392-93.

## 8 **DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

### 9 I. Defendant’s Statement of Undisputed Facts and Evidence

10 Defendant’s statement of undisputed facts is supported by citations to declarations  
11 signed under penalty of perjury by Dr. Jeffrey Gould, Nurse Linda Wilms, and Marriage and  
12 Family Therapist Deborah Saeger as well as references to copies of plaintiff’s medical records.

13 The evidence submitted by defendant CFMG on summary judgment establishes  
14 the following. On November 13, 2007, plaintiff complained that he was having problems  
15 sleeping at BCJ. On November 17, 2007, Dr. John Baker prescribed him Trazodone to help him  
16 sleep. Plaintiff refused to take the medication on six occasions in December of 2007. (Def.’s  
17 SUDF 1-3, Wilms Decl. & Saeger Decl.)

18 On December 13, 2007, plaintiff met with Marriage and Family Therapist  
19 Deborah Saeger and agreed to take the Trazodone as prescribed. However, plaintiff refused to  
20 take the medication on eleven occasions in January of 2008. Dr. Baker discontinued the  
21 Trazodone prescription on January 17, 2008, as a result of plaintiff’s refusal to take the  
22 medication, which was within the appropriate standard of care. Plaintiff did not report suffering  
23 from any problems with sleep thereafter, nor was there a medical indication to re-issue the  
24 medication. (Def.’s SUDF 4-9, Wilms Decl. & Saeger Decl.)

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1 II. Defendant's Arguments

2 Defendant CFMG argues that plaintiff received medical care in keeping with the  
3 applicable standard of care while at BCJ. Defense counsel contends that none of the medical  
4 care plaintiff received evidenced deliberate indifference on the part of the defendants to any  
5 serious medical need. Defense counsel also contends that plaintiff continued receiving his anti-  
6 seizure medication throughout his incarceration at BCJ and incurred no damage as a result of his  
7 professed concern about the recurrence of a previously-removed tumor. Finally, defense counsel  
8 contends that there is no evidence before the court to support for plaintiff's claim that he is  
9 entitled to damages for a breach of contract. In this regard, defense counsel contends that even if  
10 plaintiff was a proper third-party beneficiary of the contract in question, there was no medical  
11 negligence upon which plaintiff could base a claim for contractual damages. (Def.'s Mem. of P.  
12 & A. at 6-9.)

13 III. Plaintiff's Opposition

14 In opposition to defendant CFMG's motion, counsel for plaintiff argues that in  
15 moving for summary judgment defendant CFMG erroneously focuses on BCJ's administration  
16 and discontinuation of Trazodone since plaintiff's complaint is actually about medical staff  
17 ignoring the required follow-up care he needed for his seizure disorder. (Pl.'s Opp'n to Def.'s  
18 Mot. for Summ. J. at 1-3, 5, 13)

19 As to defendant's argument regarding BCJ's administration and discontinuation  
20 of the Trazodone prescription, for the most part, plaintiff does not dispute the defendant's version  
21 of events. In fact, plaintiff's counsel states in the opposition to the pending motion that plaintiff  
22 has "no quarrel" with Dr. Baker's decision to discontinue Trazodone based upon plaintiff's  
23 refusal to take that medication. Nor does plaintiff dispute the fact that he never reported any  
24 further sleep problems after Dr. Baker discontinued the Trazodone prescription. (Pl.'s Opp'n to  
25 Def.'s Mot. for Summ. J. at 4, 7, 8)

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1 IV. Defendant's Reply

2 In reply, defense counsel argues that insofar as plaintiff suffers from any medical  
3 conditions, his own opinion as to what treatment he should have received at BCJ is insufficient to  
4 state a cognizable claim as a matter of law. Defense counsel also argues that the mere fact that  
5 plaintiff may have wanted to receive different care or been referred for diagnostic tests does not  
6 create a triable issue of fact particularly in light of the declaration from a qualified expert  
7 submitted by defendants which opines that plaintiff received medical treatment meeting the  
8 accepted standard of care while at BCJ. (Def.'s Reply at 1-4.)

9 **ANALYSIS**

10 Before turning to the merits of the pending motion for summary judgment, the  
11 court observes that plaintiff's primary complaint in this action is that the defendant failed to  
12 provide treatment or provide follow-up care for his seizure disorder. Specifically, plaintiff  
13 alleges that the defendant failed to provide him with: semi-annual MRI's to monitor his post-  
14 surgical status; his anti-seizure medication Tegretol; and regular blood tests to monitor his intake  
15 and the therapeutic levels of Tegretol. Strangely, in moving for summary judgment counsel for  
16 defendant CFMG does not address plaintiff's primary allegations of constitutionally inadequate  
17 medical care as alleged in his complaint. For example, defendant CFMG does not address what  
18 treatment, if any, plaintiff needed or received in connection with his documented seizure  
19 disorder. Nor does defendant CFMG address whether it had an opportunity to, or was legally  
20 required to, provide plaintiff with medical care beyond the administration and discontinuation of  
21 the sleep aid Trazodone. Although defense counsel argues at one point that plaintiff continued to  
22 receive his anti-seizure medication at BCJ, this fact is undisputed. What remains unaddressed by  
23 defendant CFMG is why plaintiff's mother had to provide that medication at times as opposed  
24 the defendant providing it.

25 Defendant CFMG had an "affirmative duty" as the moving party under Rule 56 to  
26 demonstrate an "entitlement to judgment as a matter of law." Martinez v. Stanford, 323 F.3d

1 1178, 1182-83 (9th Cir. 2003). This, defendant CFMG has failed to do with respect to plaintiff's  
2 primary claim as set forth in his complaint.

3           Turning now to the merits of the pending motion, insofar as plaintiff complains at  
4 all about the care he received in connection with the administration and discontinuation of the  
5 sleep aid Trazodone, the court finds that there are no genuine issues of material fact in dispute  
6 with respect to the medical care provided by defendant CFMG. Specifically, neither party  
7 disputes that Dr. Baker prescribed Trazodone for plaintiff in response to his complaint about  
8 sleep problems. Neither party disputes that Dr. Baker subsequently discontinued Trazodone  
9 because plaintiff refused to take that medication and that plaintiff never reported any further  
10 sleep problems thereafter. Finally, neither party disputes that Dr. Baker's discontinuation of the  
11 medication was within the appropriate standard of medical care. Accordingly, defendant CFMG  
12 is entitled to summary judgment on this aspect of plaintiff's inadequate medical care claim.

13           However, as explained above, plaintiff's primary complaint is about the  
14 defendant's failure to provide constitutionally adequate medical care in connection with his  
15 seizure disorder. Since defendant CFMG has not adequately demonstrated an entitlement to  
16 judgment as a matter of law on this aspect of plaintiff's medical care claim, summary judgment  
17 should be denied and this claim should proceed to trial.

18           Ultimately, this case may prove to present a mere difference of opinion between  
19 plaintiff and the defendant as to the need to pursue one course of medical treatment over another  
20 and thus may not present a cognizable § 1983 claim. See, e.g., Toguchi v. Chung, 391 F.3d  
21 1051, 1057 (9th Cir. 2004); Jackson v. McIntosh, 90 F.3d 330, 332 (9th Cir. 1996). On the other  
22 hand, plaintiff may be able to establish that this is instead a case where the defendant medical  
23 care provider deliberately ignored the express orders of plaintiff's prior treating physicians. See,  
24 e.g., Jett, 439 F.3d at 1097-98 (prison doctor may have been deliberately indifferent to a  
25 prisoner's medical needs when he decided not to request an orthopedic consultation as the  
26 prisoner's emergency room doctor had previously ordered). Based on the evidence presented by

1 defendant CFMG on summary judgment, the court simply cannot determine to what extent the  
2 defendant knew of and disregarded plaintiff's serious medical condition and needs.<sup>2</sup> Therefore,  
3 summary judgment should be denied on this aspect of plaintiff's claim.

#### 4 **OTHER MATTERS**

5 Counsel for plaintiff has filed a motion to strike Dr. Jeffrey Gould's declaration  
6 filed in support of defendant CFMG's motion for summary judgment purportedly because it does  
7 not support defendant's statement of undisputed fact 10, which states "There was no medical  
8 indication for the use of any anti-seizure medication for Mr. Parkison during the time he was  
9 incarcerated at BCJ." Plaintiff's counsel also contends that Dr. Gould's declaration is generally  
10 not probative. In response to the motion, defense counsel withdraws statement of undisputed fact  
11 10 as having been set forth in error but contends that Dr. Gould's declaration is probative. Under  
12 these circumstances, the court will deny plaintiff's motion to strike as unnecessary. If defendant  
13 CFMG seeks to introduce Dr. Gould's declaration or testimony at trial, plaintiff may renew any  
14 objections at that time.

15 Defendant CFMG has filed a motion to strike portions of Debbie Parkison's  
16 declaration filed in support of plaintiff's opposition to the pending motion for summary  
17 judgment. Specifically, defense counsel contends that the declaration contains inadmissible  
18 hearsay and/or medical conclusions or opinions of the declarant without expert foundation.  
19 Counsel for plaintiff has not opposed or otherwise responded to this motion to strike. In any  
20 event, these findings and recommendations herein are not based on any such portion of Debbie  
21 Parkinson's declaration. Accordingly, the court will deny defendant's motion to strike as

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22 <sup>2</sup> Both parties in this case assert Eighth Amendment arguments in support of their  
23 respective positions. However, plaintiff was not a state prisoner for the vast majority of time he  
24 complains defendant CFMG failed to provide him with constitutionally adequate medical care.  
25 Rather, plaintiff was awaiting trial and was therefore a pretrial detainee. As noted above, as a  
26 pretrial detainee, plaintiff was entitled to protection under the Fourteenth Amendment Due  
Process Clause and not the Eighth Amendment Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause, though  
the deliberate indifference standard governs claims brought under both amendments. See  
Clouthier, 591 F.3d at 1242.

1 unnecessary. If plaintiff seeks to introduce Debbie Parkison’s declaration or testimony at trial,  
2 defendant may renew any objections at that time.

3 Finally, counsel for plaintiff has filed a motion to supplement plaintiff’s  
4 opposition to the pending motion for summary judgment with a declaration from Dr. Albert  
5 Globus. Counsel for defendant CFMG opposes the motion on the ground that plaintiff has never  
6 disclosed any retained expert in this case during discovery and has not shown good cause to  
7 modify the court’s scheduling order with respect to such a disclosure. Under these  
8 circumstances, the court will deny plaintiff’s motion to supplement. As an initial matter,  
9 according to the court’s November 5, 2010, scheduling order, plaintiff was required to disclose  
10 any experts on or before September 30, 2011, and any supplemental experts on or before  
11 November 5, 2011. To seek to introduce an expert witness at this late stage of the litigation,  
12 counsel would have needed to begin by filing a motion to modify the court’s scheduling order.  
13 See Johnson v. Mammoth Re-creations, 975 F.2d 604, 608 (9th Cir. 1992). Here, counsel has  
14 failed to do so, and even if the court construed plaintiff’s motion to supplement as a motion to  
15 modify the scheduling order, counsel has failed to show good cause for the modification of that  
16 order as required. See Zivkovich v. Souther California Edison Co., 302 F.3d 1080 (9th Cir.  
17 2002) (“If the party seeking the modification ‘was not diligent, the inquiry should end’ and the  
18 motion to modify should not be granted.”).

19 **CONCLUSION**

20 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

21 1. Plaintiff’s motion to strike (Doc. No. 50) is denied as unnecessary. If  
22 defendant CFMG seeks to introduce Dr. Gould’s declaration or testimony at trial, plaintiff may  
23 renew any objections at that time;

24 2. Defendant’s motion to strike (Doc. No. 58) is denied as unnecessary. If  
25 plaintiff seeks to introduce Debbie Parkison’s declaration or testimony at trial, defendant may  
26 renew any objections at that time; and

1 3. Plaintiff's motion to supplement (Doc. No. 62) is denied.

2 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that:

3 1. Defendant's motion for summary judgment (Doc. No. 31) be granted to the  
4 extent plaintiff's complaint could be construed as presenting an inadequate medical care claim  
5 with respect to the administration and discontinuation of Trazodone during plaintiff's  
6 confinement at the BCJ; and

7 2. Defendant's motion for summary judgment (Doc. No. 31) be denied and the  
8 case proceed on plaintiff's claim that defendant CFMG failed to treat and provide follow-up care  
9 with respect to his seizure disorder in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment and state law.

10 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District  
11 Judge assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within seven  
12 days after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written  
13 objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a document should be captioned  
14 "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." The parties are advised that  
15 failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District  
16 Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

17 DATED: March 13, 2013.

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22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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