1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 No. 2:12-cv-3006 KJM AC P BERNARDOS GRAY, JR., 12 Plaintiff. 13 v. **ORDER** 14 T. VIRGA, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a civil rights action pursuant to 42 18 U.S.C. § 1983. Currently before the court is plaintiff's motion for reconsideration, which the 19 court construes as a motion for additional time to file a supplemental opposition to defendants' 20 motion for summary judgment. ECF No. 88. 21 Due to the court's caseload burdens, plaintiff's motions to compel were not ruled on until 22 after defendants filed their motion for summary judgment. ECF No. 73. Because defendants 23 were required to supplement their discovery responses, plaintiff was given an opportunity to file a 24 supplemental opposition to the summary-judgment motion. Id. at 13. Plaintiff then filed a 25 motion for extension of time to submit his supplemental opposition which indicated that 26 defendants had not complied with the order on the motion to compel. ECF No. 82. The deadline 27 to file a supplemental opposition was vacated and plaintiff was given an opportunity to file a 28 motion to enforce the discovery order. ECF No. 81. Plaintiff filed another motion to compel.

ECF No. 82. The motion was denied and plaintiff was ordered to file his supplemental opposition within twenty-one days. ECF No. 85. Plaintiff then filed a motion for an unspecified extension of time to file his supplemental opposition (ECF No. 86) and he was granted an additional twenty-one days (ECF No. 87). Due to exigencies in the court's calendar, plaintiff was advised that no further extensions would be granted. <u>Id.</u>

In his currently pending motion for additional time, plaintiff alleges that he is not being given access to his legal documents, despite having submitted requests, and that he will soon be transferred to another prison because of his impending release from custody on August 31, 2015. ECF No. 88. In light of plaintiff's upcoming release from custody, which will likely result in an interruption in plaintiff's ability to access his legal property, and the current status of the motion for summary judgment, defendants' motion for summary judgment will be vacated and defendants will be given an opportunity to re-file the motion.

Plaintiff will be required to notify the court of his new address upon his release from custody, at which point defendants may re-file their motion for summary judgment. This procedure will allow plaintiff to file a single, comprehensive response to the motion for summary judgment after he is released from custody and is in possession of all his legal property without restriction. The filing of a single opposition will also allow the court to more efficiently address the motion for summary judgment.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Defendants' motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 64) is vacated.
- 2. Within thirty days of his release from custody, plaintiff shall notify the court of his new address and either pay the filing fee in full or submit a non-prisoner application to proceed in forma pauperis. Failure to comply with this order will result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed without prejudice.
- 3. Upon the filing of plaintiff's notice of change of address, defendants shall have thirty days to re-notice, re-file, and re-serve their motion for summary judgment. Defendants may simply re-file their original summary-judgment motion with an updated certificate of service. Although plaintiff will no longer be incarcerated, briefing on the motion for summary judgment

shall follow the schedule set forth in Local Rule 230(1) and the motion will be submitted on the papers without oral argument. 4. Plaintiff's motion for extension (ECF No. 88) is denied as moot. DATED: August 25, 2015 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE