1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 ALONZO JAMES JOSEPH, No. 2:14-cv-0414 GEB AC P 12 Plaintiff. 13 v. **ORDER** 14 T. PARCIASEPE, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a civil rights action pursuant to 18 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff has filed a motion for default judgment. ECF No. 16. 19 In his motion for default judgment, plaintiff asserts that defendants were required to 20 respond to the second amended complaint within thirty days of the filing of the court's June 23, 21 2015 order and findings and recommendations. ECF No. 16. He argues that thirty days have 22 now passed and defendants are in default because they have not filed a response. <u>Id.</u> The 23 June 23, 2015 order and findings and recommendations did not order either defendant to respond 24 to the second amended complaint. ECF No. 14 at 12. The undersigned recommended that if the 25 findings and recommendations were adopted by the district judge, then defendant Parciasepe 26 should be ordered to respond to Counts I and II, in part, within thirty days of the district judge's 27 adoption of the findings and recommendations and that defendant Knipp be dismissed in his 28 entirety. Id. Since the district judge has not yet adopted the findings and recommendations and 1

ordered defendant Parciasepe to respond to the second amended complaint, Parciasepe is not currently under any obligation to respond. Plaintiff's motion for default judgment therefore is premature. If the findings and recommendations are adopted in full, defendant Knipp will have no obligation to respond because all claims against him will be dismissed in their entirety. <u>Id.</u>

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for default judgment (ECF No. 16) is denied as premature.

DATED: August 5, 2015

ALLISON CLAIRE

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE