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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARCELINO CLEMENTE,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
T. PARCIASEPE, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 2:14-cv-0611 MCE KJN P

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Introduction

Plaintiff is a state prisoner, proceeding without counsel. This action proceeds on plaintiff's original complaint, solely as to defendant T. Parciasepe. Plaintiff alleges that defendant Parciasepe failed to protect plaintiff on January 10, 2013, in violation of the Eighth Amendment, and subsequently retaliated against plaintiff in violation of the First Amendment. Defendant's motion for summary judgment on the issue of exhaustion of administrative remedies as to plaintiff's retaliation claim is before the court. As set forth more fully below, the undersigned finds that defendant's motion for summary judgment should be granted.

II. Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment

Defendant moves for summary judgment on the grounds that plaintiff failed to exhaust his administrative remedies as to his retaliation claims prior to filing the instant action.

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1           A. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies

2           The Prison Litigation Reform Act (“PLRA”) provides that “[n]o action shall be  
3 brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 . . . , or any other Federal law, by a  
4 prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative  
5 remedies as are available are exhausted.” 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a). “[T]he PLRA’s exhaustion  
6 requirement applies to all inmate suits about prison life, whether they involve general  
7 circumstances or particular episodes, and whether they allege excessive force or some other  
8 wrong.” Porter v. Nussle, 534 U.S. 516, 532 (2002).

9           Proper exhaustion of available remedies is mandatory, Booth v. Churner, 532 U.S. 731,  
10 741 (2001), and “[p]roper exhaustion demands compliance with an agency’s deadlines and other  
11 critical procedural rules[.]” Woodford v. Ngo, 548 U.S. 81, 90 (2006). The Supreme Court has  
12 also cautioned against reading futility or other exceptions into the statutory exhaustion  
13 requirement. See Booth, 532 U.S. at 741 n.6. Moreover, because proper exhaustion is necessary,  
14 a prisoner cannot satisfy the PLRA exhaustion requirement by filing an untimely or otherwise  
15 procedurally defective administrative grievance or appeal. See Woodford, 548 U.S. at 90-93.  
16 “[T]o properly exhaust administrative remedies prisoners ‘must complete the administrative  
17 review process in accordance with the applicable procedural rules,’ [] - rules that are defined not  
18 by the PLRA, but by the prison grievance process itself.” Jones v. Bock, 549 U.S. 199, 218  
19 (2007) (quoting Woodford, 548 U.S. at 88). See also Marella v. Terhune, 568 F.3d 1024, 1027  
20 (9th Cir. 2009) (“The California prison system’s requirements ‘define the boundaries of proper  
21 exhaustion.’”) (quoting Jones, 549 U.S. at 218).

22           In California, prisoners may appeal “any policy, decision, action, condition, or omission  
23 by the department or its staff that the inmate or parolee can demonstrate as having a material  
24 adverse effect upon his or her health, safety, or welfare.” Cal. Code Regs. tit. 15, § 3084.1(a).  
25 On January 28, 2011, California prison regulations governing inmate grievances were revised.  
26 Cal. Code Regs. tit. 15, § 3084.7. Now inmates in California proceed through three levels of  
27 appeal to exhaust the appeal process: (1) formal written appeal on a CDC 602 inmate appeal  
28 form, (2) second level appeal to the institution head or designee, and (3) third level appeal to the

1 Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (“CDCR”). Cal. Code  
2 Regs. tit. 15, § 3084.7. Under specific circumstances, the first level review may be bypassed. Id.  
3 The third level of review constitutes the decision of the Secretary of the CDCR and exhausts a  
4 prisoner’s administrative remedies. See id. § 3084.7(d)(3). Since 2008, medical appeals have  
5 been processed at the third level by the Office of Third Level Appeals for the California  
6 Correctional Health Care Services. A California prisoner is required to submit an inmate appeal  
7 at the appropriate level and proceed to the highest level of review available to him. Butler v.  
8 Adams, 397 F.3d 1181, 1183 (9th Cir. 2005); Bennett v. King, 293 F.3d 1096, 1098 (9th Cir.  
9 2002). Since the 2011 revision, in submitting a grievance, an inmate is required to “list all staff  
10 members involved and shall describe their involvement in the issue.” Cal. Code Regs. tit. 15,  
11 § 3084.2(3). Further, the inmate must “state all facts known and available to him/her regarding  
12 the issue being appealed at the time,” and he or she must “describe the specific issue under appeal  
13 and the relief requested.” Cal. Code Regs. tit. 15, §§ 3084.2(a)(4). An inmate now has thirty  
14 calendar days to submit his or her appeal from the occurrence of the event or decision being  
15 appealed, or “upon first having knowledge of the action or decision being appealed.” Cal. Code  
16 Regs. tit. 15, § 3084.8(b).

17 Failure to exhaust is “an affirmative defense the defendant must plead and prove.” Bock,  
18 549 U.S. at 204, 216. In Albino, the Ninth Circuit agreed with the underlying panel’s decision<sup>1</sup>  
19 “that the burdens outlined in Hilao [v. Estate of Marcos], 103 F.3d 767, 778 n.5 (9th Cir. 1996),]  
20 should provide the template for the burdens here.” Albino v. Baca, 747 F.3d 1162, 1172 (9th Cir.  
21 2014) (en banc). A defendant need only show “that there was an available administrative remedy,  
22 and that the prisoner did not exhaust that available remedy.” Albino, 747 F.3d at 1172. Once the  
23 defense meets its burden, the burden shifts to the plaintiff to show that the administrative  
24 remedies were unavailable. See Albino, 697 F.3d at 1030-31.

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27 <sup>1</sup> See Albino v. Baca, 697 F.3d 1023, 1031 (9th Cir. 2012). The three judge panel noted that “[a]  
28 defendant’s burden of establishing an inmate’s failure to exhaust is very low.” Id. at 1031.  
Relevant evidence includes statutes, regulations, and other official directives that explain the  
scope of the administrative review process. Id. at 1032.

1 A prisoner may be excused from complying with the PLRA’s exhaustion requirement if  
2 he establishes that the existing administrative remedies were effectively unavailable to him. See  
3 Albino, 747 F.3d at 1172-73. When an inmate’s administrative grievance is improperly rejected  
4 on procedural grounds, exhaustion may be excused as effectively unavailable. Sapp v. Kimbrell,  
5 623 F.3d 813, 823 (9th Cir. 2010); see also Nunez v. Duncan, 591 F.3d 1217, 1224-26 (9th Cir.  
6 2010) (warden’s mistake rendered prisoner’s administrative remedies “effectively unavailable”);  
7 Ward v. Chavez, 678 F.3d 1042, 1045 (9th Cir. 2012) (exhaustion excused where futile); Brown  
8 v. Valoff, 422 F.3d 926, 940 (9th Cir. 2005) (plaintiff not required to proceed to third level where  
9 appeal granted at second level and no further relief was available).

10 If under the Rule 56 summary judgment standard, the court concludes that plaintiff has  
11 failed to exhaust administrative remedies, the proper remedy is dismissal without prejudice.  
12 Wyatt v. Terhune, 315 F.3d 1108, 1120, overruled on other grounds by Albino, 747 F.3d 1162.

13 B. Legal Standard for Summary Judgment

14 Summary judgment is appropriate when it is demonstrated that the standard set forth in  
15 Federal Rule of Civil procedure 56 is met. “The court shall grant summary judgment if the  
16 movant shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to  
17 judgment as a matter of law.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a).

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

22 Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986) (quoting then-numbered Fed. R. Civ. P.  
23 56(c)). “Where the nonmoving party bears the burden of proof at trial, the moving party need  
24 only prove that there is an absence of evidence to support the non-moving party’s case.” Nursing  
25 Home Pension Fund, Local 144 v. Oracle Corp. (In re Oracle Corp. Sec. Litig.), 627 F.3d 376,  
26 387 (9th Cir. 2010) (citing Celotex Corp., 477 U.S. at 325); see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 advisory  
27 committee’s notes to 2010 amendments (recognizing that “a party who does not have the trial  
28 burden of production may rely on a showing that a party who does have the trial burden cannot

1 produce admissible evidence to carry its burden as to the fact”). Indeed, summary judgment  
2 should be entered, after adequate time for discovery and upon motion, against a party who fails to  
3 make a showing sufficient to establish the existence of an element essential to that party’s case,  
4 and on which that party will bear the burden of proof at trial. Celotex Corp., 477 U.S. at 322.  
5 “[A] complete failure of proof concerning an essential element of the nonmoving party’s case  
6 necessarily renders all other facts immaterial.” Id. at 323.

7         Consequently, if the moving party meets its initial responsibility, the burden then shifts to  
8 the opposing party to establish that a genuine issue as to any material fact actually exists. See  
9 Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986). In attempting to  
10 establish the existence of such a factual dispute, the opposing party may not rely upon the  
11 allegations or denials of its pleadings, but is required to tender evidence of specific facts in the  
12 form of affidavits, and/or admissible discovery material in support of its contention that such a  
13 dispute exists. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c); Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 586 n.11. The opposing party  
14 must demonstrate that the fact in contention is material, i.e., a fact that might affect the outcome  
15 of the suit under the governing law, see Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248  
16 (1986); T.W. Elec. Serv., Inc. v. Pacific Elec. Contractors Ass’n, 809 F.2d 626, 630 (9th Cir.  
17 1987), and that the dispute is genuine, i.e., the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return  
18 a verdict for the nonmoving party, see Wool v. Tandem Computers, Inc., 818 F.2d 1433, 1436  
19 (9th Cir. 1987), overruled in part on other grounds, Hollinger v. Titan Capital Corp., 914 F.2d  
20 1564, 1575 (9th Cir. 1990).

21         In the endeavor to establish the existence of a factual dispute, the opposing party need not  
22 establish a material issue of fact conclusively in its favor. It is sufficient that “the claimed factual  
23 dispute be shown to require a jury or judge to resolve the parties’ differing versions of the truth at  
24 trial.” T.W. Elec. Serv., 809 F.2d at 630. Thus, the “purpose of summary judgment is to ‘pierce  
25 the pleadings and to assess the proof in order to see whether there is a genuine need for trial.’”  
26 Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587 (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e) advisory committee’s note on 1963  
27 amendments).

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1 In resolving a summary judgment motion, the court examines the pleadings, depositions,  
2 answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any. Fed. R.  
3 Civ. P. 56(c). The evidence of the opposing party is to be believed. See Anderson, 477 U.S. at  
4 255. All reasonable inferences that may be drawn from the facts placed before the court must be  
5 drawn in favor of the opposing party. See Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587. Nevertheless, inferences  
6 are not drawn out of the air, and it is the opposing party’s obligation to produce a factual  
7 predicate from which the inference may be drawn. See Richards v. Nielsen Freight Lines, 602 F.  
8 Supp. 1224, 1244-45 (E.D. Cal. 1985), aff’d, 810 F.2d 898, 902 (9th Cir. 1987). Finally, to  
9 demonstrate a genuine issue, the opposing party “must do more than simply show that there is  
10 some metaphysical doubt as to the material facts. . . . Where the record taken as a whole could  
11 not lead a rational trier of fact to find for the nonmoving party, there is no ‘genuine issue for  
12 trial.’” Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 586 (citation omitted).

13 By contemporaneous notice provided on November 14, 2014, (ECF No. 29-1), plaintiff  
14 was advised of the requirements for opposing a motion brought pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal  
15 Rules of Civil Procedure. See Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 957 (9th Cir. 1998) (*en banc*);  
16 Klinge v. Eikenberry, 849 F.2d 409 (9th Cir. 1988).

17 C. Facts<sup>2</sup>

18 1. Plaintiff is an inmate in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and  
19 Rehabilitation (“CDCR”).

20 2. At times relevant to the lawsuit, plaintiff was incarcerated at Mule Creek State Prison  
21 (“MCSP”). (ECF No. 14 at 5.)

22 3. Defendant Parciasepe was a correctional officer at MCSP at all relevant times herein.

23 4. In his complaint, plaintiff alleges that on January 10, 2013, inmate Eric Villiers, a new  
24 arrival at MCSP, was placed in plaintiff’s cell. Plaintiff contends that when Villiers and plaintiff  
25 recognized each other as enemies, they informed defendant, who refused to separate them, and a

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27 <sup>2</sup> For purposes of the instant motion for summary judgment, the court finds the following facts  
28 undisputed. Documents submitted as exhibits are considered to the extent they are relevant, and  
despite the fact that they are not authenticated because such documents could be admissible at  
trial if authenticated.

1 fight subsequently ensued between plaintiff and Villiers. (ECF No. 1 at 8-9.) The undersigned  
2 found that plaintiff stated a cognizable Eighth Amendment claim based on such allegations.  
3 (ECF No. 11 at 2-3.)

4 5. After the January 10, 2013 incident, plaintiff alleges that defendant retaliated against  
5 plaintiff by trying to convince plaintiff's cellmate, Roy Dorado, to say something to defendant  
6 that would cause plaintiff to be placed in administrative segregation. Plaintiff also alleges that  
7 defendant had his co-workers constantly harass plaintiff. (ECF No. 1 at 10.) The undersigned  
8 found that plaintiff stated a cognizable First Amendment retaliation claim based on such  
9 allegations. (ECF No. 11 at 2-3.)

10 6. At his November 3, 2014 deposition, plaintiff stated that he only filed a single CDCR  
11 602 appeal regarding defendant in Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153, and filed no other appeals  
12 against defendant. (ECF No. 29-2 at 39-41.)

13 7. Plaintiff's initial Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153 only addresses plaintiff's allegations  
14 against defendant Parciasepe arising from the January 10, 2013 incident, and includes no  
15 allegations that defendant Parciasepe subsequently retaliated against plaintiff. Plaintiff requested,  
16 *inter alia*, that "no reprisal be taken against [him] for filing this complaint." (ECF No. 29-2 at  
17 15.)

18 8. The first level review was bypassed. (ECF No. 29-2 at 15.)

19 9. In the second level response, dated June 27, 2013, plaintiff's appeal issue was  
20 identified as follows:

21 You claim that on January 10, 2013, inmate Villiers was housed  
22 with you in cell 240 and upon entering the cell recognized you as a  
23 previous enemy. You allege Villiers attempted to inform Officer  
24 Parciasepe of the enemy concern, but Officer Parciasepe ignored  
25 him and stated, "Handle your business." You claim Officer  
26 Parciasepe intentionally created the situation which caused you and  
27 Villiers to engage in a fight. You claim Officer Parciasepe dislikes,  
28 agitates, provokes and harasses Enhanced Outpatient Program  
inmates, as well as abuses his authority.

(ECF No. 29-2 at 24.)

10. In his request for third level review, plaintiff stated that he was dissatisfied in part  
because defendant "continued to work in the EOP A-Fac 5 Bldg. and continues to display abusive

1 and misconduct behavior [sic] in violation of policy and dereliction of duty. Enclosed [are] two  
2 affidavits that should have been attach[ed] to this complaint which I submitted in Feb. 2013 the  
3 day of the interview with Lt. Dominguez.” (ECF No. 29-2 at 16.) The attached declarations  
4 pertain to the incident on January 10.<sup>3</sup> (ECF No. 29-2 at 18-20.)

5 11. The third level review of Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153 was denied on November  
6 20, 2013, and only addressed plaintiff’s allegations stemming from the January 10, 2013 incident.  
7 (ECF No. 29-2 at 30.) The reviewer noted that plaintiff had attempted to add new issues and  
8 requests to his appeal,<sup>4</sup> but that such “additional requested action is not addressed herein as it is  
9 not appropriate to expand the appeal beyond the initial problem and the initially requested  
10 action.” (ECF No. 29-2 at 30.)

11 D. The Parties’ Contentions

12 Defendant contends that he is entitled to summary judgment on the retaliation claim  
13 because plaintiff failed to exhaust his administrative remedies in connection therewith.

14 Plaintiff opposes the motion, arguing that his retaliation claim was exhausted because he  
15 asked in his Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153 that no reprisal be taken in connection with his  
16 appeal, and his issues of harassment and abuse by defendant were addressed in the third level  
17 review decision. (ECF No. 37 at 2.) Plaintiff claims that on June 27, 2013, plaintiff was  
18 interviewed by Lt. J. Dominguez, who partially granted plaintiff’s appeal. (ECF No. 37 at 3.)  
19 Plaintiff claims that his retaliation claim against defendant was discussed, and that Lt. Dominguez  
20 informed plaintiff that the issue of defendant’s attempts to retaliate against plaintiff would be  
21 looked into and included in plaintiff’s 602 staff complaint. (ECF No. 37 at 3.) Plaintiff claims  
22 that Lt. Dominguez informed plaintiff that any reprisal is covered by the right to appeal, Title 15  
23 § 3084.1(a)(d), and any violation of such policy was “automatically included.” (ECF No. 37 at

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25 <sup>3</sup> Both declarations are dated January 10, 2012, although plaintiff’s allegations and appeal refer  
26 to an incident on January 10, 2013. The correct dates of these declarations are not relevant at this  
point in the proceedings.

27 <sup>4</sup> The reviewer noted that plaintiff “also alleges that CO Parciasiasepe is always agitating,  
28 provoking, and harassing inmates in Building ‘5’ by abusing his authority.” (ECF No. 29-2 at  
30.)



1 3.) Plaintiff provided a copy of an Inmate Request for Interview CDCR 22 form, dated June 25,  
2 2013, in which plaintiff identified the topic as “retaliation by staff,” and stated that:

3 On 6-25-13 I was approached by an inmate that works 3rd watch  
4 Porter 5 Bldg. He told me that C/O Parciasepe told him not to be  
5 seen with me or get involved with me in any way because whatever  
6 I got against him will be dealt with because him and his boys “have  
7 something planned for me” because of the complaint. So not to be  
involved with me. This is the third inmate that has told me that this  
C/O Parciasepe has tried to or tried to get them to fabricate  
something against me.

8 (ECF No. 37 at 12.)

9 In reply, defendant contends that plaintiff fails to demonstrate a genuine issue of material  
10 fact exists as to whether plaintiff filed and exhausted his administrative remedies for instances of  
11 retaliation by defendant after plaintiff filed Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153 on January 16, 2013.  
12 Defendant contends that plaintiff’s request that he suffer no reprisal is insufficient to exhaust the  
13 retaliation claim.

14 Moreover, defendant contends that plaintiff’s CDCR 22 form contains inadmissible  
15 hearsay and is insufficient to demonstrate that plaintiff exhausted his retaliation claim as to acts  
16 by defendant Parciasepe because it contains only vague generalities and does not include the  
17 specific alleged acts by defendant, including the date of such alleged acts. (ECF No. 38 at 4.)  
18 Defendant argues that plaintiff is required to submit the appeal within 30 calendar days of the  
19 event being appealed, and plaintiff provides no evidence that he submitted a timely appeal. In  
20 addition, defendant contends that the CDCR 22 form is not a CDCR 602 appeal form but rather a  
21 request for interview, which cannot serve to exhaust plaintiff’s retaliation claim.

22 Finally, defendant argues that plaintiff is mistaken that specific instances of alleged  
23 retaliation by defendant were addressed in the third level review of Appeal Log MCSP A-13-  
24 00153. (ECF No. 38 at 5.) Defendant points out that there is no mention of any specific instance  
25 of retaliation by defendant, and plaintiff’s appeals in Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153 do not  
26 identify specific conduct on the part of defendant that would reasonably put prison officials on  
27 notice of plaintiff’s retaliation claim against defendant.

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1 E. Discussion

2 Proper exhaustion of available remedies is mandatory, Booth, 532 U.S. at 741, and  
3 “[p]roper exhaustion demands compliance with an agency’s deadlines and other critical  
4 procedural rules[.]” Woodford, 548 U.S. at 90. As set forth above, the regulations governing  
5 inmate grievances in California were revised on January 28, 2011, and now require inmates to  
6 name the staff person involved, and to provide all facts regarding the issue being appealed, as  
7 well as the relief requested. Cal. Code Regs. tit. 15, §§ 3084.2(3), 3084.2(a)(4). The Supreme  
8 Court has stated that to properly exhaust administrative remedies, inmates must comply with the  
9 applicable procedural rules because administrative exhaustion is governed by the prison grievance  
10 process itself, not by the PLRA. Jones, 549 U.S. at 218; Woodford, 548 U.S. at 88.

11 In connection with plaintiff’s Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153, defendant adduced  
12 evidence that plaintiff failed to include in his initial administrative appeal the facts supporting his  
13 instant retaliation claim against defendant. It is undisputed that plaintiff filed no other  
14 administrative appeal against defendant. Thus, defendant has met his burden of demonstrating  
15 that plaintiff failed to exhaust the retaliation claim raised in plaintiff’s complaint.

16 “Administrative remedies shall not be considered exhausted relative to any new issue,  
17 information, or person later named by the appellant that was not included in the originally  
18 submitted [appeal] and addressed through all required levels of administrative review up to and  
19 including the third level.” Cal. Code Regs. tit. 15, § 3084.1(b). In other words, although plaintiff  
20 contends that Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153 exhausts the instant claim because he raised it in  
21 his interview at the second level, new claims are not permitted as the appeal moves through the  
22 levels of review. A prisoner does not exhaust administrative remedies when he includes new  
23 issues from one level of review to another. See Sapp, 623 F.3d at 825 (concluding that it was  
24 proper for prison officials to “decline[] to consider a complaint about [prisoner’s] eye condition  
25 that he raised for the first time in a second-level appeal about medical care for a skin condition.”);  
26 Dawkins v. Butler, 2013 WL 2475870, \*8 (S.D. Cal. 2013) (a claim made for the first time in  
27 plaintiff’s request for Third Level review was insufficient to exhaust the issue where it was not  
28 included in the original appeal).

1 Plaintiff's request that he suffer no reprisal from the filing of Appeal Log MCSP A-13-  
2 00153 cannot serve to exhaust the specific allegations concerning defendant's subsequent  
3 conduct. First, plaintiff's requested action that he suffer no reprisals was not the subject matter of  
4 his Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153, and any alleged retaliation that may have occurred based on  
5 the filing of Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153 would have necessarily occurred after the filing of  
6 such appeal. Thus, Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153 could not serve to exhaust plaintiff's  
7 retaliation claim based on subsequent behavior by defendant. Second, as set forth above, the  
8 exhaustion of administrative remedies is mandatory, and plaintiff must exhaust all claims by  
9 properly following the prison's procedures for such exhaustion. Thus, plaintiff was required to  
10 file a CDCR 602 appeal setting forth the specific facts supporting his alleged retaliation claim and  
11 pursue such claims through the third level of review before filing the instant action.

12 Moreover, although plaintiff claims that Lt. Dominguez told plaintiff that his "retaliation  
13 claim" would be included in the staff complaint, the facts alleged in plaintiff's subsequent request  
14 for third level review complain that defendant "continued to work in the EOP A-Fac 5 Bldg. and  
15 continues to display abusive and misconduct behavior [sic] in violation of policy and dereliction  
16 of duty." (ECF No. 37 at 8.) Plaintiff did not include the specific facts alleged against defendant  
17 in the instant complaint. In addition, the June 25, 2013 CDCR 22 request for interview form does  
18 not articulate the facts alleged against defendant in the instant complaint. Rather, plaintiff claims  
19 that defendant has "something planned." (ECF No. 37 at 12.) Such a vague allegation failed to  
20 place prison officials on notice of plaintiff's retaliation claim against defendant. In any event, a  
21 request for interview CDCR 22 form does not stop the clock for administrative appeal timelines  
22 (15 CCR § 3086(e)(2)) and does not exhaust administrative remedies for purposes of court  
23 actions (15 CCR § 3086(e)(1)).

24 In addition, there is no mention of any specific instance of retaliation by defendant in the  
25 third level review for Appeal Log MCSP A-13-00153, and none of the factual allegations set  
26 forth in such appeal identifies the specific conduct on the part of defendant that would reasonably  
27 put prison officials on notice of plaintiff's instant retaliation claim against defendant. Moreover,  
28 contrary to plaintiff's position, the third level review decision did not address plaintiff's

1 retaliation claim against defendant. The third level reviewer noted that plaintiff alleged that  
2 defendant “is always agitating, provoking, and harassing inmates in Building ‘5’ by abusing his  
3 authority.” (ECF No. 29-2 at 30.) Such an allegation does not track plaintiff’s claim that  
4 defendant allegedly retaliated against plaintiff by trying to convince plaintiff’s cellmate, Roy  
5 Dorado, to say something that would cause plaintiff to be placed in administrative segregation, or  
6 that defendant had his co-workers constantly harass plaintiff and search plaintiff’s cell  
7 excessively without cause. In addition, the reviewer denied plaintiff’s appeal, and found that  
8 plaintiff had “added new issues and requests to his appeal” which was not appropriate. (Id.)  
9 Plaintiff points to no third level review decision that addresses the facts supporting plaintiff’s  
10 retaliation claim against defendant herein.

11 Therefore, defendant is entitled to summary judgment on plaintiff’s retaliation claims, and  
12 this action should proceed solely on plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment claim against defendant based  
13 on the alleged events of January 10, 2013.

### 14 III. Conclusion

15 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that defendant’s motion for summary  
16 judgment on defendant’s retaliation claim (ECF No. 29) be granted, and plaintiff’s retaliation  
17 claims against defendant be dismissed without prejudice, based on plaintiff’s failure to exhaust  
18 administrative remedies.

19 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge  
20 assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within fourteen days  
21 after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written  
22 objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a document should be captioned  
23 “Objections to Magistrate Judge’s Findings and Recommendations.” Any response to the  
24 objections shall be served and filed within fourteen days after service of the objections. The

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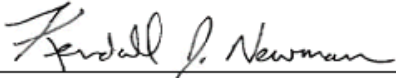
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1 parties are advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to  
2 appeal the District Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

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6 KENDALL J. NEWMAN  
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