1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 OBI LEE CRISP III, No. 2:14-cv-1345 AC P 12 Plaintiff. 13 **ORDER** v. 14 CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE FACILITY, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis. Plaintiff seeks relief 18 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This proceeding was referred to this court by Local Rule 302 19 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). After the screening required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a), the 20 court dismissed plaintiff's original complaint with leave to amend. The court now addresses 21 plaintiff's requests for interim relief. See ECF Nos. 10 & 11. 22 Plaintiff has filed a 3-part "Motions of Consideration," seeking (1) a "protective order" 23 against certain objectionable conduct by unspecified persons, (2) a transfer to a federal prison or 24 to the state prison at Vacaville, and (3) a "protective order" regarding unidentified videos of "staff 25 misconduct." ECF No. 10. The federal district court is a court of limited jurisdiction, and cannot 26 issue orders absent a showing that it has the legal authority to do so, and that the factual predicate 27 for the exercise of that authority exists. See, e.g., Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of 28 1

America, 511 U.S. 375, 377 (1994) (as courts of "limited jurisdiction," federal courts "possess only that power authorized by [the] Constitution or statute").

Plaintiff's now-dismissed complaint does not provide either basis, nor does the motion itself. Accordingly, the motion will be denied without prejudice to its renewal, in proper form, if plaintiff files an amended complaint that survives the screening process. Plaintiff is cautioned that any such renewed motion will not be in proper form if it fails to identify whom the order is intended to constrain, what videos are sought to be protected, and the legal and factual basis for any requested order, including an order for a transfer. See, United States v. Warren, 610 F.2d 680, 684 (9th Cir. 1980) (the district court's "attempt to transfer Warren from state to federal custody violated fundamental principles of comity and separation of powers"); LeMaire v. Maass, 12 F.3d 1444, 1454 (9th Cir. 1993) (prison conditions must be evaluated "with proper regard for the limited competence of federal judges to micromanage prisons") (internal quotation marks omitted).

Plaintiff has also filed a motion for "Emergency Help." ECF No. 11. Like the previous motion, this motion seeks a transfer to a federal facility or to the state facility at Vacaville, and accordingly will be denied, without prejudice, for the reasons stated above.

In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Plaintiff's "Motions of Consideration" (ECF No. 10) is DENIED without prejudice;
- 2. Plaintiff's motion for "Emergency Help" (ECF No. 11) is DENIED without prejudice.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: October 6, 2014

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