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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SEAN L. ROWELL,

Plaintiff,

v.

L.D. ZAMORA, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:14-cv-1888-KJM-EFB P

ORDER

Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding without counsel and in forma pauperis in an action brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. After initial screening pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, plaintiff has filed an amended complaint which is now before the court for screening.

Federal courts must engage in a preliminary screening of cases in which prisoners seek redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). The court must identify cognizable claims or dismiss the complaint, or any portion of the complaint, if the complaint “is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted,” or “seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.” *Id.* § 1915A(b).

The court cannot conduct the required screening of plaintiff’s amended complaint because plaintiff has not signed it. *See* ECF No. 11. Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that “[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper . . . be signed by at least one

1 attorney of record in the attorney's name—or by a party personally if the party is unrepresented.”  
2 Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a). Because plaintiff did not sign the amended complaint (ECF No. 11), it  
3 must be disregarded. Within thirty days, plaintiff may file an amended complaint that is signed.  
4 Failure to comply with this order may result in a recommendation of dismissal.

5 So ordered.

6 Dated: April 26, 2016.



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8 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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