UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA JAMES BOWELL, No. 2:17-cv-0981 KJM KJN P Plaintiff. v. **ORDER** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et al., Defendants.

Plaintiff is a state prisoner, proceeding pro se, in an action brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This action proceeds on plaintiff's claims that defendants Lewis and Allison, both employed in Sacramento, violated plaintiff's constitutional rights based on forced TB skin tests. (See ECF No. 17 at 2.) On May 21, 2020, plaintiff filed a motion asking the court to reconsider having a settlement conference in this case in light of the assignment of a new Deputy Attorney General. Plaintiff refers to a recent letter he received, but other than the change of defense counsel, provides no details as to why a settlement conference might now be fruitful. Plaintiff adds that he would require counsel to be appointed for any settlement conference.

At this time, defendants' motion to dismiss is fully briefed. In light of plaintiff's failure to demonstrate good cause for re-scheduling a settlement conference at this time, plaintiff's request is denied without prejudice to its renewal following resolution of the motion to dismiss.

However, the court is open to having a settlement conference upon submission of a joint request by plaintiff and the assigned Deputy Attorney General. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion (ECF No. 77) is denied without prejudice. Dated: May 26, 2020 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE /bowe0981.den3