1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 JAIME TAPIA PEREA, Civil No. 10CV1565 RBB 12 Plaintiff, ORDER DENYING MOTION TO RECONSIDER AND/OR (COA) 13 CERTIFICATE OF APPEAL [ECF NO. v. RAY LOERA, Sheriff, 14 15 Defendants. 16 Petitioner Jaime Perea, proceeding pro se, filed a Petition 17 18 19 20 21 22

for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 on July 23, 2010 [ECF No. 1]. A Second Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus was subsequently filed nunc pro tunc to December 7, 2010 [ECF No. 9]. On February 4, 2011, Respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss Second Amended Petition, which the Court denied [ECF Nos. 12, 21]. An Answer was filed on June 27, 2011, and Perea filed his Response to Answer on August 11, 2011 [ECF Nos. 23, 24].

Petitioner then filed a series of motions. He filed a "Motion in General;" followed by a document with the title "Motion of Defense; " and he submitted another document that was filed

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nunc pro tunc to February 16, 2012, and was captioned "Motion to Inform" [ECF Nos. 26, 29, 32].

On May 17, 2012, this Court issued an Order Denying (1)

Petitioner's Second Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus

[ECF No. 9], (2) Petitioner's Motion in General [ECF No. 26], (3)

Petitioner's Motion of Defense [ECF No. 29], (4) Petitioner's

Motion to Inform (ECF No. 32], and Declining to Issue Certificate of Appealability. (Order Den. Pet'r's Second Am. Pet., ECF No. 40.) A corresponding judgment was entered the same day [ECF No. 41].

Perea next filed a Motion for Extension of Time to seek reconsideration [ECF No. 46]. The Court granted the request and directed Petitioner to file any motion to reconsider by July 23, 2012. (Order Granting Pet'r's Mot. Extension 1, ECF No. 47.) The deadline passed. Nevertheless, on August 27, 2012, Perea filed a document entitled, Motion to Reconsider and/or (COA) Certificate of Appeal [ECF No. 48]. The Clerk of the Court construed this document as a Notice of Appeal together with a Motion for Certificate of Appealability [ECF Nos. 48-50]. Language in Perea's Motion supports this conclusion. There, among other things, Perea states, "The pendency of an appeal does not effect [sic] the District Court[']s power to grant (Rule, 60, relief)." (Mot. Reconsider and/or (COA) Certificate of Appeal 3, ECF No. 48.) In his Motion, id., he also cites Green v. Mazzucca, 377 F.3d 182, 183 (2d Cir. 2004). Green held that a court "may construe the filing of a notice of appeal as a request for a [certificate of appeal] 'on all issues raised in the appeal.'"

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Green, 377 F.3d at 183 (quoting Cotto v. Herbert, 331 F.3d 217, 236 (2d Cir. 2003); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b)(2)).

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The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has assigned docket number 12-56578 to Perea's appeal [ECF No. 51]. "The general rule is that a timely notice of appeal will divest a district court of jurisdiction over the action, including divesting a district court of the power to grant a Rule 60(b) motion " 12 James Wm. Moore et al., Moore's Federal <u>Practice</u> § 60.67[1], at 60-229 (3d. ed. 2012) (footnote omitted) 10 (citation omitted); see Lewis v. Alexander, 987 F.2d 392, 394 (6th 11 Cir. 1993) ("[T]he district court loses jurisdiction over an 12 action once a party files a notice of appeal, and jurisdiction transfers to the appellate court."). Similarly, Rule 62.1(a) of 13 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure states that "[i]f a timely 14 15 motion is made for relief that the court lacks authority to grant because of an appeal that has been docketed and is pending, the 16 17 court may: (1) defer considering the motion; [or] (2) deny the motion . . . " Fed. R. Civ. P. 62.1(a). 18

Even if Perea's filing is treated as a combined notice of appeal and motion for reconsideration, it is a deficient motion. Local Rule 7.1(i) provides:

Whenever any motion or any application or petition for any order or other relief has been made to any judge and has been refused in whole or in part, or has been granted conditionally or on terms, and a subsequent motion or application or petition is made for the same relief in whole or in part upon the same or any alleged different state of facts, it will be the continuing duty of each party and attorney seeking such relief to present to the judge to whom any subsequent application is made an affidavit of a party or witness or certified statement of an attorney setting forth the material facts and circumstances surrounding each prior application, including inter alia: (1) when and what

judge the application was made, (2) what ruling or decision or order was made thereon, and (3) what new or different facts and circumstances are claimed to exist which did not exist, or were not shown, upon such prior application.

S.D. Cal. Civ. R. 7.1(i)(1). To the extent Perea's filing is considered a motion for reconsideration, he has not complied with Local Rule 7.1(i).

Because an appeal is pending, this Court lacks jurisdiction to rule on Perea's Motion. In any event, Petitioner has not complied with local rules and shown a basis for granting a motion for reconsideration. For all these reasons, the Motion is **DENIED** [ECF No. 49].

DATED October 4, 2012

Ruben B. Brooks

United States Magistrate Judge

cc: All Parties of Record