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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RAUL ARELLANO, JR.,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
SAN DIEGO, COUNTY OF, et al.,  
  
Defendants.

Case No.: 14-CV-2404 JLS (KSC)

**ORDER: (1) DENYING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION; (2) DENYING MOTION TO JOIN CAUSES OF ACTION; (3) DENYING AS MOOT MOTION TO APPLY REPLY TO CITY OF EL CAJON; AND (4) GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT**

(ECF Nos. 93, 104, 112, 114)

Presently before the Court are various Motions filed by Plaintiff Raul Arellano, Jr.— chief amongst these is Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration, (“MTN for Reconsideration,” ECF No. 93), regarding this Court’s Prior Order denying in part and granting in part Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss, (“Prior Order,” ECF No. 87). Defendants County of San Diego, City of San Diego, and City of El Cajon all filed Oppositions to, (ECF Nos. 96, 97, and 99, respectively), and Plaintiff filed a Reply in support of, (ECF No. 110), his Motion for Reconsideration. Also before the Court is Plaintiff’s Motion, which is entitled: Motion to Join an Active Tort State Case with Current Case, (ECF No. 104). Defendant County of San Diego filed a Response in Opposition to, (ECF No. 106), and

1 Plaintiff filed a Reply in Support of, (ECF No. 109), his Motion to Join. Plaintiff has also  
2 filed a Motion to Amend his Complaint, (ECF No. 112), and a Motion to Apply his Reply  
3 Brief to City of El Cajon, (ECF No. 114). After considering the parties' arguments and the  
4 law, the Court rules as follows.

### 5 **BACKGROUND**

6 On October 8, 2014, Plaintiff filed his original Complaint ("Compl.") against the  
7 "County of San Diego, Bail Bond Agency of Guerrero, Arreste [sic] officer Guerrero, [and]  
8 Fugitive Task Force," alleging three causes of action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for violation  
9 of his Fourth Amendment rights. (ECF No. 1.) Plaintiff's causes of action arise out of an  
10 arrest occurring on November 7, 2010 at El Rey Motel in Tijuana, Mexico by a host of  
11 officers including a U.S. marshal and Mexican authorities. (Compl. 5.)<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff moved  
12 to file an amended complaint, (ECF No. 23), which the Court granted, (ECF No. 24).

13 On March 2, 2016, Plaintiff filed his First Amended Complaint, naming the  
14 following Defendants in the form outline: (1) City of El Cajon; (2) City of San Diego; (3)  
15 County of San Diego; (4) Guerrero Bail Bonds; (5) Henry L. Guerrero; (6) San Diego  
16 Regional Fugitive Task Force; (7) Jesus Guerrero, U.S. Marshal; (8) P. Beal, case agent,  
17 SDUSM; (9) United States Marshals office; and (10) the United States. (First Am. Compl.  
18 ("FAC"), ECF No. 27, 2–3.)

19 In his FAC, Plaintiff sought damages allegedly resulting from excessive force and  
20 torture during Plaintiff's arrest and pre-trial detention in Mexico under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983,  
21 1985, and 1986. (*Id.* at 7–8, 14.) Plaintiff additionally alleged violations of his guaranteed  
22 rights under the First, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United  
23 States Constitution, (*id.* at 7), and a *Bivens* action for money damages against U.S. Marshal  
24 Guerrero and P. Beal, (*id.* at 31). Defendants City of San Diego, County of San Diego, and  
25 City of El Cajon filed motions to dismiss.<sup>2</sup> The Court granted in part and denied in part  
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27 <sup>1</sup> Pin citations to docketed material refer to the CM/ECF numbers electronically stamped at the top of each  
28 page.

<sup>2</sup> The only moving Defendants were the City of El Cajon, City of San Diego, and County of San Diego.

1 Defendants City of San Diego and County of San Diego’s motions to dismiss Plaintiff’s  
2 FAC, but the Court granted Plaintiff leave to amend his complaint and file a second  
3 amended complaint. (*See* ECF No. 58.) The Court dismissed Defendant City of El Cajon  
4 with prejudice for failure to relate back to the original Complaint under Federal Rule of  
5 Civil Procedure 15. (*See id.*) Plaintiff moved for reconsideration of the Court’s dismissal  
6 of City of El Cajon, (ECF No. 60), which the Court denied, (ECF No. 61).

7 Plaintiff filed his Second Amended Complaint on January 26, 2017, (Second Am.  
8 Compl. (“SAC”), ECF No. 62). Defendants City of San Diego and County of San Diego  
9 again filed motions to dismiss, which the Court granted in part and denied in part, (*see*  
10 *generally* Prior Order). Plaintiff filed a second motion for reconsideration concerning the  
11 Court’s decision to dismiss the City of El Cajon with prejudice, (ECF No. 73). The Court  
12 found that Plaintiff had stated a *Monell* claim against the County of San Diego and City of  
13 San Diego under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (*Id.* at 8–9.) The Court then found that Plaintiff failed  
14 to state a claim under sections 1985(3) and 1986 and dismissed his claims, as to those  
15 causes of action, with prejudice. (*Id.* at 12–13.) Finally, the Court denied Plaintiff’s motion  
16 for reconsideration of the Court’s prior order dismissing all claims against the City of El  
17 Cajon with prejudice. (*Id.* at 24.)

18 The Court now arrives to the current motions. Plaintiff again moves for a third  
19 reconsideration of the Court’s dismissal of Defendant City of El Cajon and additionally  
20 moves for reconsideration of the dismissal of his section 1985 and 1986 claims. Plaintiff  
21 is also prosecuting a tort claim in state court and moves to join the state action with the  
22 present federal action. Finally, Plaintiff moves to amend his complaint.

### 23 **LEGAL STANDARD**

24 In the Southern District of California, a party may apply for reconsideration  
25 “[w]henver any motion or any application or petition for any order or other relief has been  
26 made to any judge and has been refused in whole or in part.” Civ. Local R. 7.1(i)(1). The  
27 moving party must provide an affidavit setting forth, *inter alia*, new or different facts and  
28 circumstances which previously did not exist. *Id.*

1 Generally, reconsideration of a prior order is “appropriate if the district court (1) is  
2 presented with newly discovered evidence, (2) committed clear error or the initial decision  
3 was manifestly unjust, or (3) if there is an intervening change in controlling law.” *Sch.*  
4 *Dist. No. 1J, Multnomah Cnty. v. ACandS, Inc.*, 5 F.3d 1255, 1263 (9th Cir. 1993).  
5 Reconsideration is an “extraordinary remedy, to be used sparingly in the interests of finality  
6 and conservation of judicial resources.” *Kona Enters., Inc. v. Estate of Bishop*, 229 F.3d  
7 877, 890 (9th Cir. 2000). Ultimately, whether to grant or deny a motion for reconsideration  
8 is in the “sound discretion” of the district court. *Navajo Nation v. Norris*, 331 F.3d 1041,  
9 1046 (9th Cir. 2003) (citing *Kona Enters.*, 229 F.3d at 883). A party may not raise new  
10 arguments or present new evidence if it could have reasonably raised them earlier. *Kona*  
11 *Enters.*, 229 F.3d at 890 (citing *389 Orange St. Partners v. Arnold*, 179 F.3d 656, 665 (9th  
12 Cir. 1999)).

## 13 ANALYSIS

### 14 I. Motion for Reconsideration

15 Plaintiff moves for reconsideration on two grounds. First, he argues that the Court  
16 improperly dismissed his section 1985 and 1986 claims with prejudice. (MTN for  
17 Reconsideration 2–4.) Second, he argues—for a third time—that the Court improperly  
18 dismissed the City of El Cajon with prejudice. (*Id.* at 4–6.) The Court addresses each  
19 argument in turn.

#### 20 A. Sections 1985 and 1986 Claims

21 In its Prior Order, the Court determined that Plaintiff stated a valid claim for § 1983  
22 municipal liability, but failed to state a claim under sections 1985 and 1986. (Prior Order  
23 8, 11, 13.) Plaintiff argues that various allegations in his Second Amended Complaint state  
24 a valid claim under Section 1985. (MTN for Reconsideration 2.) Plaintiff does not present  
25 new evidence and does not argue there was an intervening change in the law; he implicitly  
26 argues that the Court committed “clear error”. *Sch. Dist. No. 1J*, 5 F.3d at 1263. The Court  
27 begins by reviewing the legal standard for a § 1985 claim and the Court’s prior Order.

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1 In the Ninth Circuit,

2 [t]o state a cause of action under § 1985(3), a complaint must  
3 allege (1) a conspiracy, (2) to deprive any person or a class of  
4 persons of the equal protection of the laws, or of equal privileges  
5 and immunities under the laws, (3) an act by one of the  
6 conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy, and (4) a personal  
injury, property damage or a deprivation of any right or privilege  
of a citizen of the United States.

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8 *Gillespie v. Civiletti*, 629 F.2d 637, 641 (9th Cir. 1980) (citing *Griffin v. Breckenridge*, 403  
9 U.S. 88, 102–03 (1971)). In a § 1985(3) claim, “there must be some racial, or perhaps  
10 otherwise class-based, invidiously discriminatory animus behind the conspirators’ action.”  
11 *Griffin*, 403 U.S. at 102; *see also Sprewell v. Golden State Warriors*, 266 F.3d 979, 989  
12 (9th Cir. 2001) (finding dismissal of a § 1985(3) claim proper because plaintiff failed to  
13 state a claim for racial discrimination).

14 The Court previously concluded that Plaintiff failed to state a claim under section  
15 1985 for two reasons. First, the Court found that Plaintiff’s claim of a conspiracy was  
16 conclusory, since he alleged no facts demonstrating that Defendants somehow conspired  
17 with those responsible for his alleged mistreatment. (Prior Order 10 (citing *Karim-Panahi*  
18 *v. L.A. Police Dep’t*, 839 F.2d 621, 626 (9th Cir. 1988) (“A mere allegation of conspiracy  
19 without factual specificity is insufficient.”); *Bey v. City of Oakland*, No. 14-CV-01626-  
20 JSC, 2016 WL 1639372, at \*16 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 26, 2016) (noting that the court had  
21 previously dismissed conspiracy claims where the complaint did “not include facts  
22 demonstrating that [Oakland Police Department] and any individual officers entered any  
23 such agreement, what each participant’s role was, whether each participant had knowledge  
24 of the plan to violate Plaintiffs’ rights and how they did so”).) Second, the Court  
25 determined that Plaintiff’s allegations were conclusory and did not contain additional  
26 allegations of a racial or class-based animus necessary to state a claim under § 1985(3).  
27 (*Id.* at 10–11 (citing *Sprewell*, 266 F.3d at 989).)

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1           1. *Failure to Allege Facts Demonstrating a Conspiracy*

2           Plaintiff argues that several allegations in his Second Amended Complaint illustrate  
3 that there was, in fact, a conspiracy. For example, Plaintiff alleged that “even if [Plaintiff  
4 did] blame [the arresting officers] for the torturing, they won’t get in trouble because there  
5 is no regulation telling them they can’t do such torturing in Mexico.” (MTN for  
6 Reconsideration 2 (quoting SAC 23–24).) Plaintiff also points to an allegation where he  
7 stated “officials were allowed to do this because according to them the Municipal[]  
8 [Defendants] who [the officials] work for tells [sic] them that as long as it occurs in Mexico  
9 [it] is ok to torture me.” (*Id.* at 3 (quoting SAC 7–8).) Additionally, Plaintiff argues that  
10 there was an agreement because the arresting officers said they were employees or  
11 contractors of Defendants. (*Id.* at 2–3 (citing SAC 25).)

12           In opposition, Defendants argue that there are insufficient factual allegations to  
13 demonstrate there was a “meeting of the minds” to deprive Plaintiff of equal protection of  
14 the laws.<sup>3</sup> (ECF No. 96, at 3; ECF No. 97 at 3.) In reply, Plaintiff reiterates that his motion  
15 for reconsideration and his Second Amended Complaint contain sufficient factual  
16 allegations to state a claim for conspiracy. (ECF No. 110, at 3.)

17           The Court previously determined that Plaintiff’s allegations were conclusory and did  
18 not allege sufficient factual allegations to plausibly state a claim. (*See* Prior Order 10.)  
19 Plaintiff’s citations to his Second Amended Complaint do not change the conclusion that  
20 Plaintiff failed to allege sufficient *factual* allegations to state a claim. To state a claim for  
21 conspiracy, there must, amongst other requirements, be an agreement or meeting of the  
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23 <sup>3</sup> Defendants also argue that Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration is untimely because it was received  
24 by the Clerk of Court and filed, *nunc pro tunc*, on September 21, 2017, (ECF No. 92). Defendants contend  
25 the Motion should have been filed no later than September 15, 2017, (ECF No. 96, at 2–3; ECF No. 97,  
26 at 2). Plaintiff argues that he gave his moving papers to prison officials on September 13, 2017, but they  
27 were not mailed until September 15, 2017. (ECF No. 110, at 2.) In *Houston v. Lack*, 487 U.S. 266, 276  
28 (1988), the Supreme Court held that a *pro se* prisoner filed his notice of appeal “at the time [he] delivered  
it to the prison authorities for forwarding to the court clerk.” In *Douglas v. Noelle*, the Ninth Circuit  
extended the *Houston* prisoner mailbox rule to § 1983 suits filed by *pro se* prisoners. Here, Plaintiff  
alleges that he delivered his Motion to prison officials on September 13, 2017—within the time limits for  
filing a motion for reconsideration. Thus, the Court accepts Plaintiff’s Motion as timely.

1 minds between co-conspirators. *Woodrum v. Woodward Cnty.* 866 F.2d 1121, 1126 (9th  
2 Cir. 1988) (citing *Fonda v. Gray*, 707 F.2d 435 (9th Cir. 1983)).

3 Plaintiff quotes his SAC allegation that Defendants “who [the arresting officers]  
4 work for tells them that as long as [the torture of fugitives] occurs [sic] in Mexico [it] is  
5 ok to torture [Plaintiff].” (MTN for Reconsideration 3 (quoting SAC 25).) At most,  
6 Plaintiff’s allegations demonstrate that there was a municipal policy permitting  
7 Defendant’s officers to use excessive force while arresting Plaintiff. Thus, Plaintiff’s  
8 allegations were sufficient to state a claim for municipal liability under § 1983, (*see* Prior  
9 Order 8), but do not address any agreement between the officers or Defendants. Without  
10 facts demonstrating a “meeting of the minds” between Defendants there can be no  
11 conspiracy.

12 Plaintiff also argues that the fact that the arresting officers were employed or  
13 contracted by Defendants demonstrates a conspiracy. Indeed, the Court agrees that  
14 Plaintiff’s allegations show that the arresting officers were employed or contracted by  
15 Defendants. Yet, employment is not the same as the officers agreeing to collectively  
16 deprive Plaintiff of his civil rights. Simply because the arresting officers were employed  
17 or contracted by Defendants does not automatically confer on those Defendants a  
18 conspiracy agreement.

19 The Court finds that the quotations from the SAC do not demonstrate a conspiracy  
20 and the Court finds no clear error as to this argument.

## 21 2. *Failure to Allege Facts Demonstrating Equal Protection Violation*

22 Plaintiff does not address the Court’s second finding—that he fails to allege an equal  
23 protection violation—in his Motion for Reconsideration. For their part, Defendants argue  
24 that Plaintiff fails to demonstrate any “invidiously discriminatory animus behind the  
25 conspirator’s action.” (ECF No. 96, at 3; *see* ECF No. 97 at 3.)

26 As an initial matter, a district court need not consider new arguments raised in a  
27 reply brief. *See Zamani v. Carnes*, 491 F.3d 990, 997 (9th Cir. 2007) (citing *Koerner v.*  
28 *Grigas*, 328 F.3d 1039, 1048 (9th Cir. 2003)). Plaintiff did not address equal protection in

1 his Motion for Reconsideration. However, the Court will consider the merits of Plaintiff’s  
2 argument because Defendants raised the equal protection argument in their opposition  
3 briefs.

4 In his Reply, Plaintiff advances two reasons why he was deprived of equal protection  
5 of the laws. First, he argues that fugitives are a protected class and he still had rights when  
6 he was arrested in Mexico because he remained an American citizen. (ECF No. 110, at 4.)  
7 Plaintiff goes on to reason that fugitives subject to arrest in Mexico are treated differently  
8 than fugitives subject to arrest in the United States and thus fugitives in Mexico are “not  
9 protected by [the] same Constitutional Rights as if the fugitive would of [sic] had gotten  
10 Arrested in the U.S.” (*Id.* at 4–5.)

11 Plaintiff conflates a violation of his individual rights with a deprivation of equal  
12 protection under the law. “The Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment  
13 commands that no State shall ‘deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal  
14 protection of the laws,’ which is essentially a direction that all persons similarly situated  
15 should be treated alike.” *City of Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Ctr.*, 473 U.S. 432, 439  
16 (1985) (quoting *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202, 216 (1982)). The Court accepts, for the sake  
17 of argument, Plaintiff’s contentions that fugitives subject to arrest are members of a class.  
18 In such a circumstance, the Fourteenth Amendment commands that all similarly situated  
19 persons—whether in Mexico or the United States—should be treated alike. Even with this  
20 assumption, Plaintiff’s argument fails because he does not allege sufficient factual  
21 allegations that the members of his class suffer from invidious discrimination. Plaintiff’s  
22 only allegations are that Defendants deprived *him* of his rights. There is no allegation as  
23 to any other fugitive, Mexico or otherwise. Thus, there is no allegation that his class was  
24 discriminated against.

25 Second, Plaintiff argues that he was singled out as an individual. Plaintiff contends  
26 that the arresting officers mentioned that they were beating him because Plaintiff was  
27 charged with statutory rape. (ECF No. 110, at 5.) Plaintiff further contends that he was  
28 treated differently than anyone else arrested for statutory rape. According to Plaintiff, there



1 are laws preventing arresting officers from beating or using excessive force for those  
2 charged with statutory rape. Therefore, he was singled out because arresting officers used  
3 excessive force against him. (*See id.*) Plaintiff contends that he states a claim for “class  
4 of one” equal protection discrimination.

5 The Court discussed this same argument in its prior Order. The Court concluded  
6 that Plaintiff alleged no facts showing that Defendants have a custom, practice, or policy  
7 of treating Plaintiff differently from other fugitives. (Prior Order 11 (citing *Giddens v.*  
8 *Suisun City*, No. 14-cv-943 AC (PS), 2015 WL 692448, at \*6 (E.D. Cal. Feb. 18, 2015)  
9 (“[I]n order to state a ‘class of one’ Equal Protection claim, plaintiff must allege facts  
10 showing that the police department had a custom, practice or policy of treating him  
11 *differently* than it treated his neighbors. The complaint alleges no specific facts regarding  
12 the history of police response to the comparable complaints of plaintiff’s neighbors.”)).)

13 To state a “class of one” Equal Protection claim, Plaintiff must demonstrate that  
14 government actors intentionally treated him differently than other similarly situated  
15 persons, without a rational basis. *Gerhart v. Lake Cnty.*, 637 F.3d 1013, 1022 (9th Cir.  
16 2011) (citing *Village of Willowbrook v. Olech*, 528 U.S. 562, 564 (2000) (per curiam); and  
17 *N. Pacifica LLC v. City of Pacifica*, 526 F.3d 478, 486 (9th Cir. 2008)). Plaintiff does not  
18 allege sufficient facts to demonstrate how he was treated differently than other similarly  
19 situated persons. His allegations and arguments only describe his own circumstances and  
20 make no comparison to other fugitives in Mexico or other persons accused of statutory  
21 rape. Plaintiff’s allegations do not illustrate, with facts rather than conclusions, how his  
22 circumstances are different from any other fugitive in a similar situation to his own.  
23 Therefore, the Court finds no clear error as to its equal protection finding.

24 In sum, the Court finds no clear error in its conclusions that Plaintiff failed to allege  
25 sufficient facts to demonstrate a conspiracy and also failed to allege facts to demonstrate  
26 how he was deprived of equal protection of the law. Consequently, Plaintiff’s section 1986  
27 must also fail. “Section 1986 authorizes a remedy against state actors who have negligently  
28 failed to prevent a conspiracy that would be actionable under § 1985.” *Cerrato v. S.F.*

1 *Cnty. Coll. Dist.*, 26 F.3d 968, 971 n.7 (9th Cir. 1994); *see also* 42 U.S.C. § 1986. As  
2 discussed in the Prior Order, because Plaintiff fails to state a conspiracy that would be  
3 actionable under § 1985, his claims under § 1986 also fail. *Karim-Panahi*, 839 F.2d at 626  
4 (“A claim can be stated under section 1986 only if the complaint contains a valid claim  
5 under section 1985.”).

6 ***B. City of El Cajon***

7 Plaintiff moves the Court to reconsider its finding from the prior Order that the City  
8 of El Cajon was properly dismissed with prejudice. (MTN for Reconsideration 4–6.) The  
9 Court begins by recounting the relevant procedural history. On December 28, 2016, the  
10 Court dismissed with prejudice Plaintiff’s complaint against the City of El Cajon. (ECF  
11 No. 58, at 22.) Plaintiff filed two prior motions for reconsideration—on January 20, 2017  
12 and April 3, 2017, respectively. Each prior motion requested the Court reconsider its  
13 decision to dismiss the City of El Cajon with prejudice. (ECF Nos. 60, 73.) The Court  
14 denied both of Plaintiff’s prior motions for reconsideration on January 24, 2017 and August  
15 18, 2017, respectively. (*See* ECF No. 61; Prior Order 13–24.)

16 Plaintiff’s pending Motion for Reconsideration attempts to present new arguments  
17 regarding the Court’s December 28, 2016 decision dismissing the City of El Cajon with  
18 prejudice. This is not permitted by law. “A motion for reconsideration ‘may *not* be used  
19 to raise arguments or present evidence for the first time when they could reasonably have  
20 been raised earlier in the litigation.’” *Marlyn Nutraceuticals, Inc. v. Mucos Pharma GmbH*  
21 *& Co.*, 571 F.3d 873, 880 (9th Cir. 2009) (quoting *Kona Enters.*, 229 F.3d at 890).  
22 Plaintiff’s opportunity to present arguments was his January 20, 2017 motion for  
23 reconsideration. He did so and the Court denied his motion. New arguments raised in both  
24 the April 3, 2017 and present motions could have been raised in the January 20, 2017  
25 motion. The Court considered the merits of Plaintiff’s second motion for reconsideration  
26 despite the fact that Plaintiff presented new arguments that could have been raised  
27 previously. This issue has been fully litigated. The Court will not consider his newly  
28 raised arguments here.

1 Plaintiff's two arguments do not demonstrate clear error. Accordingly, the Court  
2 **DENIES** Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration. (ECF No. 93.)

### 3 **II. Motion to Join Actions**

4 Plaintiff filed a motion seeking to join his state court action with the present federal  
5 action. (ECF No. 104.) Defendant County of San Diego filed an opposition stating that a  
6 plaintiff cannot remove his own state case to federal court. (*See* ECF No. 106, at 1 (citing  
7 *Progressive W. Ins. Co. v. Preciado*, 479 F.3d 1014, 1017 (9th Cir. 2007)).) Plaintiff then  
8 filed a reply clarifying that he is requesting the Court to exercise its supplemental  
9 jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. § 1367, over his state law claims. (ECF No. 109.)

10 Defendant County of San Diego is correct that a state court plaintiff cannot remove  
11 a case to federal court. Under the removal statute, only a defendant may remove a case to  
12 federal court. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a). However, Plaintiff has not actually removed his  
13 case and his reply brief presents his motion as a request for the Court to exercise its  
14 supplemental jurisdiction. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), a district court has supplemental  
15 jurisdiction over all other claims that are so related to claims in the action that are subject  
16 to the Court's original jurisdiction. That is, if the Court has original jurisdiction over some  
17 of Plaintiff's claims then it *may* exercise supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state  
18 law claims, provided he meets all the requirements of the supplemental jurisdiction statute.

19 The problem with the Court exercising supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's  
20 state law claims is that those claims are not presently before this Court. Plaintiff's Second  
21 Amended Complaint only brings claims under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985, 1986. Thus,  
22 Plaintiff's SAC does not contain state law claims over which the Court can exercise  
23 supplemental jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff's Motion to Join  
24 Action, (ECF No. 104).

### 25 **III. Motion to Amend**

26 Plaintiff moves the Court for leave to file an amended complaint alleging causes of  
27 action arising under state law as well as additional federal causes of action. (ECF No. 112.)  
28 The request is unopposed.

1 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), a plaintiff may amend his  
2 complaint once as a matter of course within specified time limits. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1).  
3 “In all other cases, a party may amend its pleading only with the opposing party’s written  
4 consent or the court’s leave. The court should freely give leave when justice so requires.”  
5 Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 (a)(2).

6 While courts exercise broad discretion in deciding whether to allow amendment,  
7 they have generally adopted a liberal policy. *See United States ex rel. Ehmcke Sheet Metal*  
8 *Works v. Wausau Ins. Cos.*, 755 F. Supp. 906, 908 (E.D. Cal. 1991) (citing *Jordan v. Cnty.*  
9 *of Los Angeles*, 669 F.2d 1311, 1324 (9th Cir.), *rev’d on other grounds*, 459 U.S. 810  
10 (1982)). Accordingly, leave is generally granted unless the court harbors concerns “such  
11 as undue delay, bad faith or dilatory motive on the part of the movant, repeated failure to  
12 cure deficiencies by amendments previously allowed, undue prejudice to the opposing  
13 party by virtue of allowance of the amendment, futility of amendment, etc.” *Foman v.*  
14 *Davis*, 371 U.S. 178, 182 (1962). “Amendments seeking to add claims are to be granted  
15 more freely than amendments adding parties.” *Union Pac. R.R. Co. v. Nev. Power Co.*,  
16 950 F.2d 1429, 1432 (9th Cir. 1991) (citing *Martell v. Trilogy Ltd.*, 872 F.2d 322, 324 (9th  
17 Cir. 1989)). Additionally, “the party opposing amendment has the burden of showing that  
18 amendment is not warranted.” *Wizards of the Coast LLC v. Cryptozoic Entm’t LLC*, 309  
19 F.R.D. 645, 649–50 (W.D. Wash. 2015) (citing, e.g., *DCD Programs, Ltd. v. Leighton*, 833  
20 F.2d 183, 187 (9th Cir. 1987)).

21 The Court finds that leave to amend is permissible here. If Plaintiff wishes to allege  
22 additional state or federal claims, Plaintiff may file an amended complaint on or before  
23 forty (40) days from the date which this Order is electronically filed. Plaintiff is cautioned  
24 that should he choose to file a Third Amended Complaint, it must be complete by itself,  
25 comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a), and that any claim, against any  
26 defendant, not re-alleged will be considered waived. *See Lacey v. Maricopa Cnty.*, 693  
27 F.3d 896, 928 (9th Cir. 2012) (noting that claims dismissed with leave to amend which are  
28 not re-alleged in an amended pleading may be “considered waived if not repled”). If

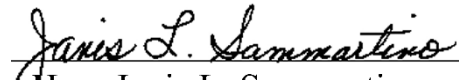
1 Plaintiff does not file an amended complaint then the case will proceed as to the claims and  
2 the Defendants that survived the previous motions to dismiss.

3 **CONCLUSION**

4 In light of the foregoing, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration,  
5 (ECF No. 93), **DENIES** Plaintiff's Motion to Join Actions, (ECF No. 104), and **GRANTS**  
6 Plaintiff's Motion to Amend, (ECF No. 112). Finally, because the City of El Cajon is no  
7 longer a defendant in these proceedings the Court **DENIES AS MOOT** Plaintiff's Motion  
8 to Apply his Reply to City of El Cajon, (ECF No. 114).

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10 Dated: April 17, 2018

  
11 Janis L. Sammartino  
12 Hon. Janis L. Sammartino  
13 United States District Judge  
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