1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 BESSIE IRENE WALTZ,) 1:07-cv-1691-SMS 10 Plaintiff,) ORDER STAYING THIS ACTION PENDING 11 CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR V. CERTIORARI 12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, et) ORDER DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO 13 al., INFORM THE COURT UPON LEARNING OF DENIAL OF THE PETITION FOR 14 Defendants.) CERTIORARI 15 ORDER DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN, AND PLAINTIFF TO 16 ARRANGE, A TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE 17 PETITION FOR CERTIORARI AND THE MOTION TO DISMISS 18 Date: February 23, 2010 19 Time: 9:30 a.m. 20 21 22 Plaintiff is proceeding with a civil action in this Court. 23 The matter has been referred to the Magistrate Judge for all proceedings, including the entry of final judgment, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b), and Local Rule 73-301. 26 Pending before the Court is Defendant's motion to dismiss the action. Participating in a telephonic status conference 27 28 concerning the motion that was held at 9:35 a.m. on October 19,

2009, were James J. Banks for Plaintiff and Ernest Robert Wright of the United States Attorney's Office.

I. Stay of the Action

The Court notes that a petition for writ of certiorari has been filed in the United States Supreme Court with respect to Marley v. United States, 567 F.3d 1030 (9th Cir. 2009), a decision that is on point and dispositive with respect to at least some of the issues raised in Defendant's motion to dismiss. In the interest of the efficient administration of justice, the Court exercises its discretion to stay the instant action pending determination of the petition for writ of certiorari.

The parties and their counsel ARE DIRECTED to inform the Court upon learning that the petition for certiorari has been denied.

The parties ARE DIRECTED to participate in a telephonic status conference to be held on February 23, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. Plaintiff's counsel IS DIRECTED to arrange a conference call with the other parties and direct it to Frances Robles at (559) 499-5690 at the appointed time.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 19, 2009 /s/ Sandra M. Snyder
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE