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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIE JAMES MINCEY, JR., LINDA
A. MASON-MINCY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BETTY M. PUIIA, BETTY M. COMEAU,
BETTY M. COMEAU, Trustee of the
Betty M. Comeau Trust Dated May 7,
2019, UNITED STATES, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:20-cv-0571 JAM DB PS

ORDER

Plaintiffs Willie James Mincey, Jr., and Linda A. Mason-Mincy, are proceeding in this action pro se. This matter was referred to the undersigned in accordance with Local Rule 302(c)(21) and 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Plaintiffs commenced this action of March 16, 2020, by filing a complaint and paying the required filing fee. (ECF No. 1)

On October 2, 2020, defendants filed an ex parte application for an extension of time to respond to plaintiffs' complaint. (ECF No. 16.) Although it is defendants' third ex parte request for an extension of time, defendants explain that the "delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic" have prevented defendants from obtaining "potentially dispositive *res judicata* records from

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1 1992” held by the Federal Records Center. (ECF No. 16-1 at 1.) Good cause appearing,
2 defendants’ request for a third extension of time will be granted.

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 4 1. Defendants’ October 2, 2020 ex parte request for an extension of time (ECF No. 16) is
5 granted; and
6 2. Defendants shall file a response to plaintiffs’ complaint within forty-five days of the
7 date of this order.

8 Dated: October 12, 2020

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12 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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