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California Resources Agency et al v. United States Department of Agriculture et al

Plaintiffs and Defendants in the above-captioned case, by and through their attorneys, have conferred and hereby STIPULATE as follows:

On February 27, 2009, Plaintiffs filed motions for summary judgment in the above-captioned matters. Dkt. Nos. 46 and 28. On April 16, 2009, Defendants filed cross-motions for summary judgment. Dkt. Nos. 50 and 33. The Court held a hearing on the motions on July 31, 2009.

On September 29, 2009, the Court entered judgment, granting in part and denying in part the parties' motions for summary judgment. Dkt. No. 60. The Court ordered the parties to submit, by November 3, 2009, simultaneous briefs proposing the appropriate forms of relief to remedy the deficiencies found by the Court in the Southern California Forest Plans Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The parties have entered settlement discussions in an attempt to develop the appropriate forms of relief in this matter. To facilitate those discussions, the parties requested stays of briefing, Dkt. Nos. 61 and 46, 63 and 50, 65 and 52, and 67 and 54, and 69 and 56, and the Court has entered orders staying further briefing schedules. Dkt. Nos. 47, 51, 66, 70.

The parties met to discuss settlement on November 18, 2009, January 29, 2010 and June 25, 2010. The parties requested a sixth stay of briefing, Dkt. Nos. 71 and 58, on October 1, 2010.

The parties have reached a settlement agreement, in principle, subject to approval by the appropriate government officials and Plaintiff organization representatives. The government requires additional time in which to seek approval from the appropriate government officials. The parties therefore request a seventh order staying all briefing on the issue of remedy until December 7, 2010. On that date, the parties will advise the Court on the status of the settlement approval process. The parties will promptly notify the Court if a settlement is approved.

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