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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

RANDALL KUNSMAN, on behalf of himself
and all “aggrieved employees” pursuant to
Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PATRIOT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
INC., a California corporation, and DOES 1
through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No: 34-2021-00310042-CU-OE-GDS

*Assigned to the Hon. Christopher E. Krueger,
Dept. 54*

**STIPULATION TO (1) LIFT
ARBITRATION STAY; AND (2) REQUEST
FOR DISMISSAL OF REPRESENTATIVE
ACTION; ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER**

*[Filed Concurrently: Declaration of Evan S.
Gaines in Support of Request for Dismissal of
Representative Action]*

Complaint Filed: October 22, 2021

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STIPULATION

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

1. On October 22, 2021, Plaintiff filed the instant Action seeking damages on a representative basis on behalf of himself and similarly situated individuals for Defendant PATRIOT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.'s ("Defendant") alleged violations of California Labor Code and the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"), codified as § 2698, et seq., by allegedly failing to provide meal and rest periods, or compensation in lieu thereof, issue complete and accurate wage statements, and pay all wages due at separation of employment. Declaration of Evan S. Gaines ("Gaines Decl.") at ¶ 2.

2. Thereafter, on October 25, 2022, pursuant to Defendant's motion, this Court ordered that the "representative PAGA claims stayed pending (1) the completion of arbitration of Plaintiff's individual PAGA claim or (2) a ruling in Adolph, whichever occurs first. The stay will not be lifted automatically. Any party seeking to lift the stay must file a motion (if opposed) or a stipulation and proposed order." Gaines Decl. at ¶ 3; **Exhibit A** to the Gaines Declaration.

3. The Parties participated in a global mediation (together with the case *Robert Bennett v. Patriot Environmental Services, Inc.*, San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 37-2022-00044044-CU-OE-CTL [the "*Bennett Action*"]), with experienced wage and hour mediator Hunter R. Hughes III, Esq., wherein a settlement was achieved. Gaines Decl. at ¶ 4.

4. The Parties negotiated a global settlement of the Class and PAGA claims that resolved the claims alleged in the instant Action and the *Bennett Action*. Gaines Decl. at ¶ 5; **Exhibit B** to the Gaines Declaration.

1 5. The *Bennett* Action received final approval of the Settlement on September 13, 2024.
2 Gaines Decl. at ¶ 6; **Exhibit C** to the Gaines Declaration.

3 6. The Parties, therefore, seek this Court to (1) lift the arbitration stay and (2) enter a
4 dismissal of this action with prejudice. Gaines Decl. at ¶ 7.

5 7. Concurrent with the filing of this declaration and the request for dismissal, the
6 Settlement has been submitted to the LWDA in compliance with Labor Code section 2699(1)(2).
7 Gaines Decl. at ¶ 8; **Exhibit D** to the Gaines Declaration.

8 Based on the facts set forth herein and in the concurrently-filed Declaration of Evan S. Gaines,
9 the Parties hereby request that the Court (1) enter an order lifting the arbitration stay; and (2) enter a
10 dismissal of this action WITH PREJUDICE.

11 Dated: February 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

GAINES LAW CORPORATION

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16 Dated: February 12, 2025

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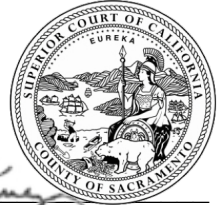
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ORDER

Based on the Stipulation To (1) Lift Arbitration Stay; And (2) Request For Dismissal Of Representative Action, and the concurrently-filed Declaration of Evan S. Gaines, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The arbitration stay is hereby lifted; and
2. The Action is dismissed WITH PREJUDICE.

Dated: 03/21/2025



Christopher E. Krueger

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge

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Executed on February 12, 2025, at Westlake Village, California.

EVAN S. GAINES