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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IVAN LORENO, as an individual and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SOUTH COAST BEVERAGE LLC, a
Delaware limited liability company; and
DOES 1 through 100,

Defendants.

Case No. 21STCV46865

*[Assigned for all purposes to Hon. Stuart M.
Rice, Dept. SSC-1]*

**~~[AMENDED PROPOSED]~~ ORDER
GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Date: February 5, 2025
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Dept.: SSC-1

Complaint Filed: December 23, 2021
Trial Date: None Set

The Motion of Plaintiff Ivan Lorenzo ("Plaintiff") for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement will come on regularly for hearing before this Court on February 5, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in Department SSC-1. The Court, having considered the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement"), attached as Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of Scott M. Lidman filed concurrently with the Motion; having considered Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support thereof, and supporting declarations filed therewith; and good cause appearing, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Court GRANTS preliminary approval of the class action settlement as set forth in the Settlement and finds its terms to be within the range of reasonableness of a settlement that ultimately could be granted approval by the Court at a Final Fairness Hearing. For purposes of the Settlement, the Court finds that the proposed Settlement Class is ascertainable and that there is a sufficiently well-defined community of interest among the members of the Settlement Class in questions of law and fact. Therefore, for settlement purposes only, the Court grants conditional certification of the following Settlement Class:

All individuals whom Defendant South Coast Beverage Services, LLC and/or its successors classified as non-exempt employees and who worked for Defendant in California at any time during December 23, 2017 through the date the Court enters an order preliminarily approving the Settlement.

2. The monetary terms of the Settlement are summarized below:

Total Settlement Amount ("TSA")	\$485,000.00
New Settlement Money:	\$376,000.00
Minus Court-approved attorneys' fees (1/3 of TSA):	\$161,666.67
Minus Court-approved, verified costs (up to):	\$30,000.00
Minus Court-approved Class Representative Service Award (up to):	\$7,500.00
Minus Settlement Administration Costs:	\$7,500.00
Minus PAGA Payment to the LWDA:	\$15,000.00
Net Settlement Amount ("NSA"):	\$154,333.33

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1 3. For purposes of the Settlement, the Court designates named Plaintiff Ivan Loreno as Class
2 Representative, and Scott M. Lidman and Milan Moore of Lidman Law, APC and Paul Haines of Haines
3 Law Group, APC as Class Counsel.

4 4. The Court designates Phoenix Settlement Administrators as the third-party Settlement
5 Administrator for mailing notices.

6 5. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Notice of Class Action Settlement which
7 is attached to the Settlement as Exhibit A.

8 6. The Court finds that the form of notice to the Settlement Class regarding the pendency of
9 the action and of the Settlement, and the methods of giving notice to members of the Settlement Class,
10 constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitutes valid, due, and sufficient
11 notice to all members of the Settlement Class. The form and method of giving notice complies fully
12 with the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure section 382, California Civil Code section
13 1781, California Rules of Court 3.766 and 3.769, the California and United States Constitutions, and
14 other applicable law.

15 7. The Court further approves the procedures for Settlement Class Members to opt out of or
16 object to the Settlement, as set forth in the Class Notice.

17 8. The procedures and requirements for filing objections in connection with the Final
18 Fairness Hearing are intended to ensure the efficient administration of justice and the orderly
19 presentation of any Settlement Class Member's objection to the Settlement, in accordance with the due
20 process rights of all Settlement Class Members.

21 9. The Court directs the Settlement Administrator to mail the Notice Packet to the members
22 of the Settlement Class in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

23 10. The Class Notice shall provide 45 calendar days' notice for members of the Settlement
24 Class to opt out of, or object to, the Settlement.

25 11. The Final Fairness Hearing on the question of whether the Settlement should be finally
26 approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate is scheduled in Department SSC-1 of this Court, located at
27 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 on July 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

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12. At the Final Fairness Hearing, the Court will consider: (a) whether the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate for the Settlement Class; (b) whether a judgment granting final approval of the Settlement should be entered; and (c) whether Plaintiff's application for reasonable attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, service award to Plaintiff, and payment to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") for penalties under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") should be granted.

13. Counsel for the parties shall file memoranda, declarations, or other statements and materials in support of their request for final approval of the Settlement, attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, Plaintiff's service award, settlement administration costs, and payment to the LWDA for PAGA penalties prior to the Final Fairness Hearing according to the time limits set by the Code of Civil Procedure and the California Rules of Court.

14. An implementation schedule is below:

Event	Date
Defendant to provide Class Data to Settlement Administrator	30 calendar days after issuance of the preliminary approval order
Settlement Administrator to mail Notice Packets to Class Members	14 calendar days after receiving Class Information from Defendant
Deadline for Class Members to request exclusion from, submit disputes, or object to the Settlement	45 calendar days after mailing of the Notice by the Settlement Administrator
Deadline for Plaintiff to file Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement:	June 30, 2025
Final Fairness Hearing:	July 23, 2025

15. Pending the Final Fairness Hearing, all proceedings in this action, other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Settlement and this Order, are stayed.

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2 16. Counsel for the parties are hereby authorized to utilize all reasonable procedures in
3 connection with the administration of the Settlement which are not materially inconsistent with either
4 this Order or the terms of the Settlement.

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6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 Dated: February 7, 2025



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart M. Rice", is written over the printed name.

Stuart M. Rice / Judge
Honorable Stuart M. Rice
Judge of the Superior Court