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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

PEDRO MERAZ-VALENCIA, on behalf of the
State of California, and Aggrieved Employees,

Plaintiff,

v.

WESTLAKE ROYAL ROOFING, LLC,

Defendants.

Case No. 30-2022-01262267-CU-OE-CXC

NOTICE OF ORDER

1 **TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

2 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Court issued an Order regarding Plaintiff's Motion for
3 Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement, which was heard on August 3, 2026 at 1:30
4 p.m.

5 A true and correct copy of the Court's Order, dated August 3, 2026, is attached hereto as
6 **Exhibit A.**

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8 Respectfully submitted,

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10 Date: August 26, 2026

/s/ Esther L. Bylsma

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EXHIBIT A

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ORANGE
CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER**

MINUTE ORDER

DATE: 08/03/2026 TIME: 01:30:00 PM DEPT: CX103

JUDICIAL OFFICER PRESIDING: David A. Hoffer

CLERK: M. Nevarez

REPORTER/ERM: None

BAILIFF/COURT ATTENDANT: M. Brinegar

CASE NO: **30-2022-01262267-CU-OE-CXC** CASE INIT.DATE: 05/24/2022

CASE TITLE: **Meraz-Valencia vs. Westlake Royal Roofing, LLC**

CASE CATEGORY: Civil - Unlimited CASE TYPE: Other employment

EVENT ID/DOCUMENT ID: 74823539

EVENT TYPE: Motion for Final Approval

MOVING PARTY: Pedro Meraz-Valencia

CAUSAL DOCUMENT/DATE FILED: Motion - Other for final approval of class action & paga settlement, 07/10/2026

APPEARANCES

Esther L. Bylsma, from Schneider Wallace Cottrell Kim LLP, present for Plaintiff(s) remotely.

Hearing held, all participants appearing remotely.

Tentative Ruling posted on the Internet.

The Court ADOPTS and CONFIRMS the tentative ruling as follows:

The tentative ruling is to continue the hearing on Plaintiff Pedro Meraz-Valencia's ("Plaintiff") Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement to December 7, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Counsel must file supplemental papers addressing the court's concerns (not fully revised papers that would have to be re-read) at least 16 days before the next hearing date.

There is no explanation for the change in the number of class members to 475, when the number was estimated to be 417 at the preliminary approval stage.

Plaintiff has not provided the court with adequate documentation regarding the requested attorney's fee award. Plaintiff's counsel must provide the number of years of experience for each of the timekeepers for this action. Further, Plaintiff's counsel must also explain why two separate timesheets were provided, with some costs showing up on both timesheets. Plaintiff is required to provide sufficient information to support the court's lodestar cross-check of the fee request.

The court is inclined to grant approval of an attorneys' fees request of only 30% of the gross settlement amount, \$525,000.00, which is a 1.28 multiplier of the lodestar, which the court finds fair, adequate and reasonable for the settlement of this size.

The court disallows the attorney costs amount claimed for postage, copies, scans, and faxes because the court considers these cost items to be properly part of attorney overhead. "Costs for copying and mailing documents" should be deducted from Plaintiff's counsel's attorney cost request.

An enhancement award of \$5,000 is sufficient and proper for a class and settlement of this size and based on plaintiff's contribution to the case.

The [Proposed] Order must be captioned as [Proposed] Order and Judgment.

The [Proposed] Order and Judgment must also provide how the parties will comply with CRC Rule 3.771 (b), which states: "Notice of the judgment must be given to the class in the manner specified by the court." The notice may be included with the checks that are mailed to the class members or posted on the administrator's website.

Counsel should propose a realistic Final Report Hearing date in the [Proposed] Order and Judgment, taking into account the time deadlines associated with funding the settlement, mailing distributions, allowing the check-cashing deadline to pass, and depositing uncashed check funds pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement. The court usually sets these hearings nine months after settlement approval if the check cashing deadline is 180 days. The parties must report to the court the total amount that was actually paid to the class members. All supporting papers must be filed at least 16 days before the Final Report Hearing date.

Plaintiff is ordered to give notice of the ruling to the LWDA and Defendant.

1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 I, Karina Garcia-Guillen, declare the following:

3 I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action. I am employed
4 at Schneider Wallace Cottrell Kim LLP located at 515 S. Figueroa St., Suite 1060, Los Angeles, CA
5 90071.

6 On August 26, 2026, I served the following document(s) described as:

7 **NOTICE OF ORDER**

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9 on the following interested party(s):

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18 [✓] **BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE** by electronically mailing a true and correct copy in PDF
19 format through Schneider Wallace Cottrell Kim LLP's electronic mail system to the email
20 address(s) set forth above.

21 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
22 is true and correct. Executed on August 26, 2026 at Los Angeles, CA.

23 /s/ Karina Garcia-Guillen
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