

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiff Gerardo F. Garcia (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Silva Dairy Farms (“Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as the “Parties,” or individually as a “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1 “Action” means the lawsuit alleging class and Private Attorney General Act wage and hour violations against Silva Dairy Farms, captioned Garcia v. Silva Dairy Farms, Case No. 25CV-04721, filed on August 21, 2025, which is pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Merced.
- 1.2 “Administrator” means Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3 “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4 “Class” means all current and former hourly, non-exempt individuals employed by Defendant in California during the Class Period.
- 1.5 “Class Counsel” means Kevin Mahoney and John A. Young of Mahoney Law Group, APC.
- 1.6 “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred by Class Counsel to prosecute the Action.
- 1.7 “Class Data” means identifying information of each Class Member in Defendant’s possession, consisting of the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and dates of employment.
- 1.8 “Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as a PAGA Group Member).
- 1.9 “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for Class Members’ current mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods, and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator.

- 1.10 “Class Notice” means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.11 “Class Period” means the period from August 21, 2021, to and including May 20, 2026.
- 1.12 “Class Representative” means Gerardo F. Garcia, the Plaintiff in the operative complaint in the Action who is seeking Court approval to serve as a class representative.
- 1.13 “Class Representative Service Payment” means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.14 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Merced.
- 1.15 “Defendant” means Silva Dairy Farms.
- 1.16 “Defense Counsel” means Kimberly G. Flores and Lindsay I. Walczak of Berliner Cohen LLP.
- 1.17 “Effective Date” means the date when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members object(s) to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or (c) if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.18 “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.19 “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.20 “Gross Settlement Amount” means One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00), which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement except employer-side payroll taxes being paid separately by Defendant. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay all Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment.

- 1.21 “Individual Class Payment” means a Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount, calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.
- 1.22 “Individual PAGA Payment” means each PAGA Group Member’s pro rata share of 35% of the PAGA Penalties, calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by the PAGA Group Member during the PAGA Period.
- 1.23 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court upon Final Approval.
- 1.24 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
- 1.25 “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 65% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (m).
- 1.26 “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder, which is the Net Settlement Amount, is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.27 “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.28 “PAGA Group Members” mean all current and former hourly, non-exempt individuals employed by Defendant in California during the PAGA Period.
- 1.29 “PAGA Pay Period” means any pay period during which a PAGA Group Member worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.30 “PAGA Period” means the period from July 9, 2024, to and including May 20, 2026.
- 1.31 “PAGA” means the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Lab. Code, §§ 2698 et seq.).
- 1.32 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s July 9, 2025, letter to Defendant and the LWDA, providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a).
- 1.33 “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 35% to the PAGA Group Members and 65% to the LWDA in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.34 “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.

- 1.35 “Plaintiff” means Gerardo F. Garcia, the named plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.36 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.37 “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.38 Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.39 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 1.40 “Released Parties” means Defendant and all of its present, former, or future, direct or indirect parent companies, subsidiaries, corporations in common control, owners, divisions, concepts, co-employers, joint employers, related and affiliated companies, members, officers, directors, employees, contractors, partners (both general and limited), shareholders, agents, attorneys, legal representatives, insurers, re-insurers, predecessors, successors, and assigns, and any other individual or entity which could be liable for any and all Released Class Claims or Released PAGA Claims.
- 1.41 “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be excluded from the Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.42 “Response Deadline” means 45 calendar days after the Administrator mails the Notice to Class Members and PAGA Group Members, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail an Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are re-sent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline.
- 1.43 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.44 “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for at least one day during the Class Period.

2. RECITALS

- 2.1 On August 21, 2025, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a Complaint asserting six causes of action against Defendant for purported failure to pay all wages; meal period violations; rest period violations; failure to pay wages due at separation; failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements; failure to issue accurate itemized wage statements; and unfair business practices. On January 8, 2026, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint alleging causes of action against

Defendant for alleged violations of the Private Attorneys General Act (the “Operative Complaint”). Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint, and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

- 2.2 Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.3 On May 20, 2026, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Leonid M. Zilberman, Esq., which led to this Agreement to settle the Action.
- 2.4 Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, policy documents, rules and guidelines, and all class members’ time and pay records. Plaintiff’s investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 (“*Dunk/Kullar*”).
- 2.5 The Court has not granted class certification.
- 2.6 The Parties, Class Counsel, and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1 Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant promises to pay One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount, unless the Escalator Clause in Paragraph 4 below is triggered. Defendant will separately pay all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) before the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or PAGA Group Members to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.
- 3.2 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
 - 3.2.1 To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member). Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff’s request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel

Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Reimbursement, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payment, no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for any and all taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment.

3.2.2 To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount, Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$53,333.33), and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than Twelve-Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00.) Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments, provided they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion of any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.3 To the Administrator: An Administration Expenses Payment not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4 To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.

3.2.4.1 Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be

allocated to settlement of wage claims (the “Wage Portion”). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The Administrator will calculate the employer payroll taxes for the Wage Portion. The remaining 80% of each Participating Class Member’s Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for interest and penalties (the “Non-Wage Portion”). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any and all taxes owed on their Non-Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payment.

3.2.4.2 Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will allocate amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments to the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

3.2.5 To the LWDA and PAGA Group Members: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 65% (\$6,500.00) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 35% (\$3,500.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1 The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the PAGA Group Members’ 35% share of PAGA Penalties (\$3,500.00) by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all PAGA Group Members during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each PAGA Group Member’s PAGA Pay Periods. PAGA Group Members assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2 If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

4. **SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.**

4.1 Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods. In connection with negotiation of the settlement, Defendant estimated there were 3,058 workweeks worked by Settlement Class Members during the period from August 21, 2021, to May 20, 2026 (the “Estimated Workweeks”). In the event the number of workweeks during the Class Period is more than 10% greater than the Estimated Workweeks (i.e., exceeds 3,058 by more than 305 workweeks), then Defendant shall have the

option, in its sole discretion, to either (a) roll back the end date of the Class Period such that there are not more than a total of 3,363 workweeks (i.e., 110% of 3,058) or (b) increase the Gross Settlement Amount proportionally by one percent (1%) above 10% by which the number of workweeks during the Class Period (e.g., if the number of workweeks during the Class Period is 3,364, then Defendant may elect to increase the Gross Settlement Amount by \$1,600.00 to \$161,600.00).

- 4.2 Class Data. Not later than 14 calendar days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notice Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.
- 4.3 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and fund the amounts necessary to pay all employer payroll taxes, by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 14 calendar days after the Effective Date.
- 4.4 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 calendar days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.
- 4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Class Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all PAGA Group Members, including Non-Participating Class Members who

qualify as PAGA Group Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members who are also PAGA Group Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

- 4.4.2 The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without a United States Postal Service ("USPS") forwarding address. Within seven (7) calendar days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail the check to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, if requested by the Class Member before the void date.
- 4.4.3 For any Class Member and/or PAGA Group Member whose Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member, thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 384, subd. (b).
- 4.4.4 The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. **RELEASES OF CLAIMS.** Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff, Class Members, PAGA Group Members, and the State of California will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1 Plaintiff's Release. As a condition of receiving any portion of the Class Representative Service Payment, Plaintiff and his respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally release and discharge the Released Parties from all known and unknown claims, transactions, or occurrences under state, and/or local law, statute, ordinance, regulation, common law, or other source of law, including all claims arising from or related to Plaintiff's employment by Defendant during the Class Period ("Plaintiff's Release"). Plaintiff's Release includes all claims asserted in

the Action and/or arising from or related to the facts and claims alleged in the Action or the PAGA Notice, or that could have been raised in the Action based on the facts and claims alleged in the Operative Complaint or the PAGA Notice or based on any facts discovered in the course of litigating the Action. Plaintiff's Release includes, but is not limited to, all claims for unpaid wages, including, but not limited to, failure to pay minimum wages, straight time compensation, overtime compensation, double-time compensation and interest; the calculation of the regular rate of pay; failure to pay wages at least twice each calendar month; failure to timely pay wages; failure to timely pay final wages; non-compliant (e.g., missed, short, late and/or interrupted) meal periods and rest periods; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest periods; the calculation and payment of meal period and rest period premiums; failure to reimburse business expenses; payment for all hours worked, including off-the-clock work and rounded time; wage statements; deductions; failure to keep accurate records; unlawful deductions and/or withholdings from wages; failure to furnish accurate, itemized wage statements; unfair business practices; failure to pay sick wages; failure to comply with California's quota laws; penalties, including but not limited to, recordkeeping penalties, wage statement and payroll reporting penalties, minimum-wage penalties, and waiting-time penalties; and attorneys' fees and costs. Plaintiff's Release includes all claims arising under the Labor Code (including, but not limited to, sections 201, 202, 203, 204 *et seq.*, 210, 218, 221, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 233, 246 *et seq.*, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2100 *et seq.*, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2107, 2108, and 2698 *et seq.*); all claims arising under: the Wage Orders of the California Industrial Welfare Commission; the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004; Business and Professions Code sections 17200 *et seq.*; 8 CCR §§ 11070, 11040; Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5; and the California common law of contract. Plaintiff's Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the Class Period. Plaintiff acknowledges that he may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that he now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

5.1.1 Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542.
For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

- 5.2 Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall fully and finally release the Released Parties of the “Released Class Claims.” The “Released Class Claims” means all claims that were alleged, or could have been alleged, in the Operative Complaint or that could have been raised in the Operative Complaint based on the facts alleged in the Operative Complaint or based on any facts discovered in the course of litigating the Action. The Released Class Claims include all claims for unpaid wages, including failure to pay minimum wages, straight time compensation, overtime compensation, double-time compensation and interest; the calculation of the regular rate of pay; failure to pay wages at least twice each calendar month; failure to timely pay wages; failure to timely pay final wages; non-compliant (e.g., missed, short, late and/or interrupted) meal periods and rest periods; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest periods; the calculation and payment of meal period and rest period premiums; payment for all hours worked, including off-the-clock work and rounded time; wage statements; failure to keep accurate records; unlawful deductions and/or withholdings from wages; failure to furnish accurate, itemized wage statements; unfair business practices; including but not limited to, recordkeeping penalties, wage statement and payroll reporting penalties, minimum-wage penalties, and waiting-time penalties; and attorneys’ fees and costs. The Released Class Claims include all claims alleged in the Operative Complaint and arising under the Labor Code (including sections 201, 202, 203, 204 *et seq.*, 210, 218, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246 *et seq.*, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and 2698 *et seq.*); all claims arising under the California Code of Regulations or the Wage Orders of the California Industrial Welfare Commission which were, or could have been, alleged in the Operative Complaint; Business and Professions Code sections 17200 *et seq.*; and Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5. Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.
- 5.3 Release by State of California and PAGA Group Members: Plaintiff on behalf of the State of California and all PAGA Group Members, including those who timely and effectively exclude themselves from the Released Class Claims, shall nevertheless be bound by the Released PAGA Claims. The State of California and all PAGA Group Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release the Released Parties from all claims for civil penalties under PAGA that were alleged, or could have been alleged, in the Action, based on the allegations asserted in the Operative Complaint or the PAGA Notice or based on any facts discovered in the course of litigating the Action. The Released PAGA Claims include all claims for civil penalties alleged in the Operative Complaint or the PAGA Notice, including unpaid wages, failure to pay minimum wages, straight time compensation, overtime compensation, double-

time compensation and interest; the calculation of the regular rate of pay; failure to pay wages at least twice each calendar month; failure to timely pay wages; failure to timely pay final wages; non-compliant (e.g., missed, short, late and/or interrupted) meal periods and rest periods; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest periods; the calculation and payment of meal period and rest period premiums; payment for all hours worked, including off-the-clock work and rounded time; wage statements; deductions; failure to keep accurate records; and/or withholdings from wages; failure to furnish accurate, itemized wage statements; unfair business practices; failure to pay sick wages; and attorneys' fees and costs. The Released PAGA Claims include claims for violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204 *et seq.*, 210, 218, 221, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246 *et seq.*, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and 2698 *et seq.*; and the Wage Orders of the California Industrial Welfare Commission. The Released PAGA Claims apply to the entirety of the PAGA Period.

5.4 Defendant's Release. Excepting only the obligations undertaken by the Parties in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, and in consideration of this Agreement, and for the Gross Settlement Amount referred to above, Defendant, on behalf of itself its and their predecessors, successors, assigns, owners, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, subcontractors, attorneys and representatives, whether previously or hereinafter affiliated in any manner (collectively, the "Defendant Released Parties"), hereby fully and forever waives, releases, acquits, relieves and discharges Plaintiff from any and all known and unknown claims, rights, actions, complaints, demands, causes of action, charges, obligations, promises, contracts, rewards, agreements, controversies, suits, debts, expenses, damages, statutory penalties, civil penalties, attorneys' fees, costs, losses, and liabilities of any nature whatsoever, whether or not now known, suspected or claimed, matured or unmatured, fixed or contingent, which Defendant Released Parties ever had, now has, or may claim to have, from the beginning of time to the moment she signs this Agreement, by reason of any act, event or omission concerning any matter, cause or thing, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) any claims arising out of, or in connection with, Plaintiff's employment with Defendant or the cessation of that employment; (ii) any claims for common law or statutory torts; (iii) any claims based on, arising under, or pursuant to any federal, state, or governmental constitution, statute, regulation or ordinance, including, without limitation, any claims based on, arising under, or pursuant to any contracts or agreements, oral or written, express or implied, between Plaintiff and any of the Defendant Released Parties, including any employment agreement; equitable relief, injunctive relief, reinstatement, declaratory relief, attorney's fees, costs, restitution, punitive damages, penalties of any nature whatsoever, or any benefit claimed on account of the allegations asserted in the Action.

6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** Plaintiff agrees to prepare and file all documents necessary to support a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval").

- 6.1 Defendant's Declaration in Support of Preliminary Approval. Within 21 calendar days of the full execution of this Agreement, Defendant will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed declaration disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. Defense Counsel and Defendant shall further aver that they are not aware of any filed lawsuits asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.
- 6.2 Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice and memorandum in support of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (s)(2); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members or the Administrator and further averring that he is not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement; (vi) a signed declaration from Class Counsel attesting to their competency to represent the Class Members; their timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents, the Operative Complaint, and this Agreement and all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members or the Administrator; that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement; Plaintiff's Counsel has final authority to accept/reject Defense Counsel's proposals to any of the documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval.
- 6.3 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel is responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 calendar days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.
- 6.4 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will

expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by telephone and in good faith to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Plaintiff proposed Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for the payment of Administration Expenses. Defendant consents to the appointment of Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions to serve as the Administrator. The Administrator's duties will include preparing, printing, and mailing the Class Notice Packet to all Class Members; conducting a National Change of Address search to update Class Member addresses before mailing the Class Notice Packets; re-mailing Class Notice Packets that are returned to the Class Member's new address; setting up a toll-free telephone number and email and a fax number to receive communications from Class Members; receiving and reviewing for validity completed Requests for Exclusion; providing the Parties with weekly status reports about the delivery of Class Notice Packets and receipt of Requests for Exclusion, objections and disputes; calculating Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments; issuing the checks to effectuate the payments due under the Settlement; issuing the tax reports required under this Settlement; and otherwise administering the Settlement pursuant to this Agreement. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4 Notice to Class Members.
- 7.4.1 Not later than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, PAGA Group Members, Workweeks, and PAGA Pay Periods in the Class Data.
- 7.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 calendar days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class USPS mail, the Class Notice substantially in the form attached to this

Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.

- 7.4.3 Not later than three (3) business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.
- 7.4.4 The deadline for Class Members' written objections, challenges to Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 calendar days beyond the 60 calendar days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class notice.
- 7.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendant, or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 calendar days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, which ever are later.

7.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

- 7.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 45 calendar days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 calendar days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and

email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.

7.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraph 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are PAGA Group Members are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. PAGA Group Members are unable to exclude themselves from the PAGA Settlement, even if they have excluded themselves from the Class Settlement and, thus, are Non-Participating Class Members.

7.6 Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods. Each Class Member and PAGA Group Member shall have 45 calendar days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 calendar days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated in the Class Notice. The Class Member or PAGA Group Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member or PAGA Group Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct, so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of allocations of Workweeks and

each PAGA Group Member's allocation of PAGA Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination of the challenges.

7.7 Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement and the amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 45 calendar days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 calendar days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement. If a Class Member submits both a Request for Exclusion and an objection, only the Request for Exclusion will be accepted, and the objection will be void. PAGA Group Members are unable to object to the PAGA Settlement, regardless of whether they are Participating Class Members or Non-Participating Class Members.

7.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

7.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish, maintain, and use a website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval, and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

- 7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than five (5) calendar days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; and (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion submitted (whether valid or invalid).
- 7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.
- 7.8.4 Workweek and/or PAGA Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or PAGA Group Member challenges over the calculation of PAGA Pay Periods. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.8.5 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than 14 calendar days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion it received (both valid or invalid), and the number of written objections. The declaration shall attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator’s declaration(s) in Court.
- 7.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 calendar days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number

only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least fifteen (15) calendar days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. **DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds ten (10) Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated to, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio and have no force or effect whatsoever, and neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than seven (7) calendar days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
9. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (I), a proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than seven (7) days before filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval. Plaintiff's Counsel has final authority to accept/reject Defense Counsel's proposals to any of the documents necessary for obtaining Final Approval.
 - 9.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days before the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
 - 9.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of the Release by Participating Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administration Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.
 - 9.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the

Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law, in accordance with CCP section 664.6.

- 9.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs, or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final.
- 9.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the appellate court vacates, reverses or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of the Release by Participating Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional administration expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.
10. **AMENDED JUDGMENT.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit a proposed amended judgment.
11. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**
- 11.1 No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint or the PAGA Notice have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor is it intended or should be construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If for any reason the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval, grant Final Approval, or enter Judgment, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reason, Defendant reserves all

available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement, and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

- 11.2 Confidentiality Before Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate, publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) to counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, with any third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 11.3 No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 11.4 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 11.5 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.

- 11.6 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement and submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 11.7 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered or purported to assign, transfer or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 11.8 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 11.9 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives and approved by the Court.
- 11.10 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 11.11 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 11.12 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in drafting and preparing this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 11.13 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made and orders entered during the Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 11.14 Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Evidence Code section 1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement and for no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute or the California Rules of Court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Class Data

received from Defendant unless, before the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendant makes a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destruction, of Class Data.

- 11.15 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 11.16 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all references to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 11.17 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

To Plaintiff:

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- 11.18 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e., DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

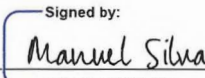
11.19 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under Code of Civil Procedure section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

EXECUTION BY PARTIES

Dated: 6/30/26


Gerardo F. Garcia - Plaintiff

Dated: 6/16/2026

Signed by:

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For Defendant Silva Dairy Farms

Name: Manuel Silva

Title: Owner

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Dated: 7/6/2026

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Dated: 6/16/2026


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EXHIBIT A

**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND
HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

Garcia v. Silva Dairy Farms, Case No. 25CV-04721

The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully! It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit ("Action") against Silva Dairy Farms ("Defendant") for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former employee of Defendant Gerardo Garcia ("Plaintiff") and seeks payment of (1) back wages and other relief for a class of hourly, non-exempt individuals employed by Defendant from August 2021, to and including May 20, 2026 (the "Class Period"); and (2) penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA") for all hourly, non-exempt individuals employed by Defendant ("Aggrieved Employees") from July 9, 2024, to and including May 20, 2026 (the "PAGA Period").

The proposed settlement has two main parts: (1) a class settlement requiring Defendant to fund individual class payments, and (2) a PAGA settlement requiring Defendant to fund individual PAGA payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

Based on Defendant's records, and the parties' current assumptions, **your individual class payment is estimated to be \$ _____ (less withholding) and your individual PAGA payment is estimated to be \$ _____**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. If no amount is stated for your individual PAGA payment, then according to Defendant's records you are not eligible for an individual PAGA payment under the settlement because you did not work during the PAGA Period.

The above estimates are based on Defendant's records showing that **you worked _ workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked ___ pay periods** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks during the Class Period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section IV of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed settlement and approved this notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not. Read this notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the final approval hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the settlement and how much of the settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorneys ("Class Counsel"). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the settlement:

(1) **Do Nothing.** You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed settlement or to be eligible for an individual class payment and/or an individual PAGA payment. As a participating class member, though, you will give up your right to assert certain claims against Defendant.

(2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the class settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written request for exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the settlement, you will not receive an individual class payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue certain wage claims against Defendant. If you are an Aggrieved Employee, you will remain eligible for an individual PAGA payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed settlement.

Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an individual class payment and an individual PAGA payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendant that are covered by this settlement ("Released Claims").
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed settlement, you can opt-out of the class settlement by sending the Administrator a written request for exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an individual class payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed settlement. See Section VI of this notice.
The Opt-out Deadline is _____	You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed settlement. Defendant must pay individual PAGA payments to all Aggrieved Employees, and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members.
Written Objections Must be Submitted by _____	You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section VII of this notice.
You Can Participate in the _____ Final Approval Hearing	The Court's final approval hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You are not required to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual

	appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the settlement at the final approval hearing. See Section VIII of this notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods	The amount of your individual class payment and individual PAGA payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many pay periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively.
Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____	The number of workweeks and pay periods you worked according to Defendant's records is stated on the first page of this notice. If you disagree with the number of Class Period workweeks, you must challenge it by _____. See Section IV of this notice.

I. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former Defendant employee. The Action accuses Defendant of violating California labor laws by failing to pay all wages, including overtime wages and wages due upon termination, failing to provide meal periods, rest breaks and accurate itemized wage statements, and failing to maintain accurate employment records. Based on the same allegations, Plaintiff also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Lab. Code, §§ 2698, *et seq.*). Plaintiff is represented by Kevin Mahoney and John A. Young of Mahoney Law Group, APC.

Defendant strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages. Defendant contends it complied with all applicable laws.

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

So far the Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an agreement (i.e., settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a settlement agreement and agreeing to ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed settlement that is subject to the Court's final approval.

Both sides agree the proposed settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims. Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine final approval.

III. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. Defendant Will Pay \$160,000.00 as the Gross Settlement Amount (“Gross Settlement”).

Defendant has agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the individual class payments, individual PAGA payments, a class representative service payment, Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees and expenses, the Administrator’s expenses, and penalties to be paid to the LWDA. Assuming the Court grants final approval, Defendant will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 14 days after the judgment entered by the Court becomes final. The judgment will be final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members object(s) to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or (c) if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.

2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the final approval hearing, Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court:

A. Up to \$53,333.33 (33% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees and up to \$20,000.00 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.

B. Up to \$10,000.00 to Plaintiff as a class representative award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A class representative award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff’s individual class payment and any individual PAGA payment.

C. Up to \$5,000.00 to the Administrator for services administering the settlement.

D. Up to \$10,000.00 for PAGA penalties, allocated 65% to the LWDA and 35% to individual PAGA payments to Aggrieved Employees based on their pay periods during the PAGA Period. Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions except the PAGA penalties. The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the “Net Settlement”) by making individual class payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period workweeks.

4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 20% of each individual class payment to taxable wages (“Wage Portion”) and 80% of each individual class payment for interest and penalties (“Non-Wage Portion”). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. The Administrator will calculate the employer payroll taxes for the Wage Portion. The individual PAGA payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the individual PAGA payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the individual class payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any payments received from the proposed settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for individual class payments and individual PAGA payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If the monies represented by your check is sent to the Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund, you should consult the rules of the fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the class settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than 45 calendar days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed request for exclusion by the _____ response deadline. The request for exclusion should be a letter from the Class Member or Class Member's representative setting forth the Class Member's name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the settlement. Class Members who opt out will not receive individual class payments but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against Defendant.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the settlement. Class Members who opt out of the class settlement remain eligible for individual PAGA payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendant based on the facts alleged in the Action.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will not grant final approval of the settlement or not enter a judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the settlement will be void, Defendant will not pay any money, and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant.

8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions (the "Administrator") to send this notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members' requests for exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member challenges over workweeks and pay periods, mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the settlement. The Administrator's contact information is contained in Section IX of this notice.

9. Participating Class Members' Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the settlement. This means that unless you opted out

by validly excluding yourself from the class settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall fully and finally release the Released Parties of the “Released Class Claims.” The “Released Class Claims” means all claims that were alleged, or could have been alleged, in the Operative Complaint or that could have been raised in the Operative Complaint based on the facts alleged in the Operative Complaint or based on any facts discovered in the course of litigating the Action. The Released Class Claims include all claims for unpaid wages, including failure to pay minimum wages, straight time compensation, overtime compensation, double-time compensation and interest; the calculation of the regular rate of pay; failure to pay wages at least twice each calendar month; failure to timely pay wages; failure to timely pay final wages; non-compliant (e.g., missed, short, late and/or interrupted) meal periods and rest periods; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest periods; the calculation and payment of meal period and rest period premiums; payment for all hours worked, including off-the-clock work and rounded time; wage statements; failure to keep accurate records; unlawful deductions and/or withholdings from wages; failure to furnish accurate, itemized wage statements; unfair business practices; including but not limited to, recordkeeping penalties, wage statement and payroll reporting penalties, minimum-wage penalties, and waiting-time penalties; and attorneys’ fees and costs. The Released Class Claims include all claims alleged in the Operative Complaint and arising under the Labor Code (including sections 201, 202, 203, 204 *et seq.*, 210, 218, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246 *et seq.*, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and 2698 *et seq.*); all claims arising under the California Code of Regulations or the Wage Orders of the California Industrial Welfare Commission which were, or could have been, alleged in the Operative Complaint; Business and Professions Code sections 17200 *et seq.*; and Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5. Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

10. Aggrieved Employees’ PAGA Release. After the Court’s judgment is final, and Defendant has paid the Gross Settlement, all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against Defendant, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the class settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue or participate in any other PAGA claim against Defendant or its related entities based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this settlement.

The Aggrieved Employees’ Release is as follows:

The State of California and all PAGA Group Members, including those who timely and effectively exclude themselves from the Released Class Claims, shall nevertheless be bound by the Released PAGA Claims. The State of California and all PAGA Group Members, on behalf of

themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release the Released Parties from all claims for civil penalties under PAGA that were alleged, or could have been alleged, in the Action, based on the allegations asserted in the Operative Complaint or the PAGA Notice or based on any facts discovered in the course of litigating the Action. The Released PAGA Claims include all claims for civil penalties alleged in the Operative Complaint or the PAGA Notice, including unpaid wages, failure to pay minimum wages, straight time compensation, overtime compensation, double-time compensation and interest; the calculation of the regular rate of pay; failure to pay wages at least twice each calendar month; failure to timely pay wages; failure to timely pay final wages; non-compliant (e.g., missed, short, late and/or interrupted) meal periods and rest periods; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest periods; the calculation and payment of meal period and rest period premiums; payment for all hours worked, including off-the-clock work and rounded time; wage statements; deductions; failure to keep accurate records; and/or withholdings from wages; failure to furnish accurate, itemized wage statements; unfair business practices; failure to pay sick wages; and attorneys' fees and costs. The Released PAGA Claims include claims for violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204 *et seq.*, 210, 218, 221, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246 *et seq.*, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and 2698 *et seq.*; and the Wage Orders of the California Industrial Welfare Commission. The Released PAGA Claims apply to the entirety of the PAGA Period.

IV. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate individual class payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period, and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.
2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate individual PAGA payment by (a) the amount of the PAGA Group Members' 35% share of PAGA Penalties (\$3,500.00) by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods by all PAGA Group Members during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each PAGA Group Members' PAGA Pay Periods.
3. Workweek Challenges. Each Class Member and PAGA Group Member shall have 45 calendar days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 calendar days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated in the Class Notice. The Class Member or PAGA Group Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email, or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member or PAGA Group Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct, so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of allocations of Workweeks and each PAGA Group Member's allocation of PAGA Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination of the challenges.

V. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Class Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all PAGA Group Members, including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as PAGA Group Members, and including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered. The Administrator may send Participating Class Members who are also PAGA Group Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.
2. Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single individual PAGA payment check to every eligible Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the class settlement.

Your check will be sent to the same address as this notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section IX of this notice has the Administrator's contact information.

VI. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 45 calendar days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 calendar days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address, and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.

VII. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement and the amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 45 calendar days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 calendar days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

VIII. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but do not have to, attend the final approval hearing on _____ at _____ a.m./p.m. in Department 8 of the Merced Superior Court, located at 627 W. 21st Street, Merced, CA 95349. At the hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant final approval of the settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and defense counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via <https://www.merced.courts.ca.gov/remote-appearances>. Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the final approval hearing. You should check the Administrator's website beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the final approval hearing.

IX. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The settlement agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed settlement. The easiest way to read the settlement agreement, the judgment or any other settlement documents is to go to the Administrator's website at _____. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to (<https://jportal.mercedcourt.org/MERCEDPUBLIC/Home/Dashboard/29>) and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. 25CV-04721.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT

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X. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void, you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

XI. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address