

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF TULARE**

<p>Estes, Jeremy Lee Plaintiff/Petitioner,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>Cheema Transport, Inc. Defendant/Respondent.</p>	<p>Jud. Officer: Bret Hillman Clerk: Mark Dimas Bailliff: S Chapman CSR: Tamara Sumpter Interpreter: Language:</p>
<p>Minutes: Motion Hearing Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement</p> <p>Date: December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Case No. VCU289306 Department 02</p> <p>Related Cases:</p>

Appearances: No Appearances

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Case called at 08:42 AM.

Motion: Continued Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement

No requests for oral argument presented.

ORDER: The Court adopts the Tentative Ruling as the Order of the Court as follows:

TENTATIVE RULING: To grant the motion; to set the motion for final approval hearing on **June 24, 2025 8:30 am**, Department 2.

Facts

The Court previously continued this hearing to permit supplemental declarations as to information to calculate the lodestar attorney fee figure and the presently incurred costs.

On December 17, 2024, Plaintiff filed supplemental declaration addressing these issues.

Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Attorneys' fees of 33.3% of the gross settlement fund of \$100,000 or \$33,333.33 and costs not to exceed \$15,000 are sought by Plaintiff's counsel.

Counsel has utilized the percentage of common fund methodology as well as provided adequate lodestar information to evaluate the reasonableness of the fee request.

Here, Counsel indicates 90.7 hours incurred at rates ranging from \$950 to 400, creating a base lodestar of \$60,695. Based on the lodestar figure, the requested fees of \$33,333.33 are approved. Counsel has also provided the current costs expended in amounts of \$11,827.95. The Court preliminarily approves costs not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Plaintiff's deductions from the gross settlement of \$100,000 are approved as follows:

Preliminarily Approved Attorney Fees (33.3%):	\$33,333.33
Preliminarily Approved Costs (up to):	\$15,000
Preliminarily Approved Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff:	\$5,000
Preliminarily Approved Settlement Administrator Costs	\$7,990
Preliminarily Approved Total PAGA Payment	\$10,000
Preliminarily Approved Net Settlement Amount	\$28,676.67

Accordingly, the motion to preliminarily approve the Class Action and PAGA settlement is granted. Motion for final approval is set for **June 24, 2025** 8:30 am, Department 2.

Clerk to provide notice to parties by mail.

12/31/2024

STEPHANIE CAMERON, CLERK
Mark Dimas, Deputy

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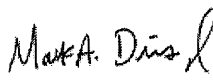
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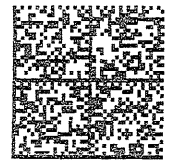
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