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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA **COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

DAVID ANTOINE DORSEY, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

ALL PHASE CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING, INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1 through 50,

Defendants.

Case No.: 34-2022-00317812

Assigned for All Purposes to the Honorable Jill Talley, Dept. 23

<del>-{PROPOSED}-</del>ORDER GRANTING **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY** APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND **PAGA SETTLEMENT** 

Hearing Date: October 10, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept: 23

Reservation No.: A-317812-001

Complaint Filed: April 1, 2022

Trial Date: Not set

## PROPOSEDI ORDER

The Motion of Plaintiff David Antoine Dorsey ("Plaintiff") for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement ("Motion") came regularly for hearing before this Court. The Court, having fully reviewed Plaintiff's Motion, the Points and Authorities and Declarations filed in support thereof, the Parties' Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement ("Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement") attached as **Exhibit 1** to the Declaration of Heather Davis filed concurrently with the Motion, and the proposed Notice of Settlement ("Notice"), and in recognition of the Court's duty to make a preliminary determination as to the reasonableness of any proposed Class Actions settlement, and if preliminarily determined to be reasonable, to ensure proper notice is provided to Class Members in accordance with due process requirements; and to conduct a Final Approval hearing as to the good faith, fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of any proposed settlement, THE COURT HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATIONS AND ORDERS:

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

All current and former non-exempt employees of Defendant All Phase Construction & Engineering, Inc., who performed work for Defendant All Phase Construction & Engineering, Inc., in the state of California at any time from April 1, 2018, and ending on August 5, 2024, and who did not previously enter into a settlement agreement with Defendant All Phase Construction & Engineering, Inc., regarding the claims alleged in the operative complaint in the matter titled *David Antoine Dorsey v. All Phase Construction & Engineering, Inc.*, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2022-00317812.

2. For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court designates Plaintiff David Antoine

Dorsey as the Class Representative and designates Protection Law Group, LLP, as Class Counsel.

- 3. The Court designates Apex Class Action, LLC, as the third-party Settlement Administrator.
- 4. The Parties are ordered to implement the Settlement according to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- 5. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Court Approved Notice of Class and PAGA Action Settlement ("Class Notice") attached as **Exhibit A** to the Settlement Agreement.
- 6. The Court finds that the form of notice to the Class regarding the pendency of the Action and of the Settlement, the dates selected for mailing and distribution, and the methods of giving notice to members of the Class, satisfy the requirements of due process, constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute valid, due, and sufficient notice to all members of the Class. The form and method of giving notice complies fully with the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, California Civil Code § 1781, California Rules of Court §§ 3.766 and 3.769, the California and United States Constitutions, and other applicable law.
- 7. The Court further approves the procedures for Class Members to opt-out of or object to the Settlement, as set forth in the Class Notice and the Settlement Agreement. The procedures and requirements for filing objections in connection with the final fairness hearing are intended to ensure the efficient administration of justice and the orderly presentation of any Class Member's objection to the Settlement, in accordance with the due process rights of all Class Members.
- 8. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of the issuance of this Order, Defendant shall provide the Settlement Administrator with the Class List containing the Class Member information specified in the Settlement Agreement.
- 9. Within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the Class List from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator shall mail the Class Notice to the members of the Class in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

- 10. The hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Settlement on the question of whether the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate is scheduled in Department 23 of this Court, located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, California 95814, on \_\_\_\_ T && @Â ÉCEG Á \_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_ J \_\_a.m. / p.m.
- 11. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will consider: (a) whether the Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate for the Class; (b) whether a judgment granting final approval of the Settlement should be entered; and (c) whether Plaintiff's application for an incentive payment, settlement administration costs, and Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs, should be granted.
- 12. Counsel for the Parties shall file memoranda, declarations, or other statements and materials in support of their request for final approval of Plaintiff's application for service payments, settlement administration costs, Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs, prior to the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Settlement according to the time limits set by the Code of Civil Procedure and the California Rules of Court.
  - 13. An implementation schedule is below:

Event	Date
Defendant to provide the Class List to the Settlement	
Administrator no later than:	[14 calendar days following
	preliminary approval]
Settlement Administrator to mail the Class Notice to the	
Class Members no later than:	[7 calendar days following
	provision of contact
	information]
Deadline for Class Members to submit disputes, request	
exclusion from, or object to the Settlement:	[60 calendar days after mailing
	of the Class Notice]