

Dept. 21

**STANISLAUS COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF
CALIFORNIA**

12/17/2025

**John R Mayne
JUDGE**

Motion: Other Pre-Disposition

Stacey Fairchilds
Clerk

GOMES, RAYMOND vs
TURLOCK SCAVENGER
COMPANY

Case No. CV-24-000513

APPEARANCES:

SVETLANA HOVHANNISY, Esq. present via VCourt, on behalf of RAYMOND GOMES
JILL JOHNSON, Esq. present via VCourt, on behalf of TURLOCK SCAVENGER
COMPANY, TURLOCK RECYCLING, TURLOCK TRANSFER INC

This matter is regularly called for hearing.

There being no request for a hearing, the Court confirms the tentative ruling as follows:

Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement –
GRANTED.

The Court has reviewed the operative First Amended Complaint ("FAC") pleads eight causes of action on behalf of putative classes, subclasses, and aggrieved employees under PAGA, including claims for missed meal and rest periods, unpaid straight-time and overtime wages, improper sick pay calculations, inaccurate wage statements, untimely payment of final wages, unfair competition, and civil penalties under PAGA.

The gross settlement amount is \$750,000.00, non-reversionary, subject to Court-approved deductions including attorney fees of \$250,000, administrative expenses of no more than \$6,500, PAGA penalties of \$20,000 of which \$15,000 will be sent to the LWDA, and a class representative payment of \$5,000.

The Court views the deductions as reasonable given the nature of the litigation.

Net settlement funds will be distributed pro rata based on workweeks. PAGA penalties will be allocated consistent with statute.

The Court provisionally certifies the settlement class for settlement purposes only, appoints Plaintiff Raymond Gomes as Class Representative, appoints Class Counsel as settlement class counsel, and appoints Apex Class Action LLC as Settlement Administrator.

The Court preliminarily approves the proposed settlement, subject to final approval.

The Court approves the form and manner of the proposed Class Notice and directs the Settlement Administrator to mail notice consistent with the schedule set forth in the proposed order.

MINUTE ORDER

Defendant shall provide class data to the Settlement Administrator within 15 days of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order. The Settlement Administrator shall mail notice within 14 days of receipt of the class data. Class Members shall have 45 days from the initial mailing to submit requests for exclusion, objections, or challenges, with a 14-day extension for re-mailed notices. This matter is set/continued to **April 16, 2026, at 8:30 AM in Dept. 21** for Motion: Other Pre-Disposition .

Plaintiff shall file moving papers in support of final approval no later than 16 court days before the hearing.

Discovery and other pre-trial proceedings are stayed pending the Final Approval Hearing, except as necessary to implement the settlement and this order.