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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO

MARIAN D. JONES, individually and on
behalf of others similarly situated, and as an
aggrieved employee and Private Attorney
General,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVIS FOOD COOPERATIVE, INC., a
California corporation; and DOES 1 through
50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: CV2022-0779

Assigned for All Purposes to: Dept. 13

~~PROPOSED~~ **ORDER GRANTING
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL**

Complaint Filed: May 13, 2022

FAC Filed: May 19, 2023

Jury Trial Date: None Set

[PROPOSED] ORDER

The Motion of Plaintiff Marian D. Jones ("Plaintiff") for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement ("Motion") came regularly for hearing before this Court. The Court, having considered the proposed Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement attached as Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of Heather Davis filed concurrently with the Motion (collectively "Settlement Agreement" or "Settlement"); having considered Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement, memorandum of points and authorities in support thereof, and supporting declaration filed therewith; and good cause appearing, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

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 Davis Food Cooperative ("Defendant") who were employed by Defendant in the State of California at any time from May 13, 2018, through March 31, 2025.

2. For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court designates Plaintiff Marian D. Jones 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 proposed Notice of Proposed Class and Representative Action Settlement ("Notice"), attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit A.

1 6. The Court finds that the form of notice to the Class regarding the pendency of the
2 action and of the Settlement, the dates selected for mailing and distribution, and the methods of
3 giving notice to members of the Class, satisfy the requirements of due process, constitute the best
4 notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute valid, due, and sufficient notice to all
5 members of the Class. The form and method of giving notice complies fully with the requirements
6 of California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, California Civil Code § 1781, California Rules of
7 Court §§ 3.766 and 3.769, the California and United States Constitutions, and other applicable
8 law.

9 7. The Court further approves the procedures for Class Members to opt-out of or
10 object to the Settlement, as set forth in the Notice and the Settlement Agreement. The procedures
11 and requirements for filing objections in connection with the final fairness hearing are intended to
12 ensure the efficient administration of justice and the orderly presentation of any Class Member's
13 objection to the Settlement, in accordance with the due process rights of all Class Members.

14 8. The Court directs the Settlement Administrator to mail the Notice to the members
15 of the Class in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

16 9. The Notice shall provide 60 calendar days' notice (plus an additional 15 days for
17 Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) for Class Members to submit disputes, opt-out
18 of, or object to the Settlement.

19 10. The hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Settlement on the question
20 of whether the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate is scheduled
21 in Department 13 of this Court, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695, on

22 Jan. 14, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. Dept. 13

23 11. At the Final Fairness hearing, the Court will consider: (a) whether the Settlement
24 should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate for the Class; (b) whether a judgment granting
25 final approval of the Settlement should be entered; and (c) whether Plaintiff's application for a
26 service payment, settlement administration costs, and Class Counsel's attorney's fees and costs,
27 should be granted.
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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 a service payment, 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:

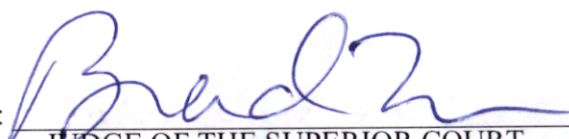
Event	Date
Defendant to provide class contact information to Settlement Administrator no later than:	[14 days following preliminary approval]
Settlement Administrator to mail the Notice to the Class no later than:	[14 days following provision of contact information]
Deadline for Class Members to submit disputes, request exclusion from, or object to the Settlement:	[60 days after mailing of the Notice]
Deadline for Plaintiff to file Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement:	[16 court days before the Final Approval Hearing]
Hearing on Motion for Final Approval of Settlement [suggested hearing date January 11, 2027]	<u>Jan. 14, 2027</u>

14. Pending the Final Fairness hearing, all proceedings in this action, other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Settlement and this Order, are stayed.

15. Counsel for the parties are hereby authorized to utilize all reasonable procedures in connection with the administration of the Settlement which are not materially inconsistent with either this Order or the terms of the Settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 8/20/2026

By: 
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
E. Bradley Nelson