

Tentative Rulings for July 14, 2026

Department 1

**To request oral argument, you must notify Judicial Secretary
Crystal Marias at (760) 904-5722
and inform all other counsel no later than 4:30 p.m.**

This court follows California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1308 (a) (1) for tentative rulings (see Riverside Superior Court Local Rule 3316). Tentative Rulings for each law & motion matter are posted on the Internet by 3:00 p.m. on the court day immediately before the hearing at [Riverside Superior Court-Tentative Rulings](#). If you do not have Internet access, you may obtain the tentative ruling by telephone at (760) 904-5722.

To request oral argument, no later than 4:30 p.m. on the court day before the hearing you must (1) notify the judicial secretary for Department 1 at (760) 904-5722 and (2) inform all other parties of the request and of their need to appear remotely, as stated below. If no request for oral argument is made by 4:30 p.m., the tentative ruling **will become the final ruling** on the matter effective the date of the hearing. **UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PREVAILING PARTY IS TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE RULING.**

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- Call-in Numbers: 1-833-568-8864 (Toll Free), 1-669-254-5252,
1-669-216-1590, 1-551-285-1373 or 1-646-828-7666
- Meeting Number: **160 638 4172**

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1.

CASE #	CASE NAME	HEARING NAME
CVRI2401902	VILLELA vs SUPERIOR PAVING COMPANY, INC.	MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Tentative Ruling: Appearances requested to discuss:

1. Confirm that defense counsel is not aware of any other cases making similar class, collective, or representative claims (after reasonable inquiry).
2. Revise proposed order to attach to the notice the opt out and objection forms, to require the notice to be accompanied by those forms, and to require administrator to submit declaration with motion for final approval authenticating any forms returned. Add to proposed order that notice will be sent by first class mail.
3. Add to notice the full date and title of the document to which the settlement agreement is attached and the court's street address.

2.

CASE #	CASE NAME	HEARING NAME
CVRI2402711	SESSION vs RAMONA REHABILITATION AND POST ACUTE CARE, INC.	MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Tentative Ruling: Appearances requested to discuss:

1. No declaration from defense counsel as required by the CMO. Is counsel aware of any other cases making similar class, collective or representative claims (after reasonable inquiry)?
2. Was there a bidding process to select Apex as the settlement administrator and was it the low bidder?
3. Definition of released parties is broader than the CMO—anyone in particular we should be sure is specifically named?
4. Definition of released claims includes “were or could have been alleged”—are there any claims that were not alleged that should be alleged in the complaint?
5. Revise proposed order to include all of the administrator's duties. Add that administrator will redact any portion of SSNs on any forms filed with the motion for final approval.
6. Should we consolidate the PAGA case or amend the complaint in this case to include PAGA claim?

3.

CASE #	CASE NAME	HEARING NAME
CVRI2505209	HERNANDEZ vs ARMINAK SOLUTIONS, LLC	MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Tentative Ruling: Appearances requested to discuss:

1. Confirm that settlement agreement was sent to the LWDA.
2. Revise notice to include full title and date of filing of the document to which the settlement agreement is attached (page 5).
3. Add to opt out and objection forms the full name and mailing address of the administrator and the date by which they must be received.
4. Date for hearing of motion for final approval.
5. Why aren't we just sending the full notice to everyone? Why must they request one (and fill out a W-9)?

4.

CASE #	CASE NAME	HEARING NAME
CVRI2601658	SAINTE-CLAIRE vs OLIVE CREST	MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION OF PLAINTIFF'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS, DISMISS CLASS CLAIMS, AND STAY ACTION PENDING COMPLETION OF ARBITRATION; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF

Tentative Ruling: Appearances requested to discuss unconscionability defense.

5.

CASE #	CASE NAME	HEARING NAME
RIC2002386	FITZGIBBONS vs CHAUDHURI	MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER DENYING CLASS CERTIFICATION

Tentative Ruling: No tentative ruling, appearances requested.