



Superior Court of California  
County of Kern  
Bakersfield Department 17

Hearing Date: 06/27/2024

Time: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

BLACKWELL VS COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSIP OF KERN.

BCV-20-103035

Honorable: Thomas S. Clark

Clerk: Linda K. Hall

Court Reporter: Vienna Nguyen

Bailiff: Deputy Sheriff

Interpreter: Language Of:

**PARTIES:**

**Present:**

BLACKWELL, REGINA RENEE Plaintiff, Not Present      HERNANDEZ, JULIETA Attorney, Present

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF KERN Defendant, Not Present      FRANCO CHAVEZ, O VANESSA Attorney, Present

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSIP OF KERN, A CORPORATION Defendant, Not Present      FRANCO CHAVEZ, O VANESSA Attorney, Present

**Not Present:**

REGINA RENEE BLACKWELL, ON BEHALF OF OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED Plaintiff      MATERN, MATTHEW J Attorney

**NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: MOTION (PRE-DISPOSITION) FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL AND CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

Hearing Start Time: 8:58 AM

The above-entitled cause came on regularly on this date and time with parties and/or counsel appearing as reflected above.

The Court appoints Vienna Nguyen from the Pro Tempore list as the Official Court Reporter for Preliminary Approval. Oath on file.

Counsel Julieta Hernandez appeared via audio/video communication on behalf of Plaintiff(s).

Counsel O Vanessa Franco Chavez appeared via audio/video communication on behalf of Defendant.

No opposition filed.

Submitted on the pleadings.

The Court makes the following findings and orders:

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Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval - Granted.

Plaintiff Regina Renee Blackwell moves the court for entry of an order preliminarily approving the class action and PAGA settlement reached. The moving papers offer that a copy of the proposed settlement and information regarding the preliminary approval hearing were submitted to the LWDA via online submission. The settlement was reached through mediation and the key settlement terms are as follows:

Estimated number of class members: approximately 2173 individuals;

Gross settlement amount: \$412,500 on an all-inclusive, non-reversionary basis;

Settlement administration costs: not to exceed \$21,000;

Requested class representative service payments: \$7,500 to Plaintiff Blackwell;

Requested attorney's fees and costs: \$137,500 (one-third of the gross settlement amount), plus costs not to exceed \$25,000;

PAGA penalties: \$20,000, 75% (\$15,000) of which will be paid to the LWDA, with the remaining 25% (\$5,000) paid to Aggrieved Employees;

Estimated Net Settlement Amount: \$201,500.00.

Order signed as modified and endorsed copy emailed to counsel by clerk.

Plaintiff's Final Approval hearing on Class Action settlement set for 12/06/2024, at 8:30 a.m., n Department 17.

Case management conference continued to 12/06/2024, at 8:15 a.m., in department 17. (Will be called at 8:30 a.m. with Motion)

Further notice waived.

**FUTURE HEARINGS:**

December 06, 2024 8:15 AM Case Status Conference

Clark, Thomas S.

Bakersfield Department 17 located at 1415 Truxtun Avenue

Sheriff, Deputy

December 06, 2024 8:30 AM Final Approval Hearing on Class Action Settlement

Clark, Thomas S.

Bakersfield Department 17 located at 1415 Truxtun Avenue

Sheriff, Deputy

None, .

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MINUTES FINALIZED BY: LINDA HALL

ON: 6/27/2024