

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED**

2260 N Street, Merced
627 W. 21st Street, Merced
1159 G Street, Los Banos

Monday, October 27, 2025

Tentative rulings are provided for the following courtrooms and assigned Judicial Officers with scheduled civil matters:

Courtroom 8 – Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson

Courtroom 9 – Commissioner David Foster

Courtroom 12 – Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble

Courtroom 13 – Hon. Ashley Albertoni Sausser

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The tentative rulings for specific calendars follow:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Civil Law and Motion Tentative Rulings
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Monday, October 27, 2025
8:15 a.m.

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Case No.	Title / Description
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21CV-00243	Wendy Priest vs Hilario Garcia et al.
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Motion to Compel Further Responses to Requests for Production of Documents, Set Two, From Defendant B5 Merced, LLC

Motion to Compel Further Responses to Requests for Production of Documents, Set Two, From Defendant NF Merced- Conn LLC

Motion to Compel Further Responses to Requests for Production of Documents, Set Two, From Defendant NF Merced- LH LLC

All three motions to compel are CONTINUED ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION to November 12, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8.

Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal

Order to Show Cause Re: Sanctions (Plaintiff)

Appearance required.

Plaintiff has not appeared in this matter since March 4, 2025, at which time a motion to be relieved as counsel was granted by this Court as to Natalee Fisher, Esq. of B&D Law Group. A proof of service of that order on Plaintiff, Joanna Hodges, was filed by withdrawing counsel on March 25, 2025, indicating service by mail on March 14, 2025. On June 11, 2025, a case management conference statement was filed by attorney, Gilda Pashai, Esq., also of B&D Law Group, requesting a jury trial and proposing available dates. No substitution of counsel was filed with the court. At the case management conference on June 23, 2025, Gilda Pashai made no appearance and has not appeared at a hearing since. All prior notices of hearing for this Court's orders to show cause for non-appearance have been mailed by the clerk's office to attorney, Gilda Pashai, pursuant to the representations in the statement filed June 11, 2025.

No notices have been sent directly to the Plaintiff for the hearings set on June 23, 2025, July 28, 2025, or August 29, 2025. Defendant's counsel has appeared at the most recent hearings.

Accordingly, and in light of the confusing history of representation as to Plaintiff, if there is no appearance by Plaintiff, this matter will be continued with notice to Plaintiff directly.

Motion for Leave to File First Amended Answer

Defendants' motion for leave to file first amended answer is DENIED.

Defendants have not adequately explained the delay in seeking leave to file an amended answer to add additional affirmative defenses, especially in light of their assertion that "the facts underlying these defenses have been known to all parties since the outset of the case." (Def. Motion 7:16-17)

Even ignoring the unsupported assertion in the moving papers, counsel's declaration at paragraphs 4 and 5 demonstrates that the information could have been or was known to Defendants on or before November of 2024. (Cameron Decl. ¶¶ 4-5.)

Defendants provide no explanation as to the delay in discovering the need to amend prior to November of 2024.

Unwarranted delay justifies denial of leave to amend. (*Miles v. City of Los Angeles* (2020) 56 Cal.App.5th 728, 739; see *Leader v. Health Industries of America, Inc.* (2001) 89 Cal.App.4th 603, 613 ["[t]he law is also clear that even if a good amendment is proposed in proper form, unwarranted delay in presenting it may—of itself—be a valid reason for denial." Citing *Roemer v. Retail Credit Co.* (1975) 44 Cal.App.3d 926, 939–940].)

23CV-01760

Adriana Munoz, et al. vs State Farm General Insurance Company

Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal

Plaintiffs failed to appear at a case management conference on April 7, 2025, when this matter was set for an order to show cause why the matter should not be dismissed for non-prosecution. A notice of hearing was sent by the civil clerk's office on April 28, 2025, to counsel for the defense, as well as prior counsel of record for Plaintiffs. The Court notes however, that a motion to be relieved as counsel was granted on September 20, 2024, effective upon service of notice of entry of the order. No proof of service of notice of entry of the order has been filed with this court, therefore the Court's prior order cannot be deemed effective.

If there are no appearances on behalf of the plaintiffs, the matter will be dismissed without prejudice for non-prosecution pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 581.

24CV-00385

Fire Insurance Exchange vs Tesla Motors, Inc.

Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal - Notice of Settlement

Appearance required.

25CV-02779

Victoria De Esquivel vs Farmers Insurance Exchange

Motion to Compel Discovery Responses and Request for Monetary Sanctions

Defendant's motion to compel responses to Form Interrogatories, Set 1, is GRANTED.

Plaintiff has failed to provide timely responses to Form Interrogatories, Set 1.

Objections are waived.

Plaintiff shall serve verified responses, without objections, within fifteen (15) days of the date of service of this order.

Defendant's motion to compel responses to Special Interrogatories, Set 1, is GRANTED.

Plaintiff has failed to provide timely responses to Special Interrogatories, Set 1.

Objections are waived.

Plaintiff shall serve verified responses, without objections, within fifteen (15) days of the date of service of this order.

Defendant's motion to compel responses to Request for Production, Set 1, is GRANTED.

Plaintiff has failed to provide timely responses to Request for Production, Set 1.

Objections are waived.

Plaintiff shall serve verified responses, without objections, within fifteen (15) days of the date of service of this order.

Defendant's motion to deem admitted the matters specified in the Requests for Admission, Set 1, is GRANTED.

Plaintiff failed to provide timely responses to Requests for Admission, Set 1.

The truth of the matters specified in Defendant's Requests for Admission, Set 1, are deemed admitted, unless Plaintiff serves, before the hearing, a proposed response to the requests for admission, that is in substantial compliance with Code of Civil Procedure § 2033.220.

Defendant's request for monetary sanctions is GRANTED.

However, the court finds the motion did not warrant ten (10) hours of work and finds it reasonable to reduce the requested amount to \$1,000.00.

Plaintiff is ordered to pay \$1,000.00 within thirty (30) days of this Court's order.

25CV-04764 Petition of: Alex Morales

Order to Show Cause Re: Name Change

Proof of publication having been filed, and the Court having completed its own background check and finding no grounds for denial, the petition for name change is GRANTED. The Court will sign the order lodged on September 8, 2025.

25CV-05230 Misty Price vs Jason Bennett

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. Proof of timely service on Respondent was filed October 8, 2025. Respondent filed a response on October 22, 2025, for which no proof of service on Petitioner has been filed.

25CV-05302 Guy Whitfield vs Daniel Ramirez

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. There is no proof of service of notice or temporary orders on Respondent filed with the Court.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Short Cause Court Trials
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8

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24CV-02058	Francisco Torres vs Angel Farms AG Services, INC, et al.
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Default prove up hearing.

Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal

Order to Show Cause Re: Sanctions

Appearance required.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Limited Civil
Commissioner David Foster
Courtroom 9

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25CV-00802	Darryl Silver vs Ahalya Julakanti, et al.
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Order of Examination (Non Appeal)

Appearance required.

25CV-01040	Capital One N.A. vs Jose Reyes
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Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal - Notice of Settlement

Appearance required. Appear to address status of settlement.

25CV-04078	[Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]
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Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.

25CV-04153 [Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.

25CV-04277 [Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.

25CV-04583 [Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.

25CV-05024 [Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.

25CV-05033 [Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.
