

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

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

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to seek permission and arrange for a remote appearance.

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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

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
8:15 a.m.

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Case No. Title / Description

19CV-02142 Ernesto Munoz vs City of Merced et al.

Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint Action for Failure to Prosecute Pursuant to C.C.P. 583.360

Defendants' unopposed motion to dismiss Plaintiff's complaint for failure to prosecute is GRANTED.

Code of Civil Procedure section 583.310 states, "An action shall be brought to trial within five years after the action is commenced against the defendant."

Code of Civil Procedure section 583.360 subd. (a) states, "An action shall be dismissed by the court on its own motion or on motion of the defendant, after notice to the parties, if the action is not brought to trial within the time prescribed in this article."

Plaintiff's complaint was filed on May 23, 2019. Greater than 5 years has elapsed since this matter was commenced against Defendants.

Absent an agreement extending the time within to bring this action to trial or tolling of the time, dismissal is mandatory. See Code Civ. Proc. § 583.360 subd. (b).

Accordingly, Plaintiff's action against defendants Maher Zada and Aida Zada is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

All future court dates are vacated, as there are no defendants remaining in the case.

19CV-02322 Domingo Hurtado vs Pacific Express Inn, LLC et al.

Motion to Compel Answers to Interrogatories & Request for Statement of Damages; & for Sanctions

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

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

Objections are waived.

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

Defendant's notice and motion stated Defendant would move for an order compelling Plaintiff to provide a statement of damages. However, this was not addressed in the memorandum, and no authority has been presented to compel such an order. Accordingly, the court will not address this issue at this time.

Defendant's request for sanctions is GRANTED.

However, the court finds it reasonable to reduce the requested amount to \$750.

Plaintiff is ordered to pay \$750 within thirty (30) days of this court's order.

21CV-00482 Workforce Defense League vs West Creek Builders, LLC, et al.

Motion for Reconsideration & Case Management Conference

CONTINUED on the Court's own motion to January 30, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8, to be heard by the Hon. Judge James LaPorte.

21CV-02113 Araceli Carrillo vs Cardenas Markets LLC, et al.

Trial Setting Conference

Appearance required. The Court received and signed the stipulation of the parties waiving the five-year statutory requirement to bring this case to trial on January 12, 2026. Appear to select trial dates convenient for the parties and the court.

22CV-02891 Joseph Quercia, et al. vs City of Merced

Motion for Summary Judgment

CONTINUED on the Court's own motion to January 28, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8.

Case Management Conference

CONTINUED to January 28, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8, to trial the motion for summary judgment. No new CMC statements are required.

23CV-00762 Donovan Soto vs Mid-Valley Disposal, et al.

Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal - Notice of Settlement

CONTINUED to March 4, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8, pursuant to the joint statement filed January 6, 2026, indicating the settlement is pending disbursement and requesting an additional 45 days.

23CV-03491 State Farm Fire and Casualty Company vs C&S Global Foods INC.

Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal - Notice of Settlement

CONTINUED to January 27, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8, to trail the pending motion requesting an order vacating the notice of settlement filed on July 22, 2025, pursuant to the declaration of Steven A. Booska, filed January 6, 2026.

25CV-02427 Isaac Garcia vs Jason Miller, et al.

Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel

The unopposed motion by attorney Vanessa Amador and the law firm of NorCal Attorney Brokers to be relieved as counsel for defendant, Jason Vincent Miller is GRANTED.

The Court will sign the order lodged December 17, 2025. Counsel is ordered to serve defendant with a copy of the signed order. The order will be effective upon the filing of the proof of service of the signed order upon the client.

25CV-04068 Jane Doe vs Shat Lal, et al.

Demurrer to Plaintiff's Complaint

CONTINUED on the Court's own motion to February 4, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8.

25CV-06767

Caliber Contracting Services, Inc. vs County of Merced

Review of Case Status Re: Petition for Writ of Mandate

Appearance required. An answer to the petition for writ of mandate was filed by Respondent on January 12, 2026. Appear to address the status of the filing of the administrative record and to set hearing for argument.

25CV-06867

Sonni Johnson vs Aaron Martinez

Order Show Cause re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. Proof of timely personal service was filed with the court on January 7, 2026.

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Limited Civil
Commissioner David Foster
Courtroom 9

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

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10:00 a.m.

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Case No.	Title / Description
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24CV-00145	Westlake Services LLC vs. Josefina Delgado, et al.
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Court Trial

Appearance required.

25CV-00321	Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Ricardo Salcido
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Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal

Appearance required. On October 22, 2025, plaintiff's counsel indicated that the parties had reached a settlement. To date, no notice of settlement or dismissal has been filed. Appear to address status of settlement.

25CV-00525	Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Veena Kalkat
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Court Trial

Appearance required.

25CV-03447

Onemain Financial Group, LLC vs. Joash Kemei

Defendant's Motion for Relief from Order Deeming Requests for Admissions Admitted

Defendant's motion is denied due to insufficient notice. The proof of service indicates that the moving papers were served by mail on December 29, 2025, less than the required minimum sixteen court days plus five calendar days for service by mail prior to the hearing date. (See Cal. Rules of Ct., rule 3.1300(a); Code Civ. Proc., § 1005(b).)

Case Management Conference

Appearance required.

25CV-05954

[Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.

25CV-06288

[Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Ex Parte Application Calendar
Commissioner David Foster
Courtroom 9

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1:15 p.m.

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25CV-05243	[Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]
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Ex Parte Application for Order Staying Execution of Judgment

Appearance required.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Limited Civil Short Cause Trials
Commissioner David Foster
Courtroom 9

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
1:30 p.m.

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24CV-00959	Lobel Financial Corp. vs. Briana Uriostegui Court Trial
	Appearance required.
24CV-03355	Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Hilda Soria Court Trial
	Appearance required.
24CV-05114	Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Kleim Moua Court Trial
	Appearance required.