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13 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
14 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

15 RIGOBERTO SARMIENTO and GUSTAVO
LUEVANO-VACA and others similarly situated,

16 Plaintiffs,

17 vs.

18 FRESH HARVEST, INC., et al.

19 Defendants.
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CIVIL ACT. NO.: 5:20-cv-7974-BLF

**REVISED [~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER
GRANTING PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT OF
CLASS ACTION AND PAGA CLAIMS**

AS MODIFIED BY THE COURT

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25 Plaintiffs Rigoberto Sarmiento and Gustavo Luevano-Vaca’s Motion for Preliminary
26 Approval of Settlement of Class Action and PAGA Claims (the “Settlement”) reached with
27 Defendants Fresh Harvest, Inc., Fresh Foods, Inc., Rava Ranches, Inc., and SMD Logistics, Inc.
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1 (“Defendants”), came on for hearing on April 13, 2023. Good cause having been shown, Plaintiffs’
2 Motion is GRANTED and IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

3 1. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement, and preliminarily finds the
4 terms of the Settlement to be fair, reasonable and adequate under Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of
5 Civil Procedure, including the amount of the settlement fund; the amount of distributions to class
6 members; non-monetary relief protecting class members from repayment claims for prior out-of-
7 court payments; the procedure for giving notice to class members; the procedure for objecting to or
8 opting out of the Settlement; and the maximum amounts allocated to incentive payments, costs and
9 attorney’s fees.

10 2. The Court preliminarily certifies for settlement purposes the Settlement Class
11 described in the Settlement, comprised of 198 persons that worked for Defendants as hourly
12 commercial drivers, excluding bus drivers, who operated over-the-road highway vehicles in excess
13 of 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight in California or Arizona at any time during the period of
14 November 12, 2016 to December 10, 2022 as an H-2A worker or a domestic worker.

15 3. The Court appoints Plaintiffs as representatives for the Settlement Class.

16 4. The Court appoints Dawson Morton and Santos Gomez of Law Offices of Santos
17 Gomez and Eve Cervantez and Connie Chan of Altshuler Berzon, LLP as counsel for the Settlement
18 Class.

19 5. The Court appoints Atticus Administration, LLC as the Settlement Administrator.

20 6. The Court directs the Settlement Administrator to provide notice to class members as
21 set forth in the Settlement.

22 7. The Court orders that the deadlines for members of the Settlement Class to opt out of
23 the settlement or to object to the Settlement shall be the date 60 days after the date of mailing or
24 transmission of the class notice by the Settlement Administrator.

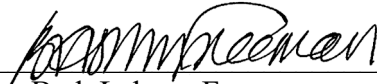
25 8. The Court orders that Plaintiffs shall file their Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Costs
26 and Service Awards no later than June 27, 2023.

27 9. The Court orders that Plaintiffs shall file their Motion for Final Approval no later
28 than September 14, 2023.

October 26, 2023,

1 10. The Court orders that a Final Fairness Hearing is scheduled for ~~October 19, 2023~~ at
2 9:00 a.m. At the Final Fairness Hearing the Court will consider whether the Settlement should be
3 finally approved as fair, reasonable and adequate under Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil
4 Procedure and rule on the motion for attorney's fees, costs and incentive payments to be submitted
5 by Plaintiffs.

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7 Dated: April 14, 2023



Hon. Beth Labson Freeman
United States District Judge

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