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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

MANUEL DE JESUS
ALTAMIRANO-SANTIAGO, LUCIO
MENDOZA-CASTRO, FREDI SAUL
CANSECO-VASQUEZ, JUAN
PEREZ, a pseudonym, SALVARIO
LOPEZ, a pseudonym, PEDRO
PANCHO, a pseudonym, and CARLOS
RANCHO, a pseudonym, and others
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BETTER PRODUCE, INC., RANCHO
DEL MAR, INC., C.J.J. FARMING,
INC., and JUAN CISNEROS,
Defendants.

Class Action Case No. 2:19-CV-3964-DDP
AMENDED
ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS’
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF
CONSENT JUDGMENT

Date: May 24, 2021
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Ctrm: 9C, 350 W. 1st St., Los Angeles

The Plaintiffs’ motion for an order granting preliminary approval of the Consent Judgment and Stipulation for Class Settlement (the “Settlement”) reached with Better Produce, Inc., Rancho del Mar, Inc., C.J.J. Farming, Inc. and Juan Cisneros came regularly for hearing. Good cause having been shown, Plaintiffs’ motion is GRANTED and IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement, and preliminarily finds the terms of the Settlement to be fair, reasonable and adequate under Rule 23(e) of

1 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including the amount of the settlement fund; the
2 amount of distributions to class members; the procedure for giving notice to class
3 members; the procedure for objecting to or opting out of the Settlement; and the
4 maximum amounts allocated to incentive payments, costs and attorney's fees.

5 2. The Court preliminarily certifies for settlement purposes the Settlement
6 Class described in the Settlement, comprised of all individuals employed by Defendants
7 pursuant to Job Order Numbers CA-14249242, CA-14642271, CA-14968271, CA-
8 15159101, CA-15771064, under the terms of an H-2A visa, for the period(s) of
9 employment from March 12, 2015 through November 30, 2015, March 14, 2016
10 through November 30, 2016, March 13, 2017 through November 30, 2017, and March
11 12, 2018 through November 30, 2018.

12 3. The Court appoints the pseudonymed Plaintiffs Salvario Lopez, Pedro
13 Pancho and Carlos Rancho as Class Representative Plaintiffs for the Settlement Class.

14 4. The Court appoints Dawson Morton and Santos Gomez of Law Offices of
15 Santos Gomez as counsel for the Settlement Class.

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

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

20 7. The Court orders that the deadlines for members of the Settlement Class to
21 opt out of the settlement or to object to the Settlement shall be the date 45 days after the
22 date of mailing of the class notice by the Settlement Administrator.

23 8. The Court orders that a Final Fairness Hearing, at which time the Court
24 will consider whether the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable and
25 adequate under Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, consider any
26 objections, and rule on the motions for attorney's fees, costs and incentive payments, is
27 scheduled for October 18, _____, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

28 9. The Court orders that it will retain jurisdiction of this matter, pending its

1 final approval, for three years from the date of any final approval order and consent
2 judgment that the Court shall later enter in this action.

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5 Dated: 06-07-2021



United States District Judge

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