

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
Eastern District of California**

Honorable Christopher D. Jaime  
1200 I Street, Suite 200  
Modesto, California

**PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS COVER SHEET**

**DAY: TUESDAY**

**DATE: May 20, 2025**

**CALENDAR: 1:00 P.M. CHAPTER 13**

Each matter on this calendar will have one of three possible designations: No Ruling, Tentative Ruling, or Final Ruling. These instructions apply to those designations.

**No Ruling:** All parties will need to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered.

**Tentative Ruling:** If a matter has been designated as a tentative ruling it will be called. The court may continue the hearing on the matter, set a briefing schedule, or enter other orders appropriate for efficient and proper resolution of the matter. The original moving or objecting party shall give notice of the continued hearing date and the deadlines. The minutes of the hearing will be the court's findings and conclusions.

**Final Ruling:** Unless otherwise ordered, there will be no hearing on these matters and no appearance is necessary. The final disposition of the matter is set forth in the ruling and it will appear in the minutes. The final ruling may or may not finally adjudicate the matter. If it is finally adjudicated, the minutes constitute the court's findings and conclusions.

**Orders:** Unless the court specifies in the tentative or final ruling that it will issue an order, the prevailing party shall lodge an order within seven (7) days of the final hearing on the matter.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

Eastern District of California

Honorable Christopher D. Jaime  
Bankruptcy Judge  
Modesto, California

**May 20, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**

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1. [25-90147](#)-B-13 NICOLE PADILLA OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF  
[LGT](#)-1 Flor De Maria A. Tataje PLAN BY LILIAN G. TSANG  
4-21-25 [[19](#)]  
WITHDRAWN BY M.P.

**Final Ruling**

The Chapter 13 Trustee having filed a notice of withdrawal of its objection, the objection is dismissed without prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(I) and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7041. The matter is removed from the calendar.

There being no other objection to confirmation, the plan filed February 28, 2025, will be confirmed.

The objection is ORDERED DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE for reasons stated in the minutes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the plan is CONFIRMED for reasons stated in the minutes. The Chapter 13 Trustee shall prepare an appropriate order confirming the Chapter 13 plan and submit the proposed order to the court.

The court will issue an order.

**May 20, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**

2. [25-90161](#)-B-13 LANCE ROBERTS  
[LGT](#)-1 Gabriel E. Liberman

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF  
PLAN BY LILIAN G. TSANG  
4-22-25 [[17](#)]

**Final Ruling**

The Chapter 13 Trustee having filed a notice of withdrawal of its objection, the objection is dismissed without prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7041. The matter is removed from the calendar.

There being no other objection to confirmation, the plan filed February 28, 2025, will be confirmed.

The objection is ORDERED DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE for reasons stated in the minutes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the plan is CONFIRMED for reasons stated in the minutes. The Chapter 13 Trustee shall prepare an appropriate order confirming the Chapter 13 plan and submit the proposed order to the court.

The court will issue an order.

3. [25-90166](#)-B-13 BUNDY FRANCIS  
[LGT](#)-1 Thomas L. Amberg

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF  
PLAN BY LILIAN G. TSANG  
4-21-25 [[14](#)]

**Final Ruling**

The Chapter 13 Trustee having filed a notice of withdrawal of its objection, the objection is dismissed without prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(I) and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7041. The matter is removed from the calendar.

There being no other objection to confirmation, the plan filed March 3, 2025, will be confirmed.

The objection is ORDERED DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE for reasons stated in the minutes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the plan is CONFIRMED for reasons stated in the minutes. The Chapter 13 Trustee shall prepare an appropriate order confirming the Chapter 13 plan and submit the proposed order to the court.

The court will issue an order.

4. [25-90167](#)-B-13 HAROLD EMMONS  
[LGT](#)-1 Brian S. Haddix

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF  
PLAN BY LILIAN G. TSANG  
4-21-25 [[21](#)]

### **Final Ruling**

The objection to confirmation was properly filed at least 14 days prior to the hearing on the motion to confirm a plan. See Local Bankruptcy Rules 3015-1(c)(4) & (d)(1) and 9014-1(f)(2). Nonetheless, the court determines that the resolution of this matter does not require oral argument. See Local Bankr. R. 9014-1(h).

The court's decision is to overrule the objection as moot.

Subsequent to the Chapter 13 Trustee filing its objection, Debtor filed a second amended plan on May 8, 2025. The confirmation hearing for the amended plan is scheduled for June 17, 2025. The earlier plan filed March 4, 2025, is not confirmed.

The objection is ORDERED OVERRULED AS MOOT for reasons stated in the minutes.

The court will issue an order.

5. [25-90169](#)-B-13 ANDREW FINLEY  
[LGT](#)-1 Steven A. Alpert

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF  
PLAN BY LILIAN G. TSANG  
4-21-25 [[13](#)]

### **Final Ruling**

The *initial* Chapter 13 Plan filed March 5, 2025, is not confirmable and the objection is not one that may be resolved in the confirmation order. Nevertheless, because this is the *initial* Chapter 13 Plan, the procedure in Local Bankr. R. 3015-1(c)(4) applies.

The court's decision is to **continue the hearing to May 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., conditionally sustain the objection, and deny confirmation of the plan.**

First, a hypothetical chapter 7 liquidation cannot be determined without 2024 tax refunds listed on Schedule A/B, which Debtor testified at the meeting of creditors as having received post-petition. 11 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(4).

Second, the Disclosure of Compensation of Attorney for Debtor form filed March 5, 2025, is incorrect. The form does not match that of the form provided on the Eastern District of California Court's website.

The plan does not comply with 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322 and 1325(a). The objection is sustained and the plan is not confirmed.

### **Conditional Nature of this Ruling**

Because the objection has been filed, set, and served under Local Bankruptcy Rules 3015-1(c)(4) and 9014-1(f)(2), any party in interest shall have until 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2025, to file and serve a response to the objection(s). See Local Bankr. R. 3015-1(c)(4), 9014-1(f)(2)(C). Any response shall be served on the Chapter 13 Trustee, the Debtor, the Debtor's attorney, and/or the attorney for the objecting party by facsimile or email.

If no response is timely filed and served, the objection will be deemed sustained for the reasons stated hereinabove, this ruling will no longer be conditional and will become the court's final decision, and the continued hearing on May 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. will be vacated.

If a response is timely filed and served, the court will hear the objection on May 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The objection is ORDERED CONDITIONALLY SUSTAINED for reasons stated in the minutes.

The court will issue an order.

6. [23-90576](#)-B-13 GURMAIL SINGH AND KULDEEP CONTINUED MOTION FOR  
[DCJ](#)-2 KAUR COMPENSATION FOR DAVID C.  
David C. Johnston JOHNSTON, DEBTORS ATTORNEY(S)  
4-20-25 [[105](#)]

DEBTORS DISMISSED: 09/03/24

**Final Ruling**

This matter was continued from May 13, 2025, to allow any party in interest to file a response by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2025. Nothing was filed. Therefore, the court's conditional ruling at dkt. 110, granting the motion, shall become the court's final decision. The continued hearing on May 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. is vacated.

The motion is ORDERED GRANTED for reasons stated in the minutes.

The court will issue an order.