UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Eastern District of California Honorable W. Richard Lee Hearing Date: Thursday, July 24, 2014 Place: Department B – Courtroom #12 Fresno, California

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS

- 1. The following rulings are tentative. The tentative ruling will not become the final ruling until the matter is called at the scheduled hearing. **Pre-disposed matters will generally be called, and the rulings placed on the record at the end of the calendar**. Any party who desires to be heard with regard to a pre-disposed matter may appear at the hearing. If the party wishes to contest the tentative ruling, he/she shall notify the opposing party/counsel of his/her intention to appear. If no disposition is set forth below, the hearing will take place as scheduled.
- 2. Submission of Orders:

Unless the tentative ruling expressly states that the court will prepare a civil minute order, then the tentative ruling will only appear in the minutes. If any party desires an order, then the appropriate form of order, which conforms to the tentative ruling, must be submitted to the court. When the debtor(s) discharge has been entered, proposed orders for relief from stay must reflect that the motion is denied as to the debtor(s) and granted only as to the trustee. Entry of discharge normally is indicated on the calendar.

3. Matters Resolved Without Opposition:

If the tentative ruling states that no opposition was filed, and the moving party is aware of any reason, such as a settlement, why a response may not have been filed, the moving party must advise Vicky McKinney, the Calendar Clerk, at (559) 499-5825 by 4:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled hearing.

4. Matters Resolved by Stipulation:

If the parties resolve a matter by stipulation after the tentative ruling has been posted, but **before the formal order is entered on the docket**, the **moving party** may appear at the hearing and advise the court of the settlement or withdraw the motion. Alternatively, the parties may submit a stipulation and order to modify the tentative ruling together with the proposed order resolving the matter.

5. Resubmittal of Denied Matters:

If the moving party decides to re-file a matter that is denied without prejudice for any reason set forth below, the moving party must file and serve a new set of pleadings with a new docket control number. It may not simply re-notice the original motion.

9:00 A.M.

THE COURT ENDEAVORS TO PUBLISH ITS PREDISPOSITIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER CALENDAR PREPARATION IS ONGOING AND THESE PREDISPOSITIONS MAY BE REVISED OR UPDATED AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE SCHEDULED HEARINGS. PLEASE CHECK AT THAT TIME FOR POSSIBLE UPDATES.

1. <u>13-10302</u>-B-11 GMC DAIRY FARMS LP ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ATTORNEY SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED AS COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR IN POSSESSION AND ORDERED TO ACCOUNT FOR AND DISGORGE FEES 6-19-14 [<u>542</u>]

THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt.

<u>13-10302</u>-B-11 GMC DAIRY FARMS LP 2. CONTINUED MOTION TO APPROVE LRP-6 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED BY FARM CREDIT WEST, FLCA/MV CREDITORS FARM CREDIT WEST, FLCA, FARM CREDIT WEST, PCA AND/OR MOTION TO APPROVE FORM OF BALLOT , MOTION TO APPROVE BALLOT TABULATION PROCEDURES , MOTION TO FIX RELATED DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt. 4-3-14 [494] RENE LASTRETO/Atty. for mv.

This matter will be continued to August 7, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., for resolution of the issues regarding employment of debtor's counsel. The debtor cannot proceed with plan confirmation unless and until it is appropriately represented by disinterested and qualified counsel. The court will prepare a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

З.	<u>10-61824</u> -B-12 RICHARD/PENNY NICHOLAS	MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE
	HAR-4	LAW OFFICE OF MCCORMICK,
		BARSTOW, SHEPPARD, WAYTE AND
		CARRUTH LLP FOR HILTON A.
		RYDER, DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S).
		6-20-14 [100]
	HILTON RYDER/Atty. for dbt. NON-OPPOSITION	

10-61826-B-12 HELEN NICHOLAS 4. HAR-4

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF MCCORMICK, BARSTOW, SHEPPARD, WAYTE AND CARRUTH, LLP FOR HILTON A. RYDER, DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S). 6-20-14 [86]

HILTON RYDER/Atty. for dbt. NON-OPPOSITION

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

5. <u>14-10344</u>-B-12 ANTONIO/LUCIA PARREIRA CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: CHAPTER 12 VOLUNTARY PETITION 1-28-14 [1] RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. 6. 14-10344-B-12 ANTONIO/LUCIA PARREIRA MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE WW-11 LAW OFFICE OF WALTER AND

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt.

- <u>14-10344</u>-B-12 ANTONIO/LUCIA PARREIRA RESCHEDULED MOTION TO CONFIRM 7. WW-4 CHAPTER 12 PLAN 4-3-14 [71] ANTONIO PARREIRA/MV RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. RESPONSIVE PLEADING
- <u>13-16954</u>-B-11 MADERA ROOFING, INC. MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR 8. GC-1GABRIELSON & COMPANY/MV

ERIC FROMME/Atty. for dbt. JAMES LOWE/Atty. for mv.

- 13-16954-B-11MADERA ROOFING, INC.MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR
PRICE PAIGE AND COMPANY, 9. PRICE PAIGE AND COMPANY/MV ERIC FROMME/Atty. for dbt.
- 10. <u>13-16954</u>-B-11 MADERA ROOFING, INC. WW-4 JAMES LOWE/MV

ERIC FROMME/Atty. for dbt. JAMES LOWE/Atty. for mv.

ACCOUNTANT(S). 7-2-14 [405]

GABRIELSON & COMPANY,

WILHELM LAW GROUP FOR RILEY C. WALTER, DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S).

7-2-14 [221]

ACCOUNTANT(S). 7-2-14 [394]

MOTION TO APPROVE STIPULATION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY 7-3-14 [417]

11. <u>13-16954</u>-B-11 MADERA ROOFING, INC. MOTION TO APPROVE STIPULATION WW-5 JAMES LOWE/MV

ERIC FROMME/Atty. for dbt. JAMES LOWE/Atty. for mv.

12. <u>13-16954</u>-B-11 MADERA ROOFING, INC. MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE WW-6

ERIC FROMME/Atty. for dbt.

13. <u>13-16954</u>-B-11 MADERA ROOFING, INC. MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR WW-7 JAMES LOWE/MV

ERIC FROMME/Atty. for dbt. JAMES LOWE/Atty. for mv.

14. <u>13-13388</u>-B-11 GEORGE/MARILYN LANTING OBJECTION TO CLAIM OF WESTERN LRP-3 MILLING, LLC, CLAIM NUMBER 7 FARM CREDIT WEST, PCA/MV 6-3-14 [221] NANCY KLEPAC/Atty. for dbt. RENE LASTRETO/Atty. for mv.

The objection has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

15. <u>13-13388</u>-B-11 GEORGE/MARILYN LANTING CONTINUED MOTION FOR ORDER LRP-6 APPROVING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FARM CREDIT WEST, PCA/MV FILED BY CREDITORS FARM CREDIT WEST, FLCA, FARM CREDIT WEST, PCA AND/OR MOTION FOR ORDER APPROVING FORM OF BALLOT , MOTION FOR ORDER APPROVING BALLOT TABULATION PROCEDURES , MOTION FOR ORDER FIXING RELATED DEADLINES/PROCEDURES NANCY KLEPAC/Atty. for dbt. RENE LASTRETO/Atty. for mv. 4-3-14 [196]

This matter will be continued to August 7, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., for resolution of the issues regarding employment of counsel for GMC Dairy Farms, LP. The court will prepare a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

16. <u>13-13388</u>-B-11 GEORGE/MARILYN LANTING MOTION TO EMPLOY SCHUIL & TCS-10 GEORGE LANTING/MV NANCY KLEPAC/Atty. for dbt.

ASSOCIATES AS BROKER(S) 7-3-14 [<u>260</u>]

FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC

LAW OFFICE OF WALTER AND

JAMES S. LOWE, CHAPTER 11

WILHELM LAW GROUP FOR RILEY C. WALTER, TRUSTEE'S ATTORNEY(S).

STAY

7-3-14 [421]

7-2-14 [389]

TRUSTEE(S). 7-2-14 [400]

- 17. <u>13-13388</u>-B-11 GEORGE/MARILYN LANTING MOTION TO SELL TCS-11 TCS-11 TCS-14 [266] GEORGE LANTING/MV NANCY KLEPAC/Atty. for dbt.
- 18. <u>13-13388</u>-B-11 GEORGE/MARILYN LANTING MOTION TO SELL TCS-12 TCS-12 T-3-14 [270] GEORGE LANTING/MV NANCY KLEPAC/Atty. for dbt.
- 19. <u>13-10302</u>-B-11 GMC DAIRY FARMS LP TCL-1 GMC DAIRY FARMS LP/MV THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO EMPLOY CHRISTIAN D. JINKERSON AS ATTORNEY(S) 7-9-14 [555]

1. <u>14-10770</u>-B-7 LENAI MULL <u>14-1055</u> BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY HEAL V. MULL SALLY FRONTMAN/Atty. for pl. ANSWER FILED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: COMPLAINT 5-19-14 [1]

This matter will be rescheduled to August 6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., to be called with the defendant's motion to dismiss. The court will prepare a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

The court has preliminarily reviewed the complaint, the attached exhibits, and the defendant's motion to dismiss. Based on that review, it is not clear that the defendant actually signed the MPI Health Plan Document or any other document that created an express trust and bound the defendant in a fiduciary relationship to the plaintiff. In lieu of responding to the defendant's motion, the plaintiff may file and serve an amended complaint to address the issues raised in the motion and to clarify the basis for plaintiff's assertion of a fiduciary relationship. In addition, the amended complaint must plead facts to show plausibly that the defendant acted with a "culpable state of mind." Bullock v. BankChampaign, N.A., 133 S.Ct. 1754 (2013).

2. <u>13-16171</u>-B-7 FRANCES PASS TGM-3 JAMES SALVEN/MV GABRIEL WADDELL/Atty. for dbt. TRUDI MANFREDO/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING CONTINUED MOTION TO SELL 4-30-14 [52]

This motion will be dropped from calendar without a disposition and may be set for further hearing after a final adjudication of the issues in adversary proceeding 14-1056. The court cannot authorize the sale of property when the nature of the estate's interest in the property is disputed. It appears that the ownership and homestead exemption issues raised in opposition to this motion can and will be fully adjudicated in the adversary proceeding. No appearance is necessary.

3. <u>13-16171</u>-B-7 FRANCES PASS <u>14-1056</u> SALVEN V. GALLI ET AL TRUDI MANFREDO/Atty. for pl. ANSWER FILED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: COMPLAINT 5-28-14 [<u>1</u>]

This matter will be rescheduled to August 6, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., to be called with the trustee's objection to exemptions. The court intends at that time to consolidate both matters for all purposes including discovery and trial. The parties shall commence discovery immediately and be prepared to discuss a discovery plan at the rescheduled hearing. The court will enter a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

1:30 P.M.

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1. <u>14-12704</u>-B-13 JUAN/MARIA BUSTAMANTE TOG-1 JUAN BUSTAMANTE/MV THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO VALUE COLLATERAL OF BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 6-7-14 [10]

This motion to value the collateral for a consensual lien against real property was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there was no opposition. The motion will be granted for cause shown without oral argument. Based on the evidence offered in support of the motion, the respondent's junior priority mortgage claim is found to be wholly unsecured and may be treated as a general unsecured claim in the chapter 13 plan. The debtor(s) may proceed under state law to obtain a reconveyance of respondent's trust deed upon completion of the chapter 13 plan and entry of the discharge. Unless the chapter 13 plan has been confirmed, then the order shall specifically state that it is not effective until confirmation of the plan. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed order consistent with this ruling. No appearance is necessary.

This ruling is only binding on the named respondent in the moving papers and any successor who takes an interest in the property after service of the motion.

2. <u>13-11607</u>-B-13 JUDIE HOUSTON RN-5 JUDIE HOUSTON/MV ROSALINA NUNEZ/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 6-5-14 [<u>48</u>]

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

3.	<u>11-62408</u> -B-13 PLF-7	REYNALDA GENLLER MARTI	NEZ MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF FEAR LAW GROUP,
			P.C. FOR PETER L. FEAR,
			DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S).
			6-18-14 [<u>63</u>]
	PETER FEAR/Att	y. for dbt.	

4. <u>14-10317</u>-B-13 JAIME BORDERS TCS-1 JAIME BORDERS/MV TIMOTHY SPRINGER/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO VALUE COLLATERAL OF COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A., ET. AL. 6-24-14 [29]

This motion to value the collateral for a consensual lien against real property was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there was no opposition. The motion will be granted as to the named respondents Nationstar Mortgage LLC and Countrywide Bank, N.A., only, for cause shown without oral argument. Bank of New York Mellon filed a proof of claim for the senior mortgage and should not have been named as a respondent in this motion.

Based on the evidence offered in support of the motion, the respondent's junior priority mortgage claim is found to be wholly unsecured and may be treated as a general unsecured claim in the chapter 13 plan. The debtor(s) may proceed under state law to obtain a reconveyance of respondent's trust deed upon completion of the chapter 13 plan and entry of the discharge. Unless the chapter 13 plan has been confirmed, then the order shall specifically state that it is not effective until confirmation of the plan. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed order consistent with this ruling. No appearance is necessary.

This ruling is only binding on the named respondent in the moving papers and any successor who takes an interest in the property after service of the motion.

5. <u>14-12817</u>-B-13 JOSE ALVAREZ TOG-1 JOSE ALVAREZ/MV THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO VALUE COLLATERAL OF BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 6-10-14 [<u>8</u>]

This motion to value the collateral for a consensual lien against real property was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there was no opposition. The motion will be granted for cause shown without oral argument. Based on the evidence offered in support of the motion, the respondent's junior priority mortgage claim is found to be wholly unsecured and may be treated as a general unsecured claim in the chapter 13 plan. The debtor(s) may proceed under state law to obtain a reconveyance of respondent's trust deed upon completion of the chapter 13 plan and entry of the discharge. Unless the chapter 13 plan has been confirmed, then the order shall specifically state that it is not effective until confirmation of the plan. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed order consistent with this ruling. No appearance is necessary. This ruling is only binding on the named respondent in the moving papers

and any successor who takes an interest in the property after service of the motion. 6. <u>14-11518</u>-B-13 ROBERTO ROBLES
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ROBERTO ROBLES/MV
SUSAN HEMB/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION SEEKING TURNOVER OF PROPERTY 6-5-14 [38]

This motion will be denied without prejudice. It is not clear what relief the debtor is entitled to. The debtor requests an order compelling the Los Angeles County Sheriff to turnover garnished wages in the amount of \$631.88. The only prepetition garnishment disclosed in the schedule is in the amount of \$11,937.47. An action for the turnover of money from a third party requires the commencement of an adversary proceeding. FRBP 7001(1).

If the garnishment was an avoidable preferential transfer, the recovery of the money requires the commencement of an adversary proceeding, 11 USC \$550(a) and FRBP 7001(a).

The motion states that the garnishment relates to post petition wages. If that is true, then the garnishment potentially represents a violation of the automatic stay and will require a properly noticed motion or an adversary proceeding for damages under §362(k).

In that regard, the record does not establish that the motion was properly served on the real party in interest, CACH, LLC, in compliance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7004(b)(1) (service on an individual), 7004(b)(3) (corporation, partnership or unincorporated association) or 7004(h) (FDIC Insured Depository Institution). In re Villar, 317 B.R. 88 (9th Cir. BAP 2004). Information regarding service on a corporation may be obtained from the California Secretary of State's Internet Website, see http://kepler.sos.ca.gov/. For a directory of FDIC Insured Institutions, see <u>http://www3.fdic.gov/idasp/main.asp</u>. Litigants are encouraged to attach a copy of their information source (web page, etc.) to the proof of service to assist the court in evaluating compliance with Rule 7004. No appearance is necessary.

7.	<u>11-63722</u> -B-13	JORGE/SHIRLEY DIAZ	MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE
	PLF-2		LAW OFFICE OF FEAR LAW GROUP,
			P.C. FOR PETER L. FEAR,
			DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S).
			6-23-14 [<u>55</u>]
	PETER FEAR/Att	y. for dbt.	

8. <u>11-16631</u>-B-13 TONY/ELISA CARLOS
PLF-1
TONY CARLOS/MV
PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 6-6-14 [48]

9. <u>11-61443</u>-B-13 DALTON ELAM PLG-3 DALTON ELAM/MV STEVEN ALPERT/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 6-10-14 [85]

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

10.	<u>13-16349</u> -B-13 SATNAM RANDHAWA	OBJECTION TO CLAIM OF JASPINDER
	SL-2	SINGH, CLAIM NUMBER 7
	SATNAM RANDHAWA/MV	6-13-14 [<u>36</u>]
	STEPHEN LABIAK/Atty. for dbt.	

The objection will be sustained without oral argument. The record reflects that the objection is unopposed. The claim will be disallowed in full on the grounds stated in the objection. The objecting party shall submit and serve a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

11. <u>11-13152</u>-B-13 MOHAMMAD KHORSAND JDM-1 MOHAMMAD KHORSAND/MV JAMES MILLER/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 6-10-14 [<u>31</u>]

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

12.		MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 6-16-14 [<u>54</u>]
13.	 SALVADOR FARIAS /Atty. for dbt.	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE TO PAY FEES 7-7-14 [<u>22</u>]

14. <u>12-14283</u>-B-13 DEANNA ALLEN PBB-2 DEANNA ALLEN/MV PETER BUNTING/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN $6-5-14 [\underline{49}]$

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

15. <u>12-15284</u>-B-13 DOMINIC/KIMBERLY FRANCI PBB-2 DOMINIC FRANCI/MV PETER BUNTING/Atty. for dbt. MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN $6-6-14 [\underline{56}]$

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

16. <u>12-19594</u>-B-13 NICOLE DAVIS MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN TCS-4 6-12-14 [<u>46</u>] NICOLE DAVIS/MV TIMOTHY SPRINGER/Atty. for dbt.

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

17.	<u>10-10438</u> -B-13 PLF-5	RONNIE/CHARLOTTE RA	CONTINUED MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF FEAR LAW GROUP, P.C. FOR PETER L. FEAR, DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S). 6-9-14 [75]
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PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt.

1. <u>14-12617</u>-B-13 CYNTHIA WILLIAMS MHM-1 MICHAEL MEYER/MV MOTION TO DISMISS CASE FOR UNREASONABLE DELAY THAT IS PREJUDICIAL TO CREDITORS AND/OR MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-2-14 [27]