



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California

Honorable Corrine Bielejeski
Bankruptcy Judge
Department D, Courtroom #33
Sacramento, CA

September 11, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Unless otherwise ordered, all matters before the Honorable Corrine Bielejeski shall be simultaneously: (1) **In Person** at Courtroom #33, 6th Floor, (2) via **ZoomGov Video**, (3) via **ZoomGov Telephone**, and (4) via **CourtCall**. You may choose any of these options unless otherwise ordered or stated below.

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1. Review the [Pre-Hearing Dispositions](#) prior to appearing at the hearing.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS

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, and all parties will need to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered. 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. 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 14 days of the final hearing on the matter.

Post-Publication Changes: The court endeavors to publish its rulings as soon as possible. However, calendar preparation is ongoing and **these rulings may be revised or updated at any time prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled hearings.** Please check at that time for any possible updates.

1. [25-20404](#)-D-13 **IN RE: TERESA/DAVID RICE**
[SMJ-1](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE LOAN MODIFICATION
8-11-2026 [\[24\]](#)

Tentative Ruling. Appearances by Debtors' Counsel and the Chapter 13 Trustee's office are requested. Remote appearances are allowed.

On August 11, 2026, Debtor filed a motion to approve a loan modification. Doc. #24. This motion was set for hearing on September 11, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to Local Rule of Practice ("LBR") 9014-1(f)(1). Doc. #25. Opposition, if any, was due at least 14 days prior to the hearing. Doc. #25. On August 28, 2026, Doc. #30, the Chapter 13 Trustee filed a response, which cuts off mid-sentence. A brief overview of the motion follows.

Teresa Gail Anderson Rice and David Eugene Rice ("Debtors"), the Chapter 13 debtors in this case, move the court for an order authorizing Debtors to modify the mortgage on their primary residence located at 6312 Crater Lake Drive, Roseville, CA 95678 ("Residence"). Doc. #24.

The modification provides for \$12,703.50 in arrears to be added to their Note and a portion of the debt to be designated as non-interest bearing. Rice Decl., Doc. #26; Ex. A, Doc #27. It also reduces Debtors' monthly mortgage payment from \$4,137.88 to \$3,477.18. After the modification, Debtors will be current on their mortgage.

LBR 3015-1(h)(1)(E) provides that "if the debtor wishes to incur new debt . . . on terms and conditions not authorized by [LBR 3015-1(h)(1)(A) through (D)], the debtor shall file the appropriate motion, serve it on the trustee, those creditors who are entitled to notice, and all persons requesting notice, and set the hearing on the Court's calendar with the notice required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002 and LBR 9014-1."

Service was proper. The Chapter 13 Trustee filed a response, which states that he does not oppose the motion. Doc. #30. No other parties filed a response and their defaults are taken. There is no indication that Debtors are behind on their Chapter 13 plan payments. Debtors' Schedules I and J filed on January 30, 2025 and March 13, 2025 demonstrate an ability to pay future plan payments, projected living expenses, and the modified debt, with perhaps some funds now left over. Doc. #1, #15. The mortgage is a Class 4 claim and paid directly to the mortgage company. Doc. #3.

Accordingly, this motion is GRANTED. Debtors are authorized, but not required, to modify the existing mortgage in a manner consistent with the motion.

2. [24-24416](#)-D-13 IN RE: JAMES GANTT AND SABRINA
WILLIAMS-GANTT
[TLA-2](#)

MOTION TO INCUR DEBT
8-11-2026 [\[54\]](#)

Tentative Ruling. Notice of Motion allows for opposition to be made at the hearing. Appearance by Debtors' Counsel required or motion may be denied for lack of prosecution. Remote appearances are allowed.

This motion was filed and served on at least 14 days' notice prior to the hearing date pursuant to Local Rule of Practice ("LBR") 9014-1(f)(2) and will proceed as scheduled. Unless opposition is presented at the hearing, the court intends to enter the respondents' defaults and grant the motion. If opposition is presented at the hearing, the court will consider the opposition and whether further hearing is necessary.

Debtors James Michael Gantt and Sabrina Yvonne Williams-Gantt (together, "Debtors"), the chapter 13 debtors in this case, seek authorization to refinance their property located at 2406 Park Place, Rio Vista, CA 94571 in order to reduce their monthly payment. Doc. #54.

LBR 3015-1(h)(1)(E) provides that "if the debtor wishes to incur new debt . . . on terms and conditions not authorized by [LBR 3015-1(h)(1)(A) through (D)], the debtor shall file the appropriate motion, serve it on the trustee, those creditors who are entitled to notice, and all persons requesting notice, and set the hearing on the Court's calendar with the notice required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002 and LBR 9014-1."

Here, Debtors assert that they are in full compliance with the requirements of their chapter 13 plan. Doc. #56. Debtors seek to refinance their property to reduce their monthly payment from \$3,820.00 to \$3,608.00. Id. The mortgage is a Class 4 claim and paid directly to the mortgage company. Doc. #41. The Chapter 13 Trustee filed a response, stating he has no opposition to the motion. No other parties have filed a response yet.

The court is inclined to GRANT this motion. This motion was properly served and noticed, and opposition may be presented at the hearing. The new debt is a refinance that reduces the Debtors' monthly payment and is reasonably necessary for Debtors to complete their plan and receive their discharge.

Accordingly, subject to opposition raised at the hearing, this motion is GRANTED. Debtors are authorized, but not required, to incur new debt in a manner consistent with the motion.

3. [25-23841](#)-D-12 **IN RE: SILVERDALE FARMS, INC.**
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
7-25-2025 [\[1\]](#)

Tentative Ruling. This status conference will proceed as scheduled. Appearances by Debtor's Counsel and the Chapter 12 Trustee's office are requested. Remote appearances are allowed.

This matter comes on for a continued status conference. Pursuant to the Debtor's status report, dated August 11, 2026, Debtor's plan was confirmed, but Debtor later fell behind on the payments, resulting in the Chapter 12 Trustee filing a motion to dismiss. Doc. #91. The Trustee's motion is still pending and set for hearing on September 28, 2026 at 11:00am. Doc. #92. Debtor's status report indicated it intended to modify the plan and oppose dismissal. Doc. #91. As of September 7, 2026, Debtor had not yet filed a modified plan nor filed a response to the motion to dismiss.

At the status conference, the parties should be prepared to discuss whether plan payments are current, whether Debtor intends to file an amended plan, the timeline for filing any amended plan, and whether the Trustee intends to go forward with her motion to dismiss.

4. [23-21899](#)-D-12 **IN RE: JAKOB/GLADYS WESTSTEYN**
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
6-9-2023 [\[1\]](#)

Final Ruling. Status conference continued as stated below. No appearances required for 9/11/26 at 10:30am calendar.

Status conference continued to December 17, 2026 at 10:30am. Debtors are required to file a Status Report by December 7, 2026. The status report should include whether Debtors anticipate being able to make their final plan payment.

5. [24-22587](#)-D-13 **IN RE: SUSAN FORD**
[PLG-3](#)

MOTION TO INCUR DEBT
8-28-2026 [\[56\]](#)

Tentative Ruling. Notice of Motion allows for opposition to be made at the hearing. Appearance by Debtor's Counsel required or motion may be denied for lack of prosecution. Remote appearances are allowed.

This motion was filed and served on at least 14 days' notice prior to the hearing date pursuant to Local Rule of Practice ("LBR") 9014-1(f)(2) and will proceed as scheduled. Unless opposition is presented at the hearing, the court intends to enter the respondents' defaults and GRANT the motion, subject to the court's additional terms. If opposition is presented at the hearing, the court will consider the opposition and whether further hearing is necessary.

Susan Ford ("Debtor"), the debtor in this case, has filed a motion to incur a new debt, namely to purchase a 2026 Volkswagen Jetta, including gap insurance and a service plan, for \$33,663.75. Doc. ## 56, 59. Debtor's signed declaration states that she is replacing a vehicle that may need \$7,000 in repairs. Doc. #58. Debtor attaches her recent paystubs and supplemental Schedules I and J, showing that Debtor has ample income to afford the monthly vehicle payment of \$574.84 a month for 78 months and still afford her Chapter 13 plan payment, which is paying 100% of the unsecured debt. Doc. #59 (exhibits), Doc. #37 (plan).

LBR 3015-1(h)(1)(E) provides that "if the debtor wishes to incur new debt . . . on terms and conditions not authorized by [LBR 3015-1(h)(1)(A) through (D)], the debtor shall file the appropriate motion, serve it on the trustee, those creditors who are entitled to notice, and all persons requesting notice, and set the hearing on the Court's calendar with the notice required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002 and LBR 9014-1."

The court is inclined to GRANT this motion. This motion was properly served and noticed, and opposition may be presented at the hearing. The new debt replaces Debtor's vehicle and is reasonably necessary for Debtor to continue working and complete her plan.

Should this vehicle no longer be available, Debtor is requesting authorization to enter into a different vehicle loan, costing up to \$600 per month. The court is inclined to GRANT that portion of the motion, provided the contract term is for 78 months or less, with no balloon payment.

Accordingly, subject to opposition raised at the hearing, this motion is GRANTED. Debtor is authorized, but not required, to incur new debt in a manner consistent with the motion and with the court's additional terms stated above. Moving party to prepare the order.