

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye Courthouse, Department 16B

JUDICIAL OFFICER: HONORABLE SHELLEYANNE W.L. CHANG

Courtroom Clerk: M.Garcia

CSR: None

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Asian American Liberation Network, a California non-profit public benefit association vs. Sacramento Municipal Utility District

AMENDED MINUTES

APPEARANCES:

No Appearances

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Court Order on Proposed Orders

The Court issued a final judgment in this matter on January 8, 2026. The Court subsequently issued orders on Petitioners' motion for attorneys' fees and SMUD's motion to strike. In the Court's tentative rulings on those motions, the Court stated that, "no formal order or other notice is required." In the minute order adopting the tentative rulings as the final orders, the Court stated that the prevailing parties are "ordered to prepare any judgment and/or order." In so ordering, the Court presumed that the parties were aware of the "one final judgment" rule and would take the appropriate action to file an amended judgment so that the award of costs, as reduced by the motion to tax, would be part of an enforceable judgment.

Counsel for SMUD inexplicably, filed proposed orders on the subject motions, which orders were expressly not required nor requested. Counsel for SMUD, also inexplicably, lodged a second judgment for the Court's signature which was procedurally improper and in violation of the "one final judgment" rule, as the Court had previously entered a judgment in the case. The Court rejected the "second judgment" and no Amended Judgment has been lodged since. As such, it appears that Petitioners do not intend that the award of costs be enforceable and collectible as a money judgment and the original judgment remains valid as executed. However, should the parties require the final amount of costs awarded to be included as part of the judgment, they must present the Court with a proposed amended judgment. (See, e.g. Chavez v. California Collision, LLC (2024) 107 Cal.App.5th 298, 305 [describing the procedure whereby the trial court entered an amended judgment to incorporate the posttrial proceedings related to the parties' costs and fees motions and to incorporate the costs awarded.])

The parties have repeatedly contacted the Court clerk regarding whether the Court will sign the proposed orders. As the clerk advised the parties, the Court will not sign the proposed orders as they were not necessary nor required by the Court. Moreover, the Court observes that counsel

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should know and be aware of the above procedural history of this case and basic civil procedure.

Repeated inquiries of the Court clerk asking when the Court will sign the orders are a needless consumption of the Court's limited time and resources, including those of the Court herself, who was required to issue this minute order to educate counsel, to eliminate the endless communications to the Court clerk from counsel, and to bring this case to finality.

/s/ M. Garcia

M. Garcia, Deputy Clerk

By:

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