



Superior Court of California County of San Benito

Tentative Decisions for April 13, 2026

Courtroom #1: Judge J. Omar Rodriguez

CU-22-00233 Trinity Financial Services vs. Gutierrez, Isaias Rico

Defendant's Motion for Order Staying the Taking of Deposition, Quashing Deposition Notice and for Protective Order is DENIED.

Any party may obtain discovery within the scope delimited by Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 2017.010), and subject to the restrictions set forth in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2019.010), by taking in California the oral deposition of any person, including any party to the action. The person deposed may be a natural person, an organization such as a public or private corporation, a partnership, an association, or a governmental agency. (Code Civ. Proc. § 2025.010.) California Rules of Court, rule 3.1010 allows depositions by videoconference or other remote means if notice is served with the notice of deposition and the noticing party makes arrangements so that other participants can attend and participate in an equivalent manner. (CRC 3.1010(a)(1)–(2).) Under California Rule of Court, Rule 3.1010 (a) in order to take a deposition remotely, a party is only required to serve notice that it intends to do so and make arrangements for any other party to participate in an equivalent manner.

Here, Defendant is refusing to abide by Plaintiff's statutory right to take Defendant's deposition based on perceived trivial defects that are not discussed in the Civil Discovery Act and do not prevent any party from participating.

CU-23-00196 U.S. Pipe and Irrigation, LLC vs. Benito Valley Farms, Inc.

Plaintiff U.S. Pipe and Irrigation LLC's Motion to Amend for Leave to file First Amended Complaint is GRANTED. At any time before or after commencement of trial, in the furtherance of justice, and upon such terms as may be proper, the Court may allow the amendment of any pleadings or pretrial conference order. (Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 473.) Likewise, the Court may allow a party to amend any pleading or proceeding by adding the name of any party. (*Ibid.*) "Any judge, at any time before or after commencement of trial, in the furtherance of justice, and upon such terms as may be proper, may allow the amendment of any pleading or pretrial conference order." (Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 576; *Atkinson v. Elk Corp.* (2003) 109 Cal.App.4th 739, 761.) The court's discretion should be exercised liberally to permit amendment of the pleadings. (*See Nestle v. Santa Monica* (1972) 6 Cal.3d 920, 939; *Mabie v. Hyatt* (1998) 61 Cal.App.4th 581, 596.) Here, the proposed amendments relate to the same general facts and involve the same injury. The allegations are that Plaintiff provided irrigation components for the benefit of Defendants, Defendants benefitted from the receipt of the irrigation components, and Defendants refused to pay for the irrigation components. The First Amended Complaint shall be deemed filed as of the date of the Court's order granting the Motion.

CU-25-00168 Montes, et al. vs. Spedalieri

The Petition for Approval of Compromise of Claim of Judgment for Minor is GRANTED as requested.

CU-25-00236 Suarez vs. The Neil Jones Food Company, Inc., dba San Benito

Foods

The Case Management Conference is continued to June 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

CU-26-00008 Castaneda vs. Tri-County Pizza et al

In light of Plaintiff's Case Management Conference, the Case Management Conference is continued to June 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. Plaintiff to provide notice.

PR-17-00013 Estate of Gloria Jean Grimsley

The Petition for Final Distribution and for Allowance of Compensation to Attorney is APPROVED as requested.

END OF TENTATIVE DECISIONS

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any objections or concerns.**