

**Tentative Rulings for April 21, 2026**  
**Department 501**

**For any matter where an oral argument is requested and any party to the hearing desires a remote appearance, such request must be timely submitted to and approved by the hearing judge. In this department, the remote appearance will be conducted through Zoom. If approved, please provide the department's clerk a correct email address. (CRC 3.672, Fresno Sup.C. Local Rule 1.1.19)**

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There are no tentative rulings for the following cases. The hearing will go forward on these matters. If a person is under a court order to appear, he/she must do so. Otherwise, parties should appear unless they have notified the court that they will submit the matter without an appearance. (See California Rules of Court, rule 3.1304(c).) *The above rule also applies to cases listed in this "must appear" section.*

23CECG02989          *Saunders v. Rai et al.* (Dept. 501)

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The court has continued the following cases. The deadlines for opposition and reply papers will remain the same as for the original hearing date.

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**Tentative Ruling**

Re: ***Poonia Family Enterprises, LLC v. Valley Building Industries, Inc.***

Superior Court Case No. 25CECG00197

Hearing Date: April 21, 2026 (Dept. 503)

Motion: Petition to Confirm Arbitration Award

**Tentative Ruling:**

To grant. Petitioner Poonia Family Enterprises, LLC, is directed to submit a proposed judgment consistent with the October 28, 2025, arbitration award.

**Explanation:**

Under Code of Civil Procedure section 1285, “[a]ny party to an arbitration in which an award has been made may petition the court to confirm, correct or vacate the award. The petition shall name as respondents all parties to the arbitration and may name as respondents any other persons bound by the arbitration award.” (Code Civ. Proc., § 1285.)

Code of Civil Procedure section 1285.4 requires that a petition to confirm an arbitration award set forth: (a) the substance or have attached a copy of the agreement to arbitrate unless the petitioner denies the existence of such an agreement; (b) the names of the arbitrators; and (c) set forth or have attached a copy of the award and the written opinion of the arbitrators, if any.

“A response to a petition under this chapter may request the court to dismiss the petition or to confirm, correct or vacate the award.” (Code Civ. Proc., § 1285.2.)

“If a petition or response under this chapter is duly served and filed, the court shall confirm the award as made, whether rendered in this state or another state, unless in accordance with this chapter it corrects the award and confirms it as corrected, vacates the award or dismisses the proceeding.” (Code Civ. Proc., § 1286.)

The Petition filed on December 4, 2025, by Poonia Family Enterprises, LLC, complies with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 1285.4. The Petition is on the Judicial Council form, is verified, includes a copy of the settlement agreement wherein the parties agreed to submit disputes to arbitration, the name of the arbitrator, and a copy of the arbitrator’s award. Notice of the hearing on the Petition, labelled as a “Notice of Motion and Motion to Confirm Contractual Arbitration Award” does not negate the substance of the petition before the court. Thus, unless respondent properly moves to vacate, correct or dismiss the Petition, the court must confirm the arbitration award and enter judgment thereon. (Code Civ. Proc. §§ 1286; 1287.4; *Eternity Investments, Inc. v. Brown* (2007) 151 Cal.App.4th 739, 744-45.)

Respondent Valley Building Industries, Inc., has filed a response limited to challenging the Petition's compliance with rules of court requiring a memorandum of points and authorities accompany a motion. The response has not persuaded the court that the substance of the Petition fails to comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 1285.4. Respondent has made no motion to vacate, dismiss or correct the arbitration award. Accordingly, the Petition will be granted.

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1312(a), and Code of Civil Procedure section 1019.5, subdivision (a), no further written order is necessary. The minute order adopting this tentative ruling will serve as the order of the court and service by the clerk will constitute notice of the order.

**Tentative Ruling**

**Issued By:** DTT **on** 4/17/2026.  
(Judge's initials) (Date)