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FILED MERCED COUNTY 1 ROB BONTA 2025 APR -8 AM II: 38 Attorney General of California 2 LISA W. CHAO Supervising Deputy Attorney General 3 CAROLINE C. LAM Deputy Attorney General 4 State Bar No. 298045 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702 5 Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230 Telephone: (213) 269-6224 6 Fax: (916) 731-2144 E-mail: Caroline.Lam@doj.ca.gov Attorneys for Applicant Insurance Commissioner 7 of the State of California 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF MERCED 10 11 12 13 INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE Case No. 18CV-04739 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, 14 [PROTOSED] ORDER TO APPROVE Applicant, LIQUIDATOR'S 1) PAYMENT OF 15 ADMINISTRATIVE AND v. PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES 16 FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1. 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; 2) 17 MERCED PROPERTY & CASUALTY APPROVE EXECUTED RELEASE CO., AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL 18 **GOVERNMENT; 3) AUTHORIZE FINAL** Respondent. DISBURSEMENT OF MERCED 19 ASSETS: 4) ESCHEAT UNCLAIMED **FUNDS TO STATE; 5) RETAIN** 20 **CLOSING RESERVE; 6) AUTHORIZE** DISPOSAL OF LEGACY RECORDS; 7) 21 REMIT RESIDUAL ESTATE ASSETS TO PARENT ENTITY; 8) CLOSE 22 **ESTATE** 23 Date: April 2, 2025 Time: 8:15 a.m. 24 Dept: Judge: Hon. Stephanie Jamieson 25 Action Filed: November 30, 2018 26 The Application of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California (Commissioner), 27 in his capacity as Liquidator of Merced Property & Casualty Company (Merced), for an Order to

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1) Approve Payment of Administrative and Professional Fees and Expenses for the period of November 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024; 2) Approve Executed Release Agreement with the Federal Government; 3) Authorize Final Disbursement of Merced Assets; 4) Escheat Unclaimed Funds to State; 5) Retain Closing Reserve; 6) Authorize Disposal of Legacy Records; 7) Remit Residual Estate Assets to Parent Entity; and 8) Close Estate was heard in Department 8 of the above-entitled court on April 2, 2025, at 8:15 a.m., the Honorable Stephanie Jamieson presiding. Having read and considered the Application, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declaration of Scott Pearce submitted in support thereof, the Exhibits submitted in support thereof and, argument having been heard and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The Application is granted;
- 2. The Commissioner's payment of administrative and professional fees and expenses in the total amount of \$692,196 for the period of November 1, 2022, through September 30, 2024, is approved;
- 3. The Commissioner's executed federal release and waiver agreement with the United States Department of Justice concerning the federal government's Class 3 claim is approved;
- The Commissioner is authorized to disburse and pay a total of \$172,917.22 from the 4. assets of the Merced estate to the six approved Class 7 general creditors after the federal release and waiver agreement becomes effective:
- 5. The Commissioner is authorized to disburse and pay a total of \$197,286.49 from the assets of the Merced estate to the 62 approved Class 8 equity creditors after the federal release and waiver agreement becomes effective:
- 6. The Commissioner is authorized to escheat up to a total of \$213,600 from the remaining assets of the Merced estate to the proper state agency as unclaimed funds;
- 7. The Commissioner is authorized to retain \$350,000 in Merced assets as a closing reserve for the payment of projected future administrative expenses incurred during the release of the estate's final distribution and for any remaining tasks required to properly close the liquidation, including dismissal of the legal proceeding and discharge of the Commissioner;

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Case Name:

Insurance Commissioner of the State of California v. Merced Property &

Casualty Co.

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I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service.

On February 21, 2025, I served the attached [FICTOSED] ORDER TO APPROVE LIQUIDATOR'S 1) PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; 2) APPROVE EXECUTED RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; 3) AUTHORIZE FINAL DISBURSEMENT OF MERCED ASSETS; 4) ESCHEAT UNCLAIMED FUNDS TO STATE; 5) RETAIN CLOSING RESERVE; 6) AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF LEGACY RECORDS; 7) REMIT RESIDUAL ESTATE ASSETS TO PARENT ENTITY; 8) CLOSE ESTATE by transmitting a true copy via electronic mail, addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on February 21, 2025, at Los Angeles, California.

Gail Agcaoili /s/ Gail Agcaoili

Declarant

Signature

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