Superior Court of California, County of San Diego 7/24/2025 11:29:15 PM Clerk of the Superior Court 1 ,Deputy Clerk By T. Automation 2 3 4 5 6 7 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 9 10 CHRISTOPHER LOMELI and DANIEL Case No. 37-2023-00008529-CU-BT-CTL BLANCO, individually, and on behalf of a 11 class of similarly situated individuals, 12 Plaintiffs, DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. 13 AZARI, ESQ. REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND ADEQUACY 14 SEAWORLD PARKS AND OF NOTICE PLAN ENTERTAINMENT, INC., a Delaware 15 corporation, SEA WORLD, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and 16 DOES 1-5, inclusive, 17 Defendants. 18 19 DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI, ESQ. REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND 20 ADEQUACY OF NOTICE PLAN 21 I, Cameron R. Azari, Esq., hereby declare and state as follows: 22 My name is Cameron R. Azari, Esq. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth 23 herein, and I believe them to be true and correct. 24 2. I am a nationally recognized expert in the field of legal notice and have served as an expert 25 in hundreds of federal and state cases involving class action notice plans. 26 I am a Senior Vice President of Epig Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epig") and the 27 Managing Director of Epiq Legal Noticing (aka Hilsoft Notifications), a business unit of Epiq that 28 DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI, ESQ. REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND

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specializes in designing, developing, analyzing, and implementing large-scale, un-biased, legal notification plans.

4. The facts in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge, as well as information rovided to me by my colleagues in the ordinary course of my business at Epiq.

OVERVIEW

5. This declaration describes the successful implementation of the Settlement notice plan ("Notice Plan") and notices (the "Notice" or "Notices") for Lomeli and Blanco v. Sea World Parks & Entertainment, Inc., et al., Case No. 37-2023-00008529-CU-BT-CTL, pending in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Diego. I previously executed my Declaration of Cameron R. Azari, Esq. Regarding Notice Plan, on March 26, 2025, which described the Notice Plan, detailed Epiq's class action notice experience, and attached Epiq's curriculum vitae. I also provided my educational and professional experience relating to class actions and my ability to render opinions on overall adequacy of notice programs.

NOTICE PLAN METHODOLOGY

- 6. California Rules of Court directs "[i]f the court has certified the action as a class action, notice of the final approval hearing must be given to the class members in the manner specified by the court." The Notice Plan as implemented satisfied this requirement.
- 7. The Notice Plan individual notice efforts via email and/or mail to identified Settlement Class Members reached approximately 90.8% of the identified Settlement Class. The reach was further enhanced by an informational release and a Settlement Website. In my experience, the Notice Plan was consistent with other court-approved notice programs and satisfied the requirements of due process, including its "desire to actually inform" requirement.²

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¹ CRC, Rule 3.769(f).

² Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950) ("But when notice is a person's due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process. The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it. The reasonableness and hence the constitutional validity of any chosen method may be defended on the ground that it is in itself reasonably certain to inform those affected . . .").

NOTICE PLAN DETAIL

8. On April 18, 2025, the Court approved the Notice Plan and appointed Epiq as the Settlement Administrator in its *Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement* ("Preliminary Approval Order"). In the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court conditionally certified, for settlement purposes only, the following "Settlement Class,":

[A]ll persons with a California home or billing address on file with Defendants, who purchased one or more Annual Passes to SeaWorld San Diego using the SeaWorld San Diego website or mobile application on or after February 28, 2019 whose Annual Pass automatically renewed after the initial twelve-month commitment ended on or before February 28, 2025 and who did not receive a refund for the first auto-renewal charge.

Excluded from the Class are all employees of the Defendants, Plaintiffs' counsel, and the judicial officers to whom this case is assigned.

9. After the Court's Preliminary Approval Order was entered, Epiq implemented the Notice Plan. This declaration details the notice activities undertaken to date and explains how and why the Notice Plan was comprehensive and well-suited to reach the Settlement Class Members. This declaration also discusses the administration activity to date.

NOTICE PLAN

Individual Notice

10. On May 6, 2025, Epiq received one data file with 141,434 records for identified Settlement Class Members, which included full names, mailing addresses, and email addresses ("Class Data"). Epiq deduplicated and rolled-up the records, removed non-Settlement Class Member records, and loaded the unique, identified Settlement Class Member records into its database for this Settlement. These efforts resulted in 137,831 unique, Settlement Class Member records. An Email Notice was sent to all identified Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address was available. A Postcard Notice was sent via United States Postal Service ("USPS") first class mail to all identified Settlement Class Members with an associated physical address for whom a valid email address was not available or for whom the Email Notice was undeliverable after multiple attempts.

11. On May 28, 2025, Epiq commenced sending 134,432 Email Notices to identified Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address was available. Some valid email addresses were associated with multiple identified Settlement Class Members, and only one Email Notice was sent per valid email address. The following industry standard best practices were followed. The Email Notice was created using an embedded html text format. This format provided easy-to-read text without graphics, tables, images, and other elements to avoid the increased likelihood that the message could be blocked by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and/or SPAM filters for this type of email communication. Each Email Notice was also transmitted with a unique message identifier. The Email Notice included an embedded link to the Settlement Website. By clicking the link, recipients were able to access the Long-Form Notice and other information about the Settlement. The Email Notice is included as **Attachment 1**.

12. If the receiving email server could not deliver the message, a "bounce code" was returned along with the unique message identifier. For any Email Notice for which a bounce code was received indicating that the message was undeliverable for reasons such as an inactive or disabled account, the recipient's mailbox was full, technical autoreplies, etc., at least two additional attempts were made to deliver the Notice by email.

Individual Notice – Direct Mail

13. To further increase the overall reach, on June 20, 2025, Epiq commenced sending 4,800 Postcard Notices to all identified Settlement Class Members with an associated physical address for whom a valid email address was not available. The Postcard Notice was sent via USPS first class mail. In addition, the Postcard Notice directed the recipients to the Settlement Website where they could access the Long-Form Notice and additional information about the Settlement. The Postcard Notice is included as **Attachment 2**.

14. Prior to sending the Postcard Notice, mailing addresses were checked against the National Change of Address ("NCOA") database maintained by the USPS to ensure the Settlement Class Member

television and radio broadcast media, as well as websites, online databases, internet networks and social networking media. The informational release achieved 264 exact media pickups, reaching a total potential audience of over 79.5 million. Top media outlets that picked up the informational release included KTLA (Los Angeles), KSWB (San Diego), KRON (Los Angeles), KTXL (Sacramento), KGET (Bakersfield) and Times of San Diego, among others.

19. The Informational Release included the case website address and the toll-free telephone number. The Informational Release served a valuable role by providing additional notice exposures beyond that which was provided by the paid media. The Informational Release is included as **Attachment 4.**

Settlement Website

20. On May 8, 2025, Epiq established a dedicated website for the Settlement with an easy to remember domain name (www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com). Relevant documents are posted on the Settlement Website, including the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval Order, the Long-Form Notice, Complaint. In addition, the Settlement Website includes relevant dates, answers to frequently asked questions ("FAQs"), instructions for how Settlement Class Members could opt-out (request exclusion) from or object to the Settlement prior to the deadlines, contact information for the Settlement Administrator, and how to obtain other case-related information. The Settlement Website address was prominently displayed in all notice documents. As of July 23, 2025, there have been 10,819 unique visitor sessions to the settlement website, and 14,278 web pages have been presented.

Toll-Free Telephone Number & Contact Information

21. On May 8, 2025, Epiq established a toll-free telephone number (1-888-865-1770) for the Settlement. Callers are able to hear an introductory message and have the option to learn more about the Settlement in the form of recorded answers to FAQs, and to request that a Long-Form Notice be mailed to them. This automated telephone system is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The toll-free telephone number was prominently displayed in all notice documents. As of July 23, 2025, there have been 117 calls to the toll-free telephone number representing 324 minutes of use.

22. A postal mailing address was established and continues to be available, allowing Settlement Class Members the opportunity to request additional information or ask questions.

Requests for Exclusion and Objections

23. The deadline to request exclusion from the Settlement was July 22, 2025. As of July 23, 2025, Epiq has received five requests for exclusion. The Exclusion Report is included as **Attachment 5**. Epiq will update the Court if any additional timely requests for exclusion are received. The deadline to object to the Settlement is July 31, 2025. As of July 23, 2025, Epiq is aware of no objections to the Settlement.

Distribution Options

24. The Notices provided a detailed summary of relevant information about the Settlement, including the Settlement Website address and that Settlement Class Members who do not request exclusion from the Settlement will receive a payment automatically. A payment election email will be sent to all identified Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address is available with a hyperlink to an election portal, which will allow Settlement Class Members to make a payment election. If a valid email address is not available, a traditional paper check will be sent to identified Settlement Class Members with an associated mailing address.

Cost of Notice Implementation and Administration

- 25. Given the anticipated scope and predicted volumes for the notice and administration for the Settlement, Epiq agreed to cap its fees at \$150,000. As of July 23, 2025, Epiq has invoiced \$32,044.88, the cost to implement the Notice Plan and handle the settlement administration. The estimated additional cost that will be incurred following the Final Approval Hearing to complete the settlement administration is approximately \$116,251.84, for an overall estimated administrative cost of \$148,296.72, below the \$150,000 cap. All costs are subject to the Service Contract under which Epiq is retained as the Settlement Administrator, and the terms and conditions of that agreement.
- 26. The remaining work to be completed is a significant piece of Epiq's estimate, including: 1) calculating distribution payments to Settlement Class Members; 2) distributing settlement funds to Settlement Class Members (digital payments or physical checks and postage); 3) handling undeliverable

payments; 4) re-issuing payments; 5) communication with Settlement Class Members, including maintaining the Settlement Website and toll-free telephone number throughout the remaining duration of the settlement administration; 6) Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") management, tax reporting, and sales tax; and 7) associated project management and related billable hours to handle the distribution and related settlement administration responsibilities.

CONCLUSION

27. In class action notice planning, execution, and analysis, we are guided by due process considerations under the United States Constitution, by state and local rules and statutes, and further by case law pertaining to notice. This framework directs that the notice plan be designed to reach the greatest practicable number of potential class members and, that the notice or notice plan provide class members with easy access to the details of how the class action may impact their rights. All of these requirements were met in this case.

28. The Notice Plan included individual notice efforts via email and/or mail to identified Settlement Class Members. With the address updating protocols that were used, the Notice Plan individual notice efforts reached approximately 90.8% of the identified Settlement Class. The reach was further enhanced by an informational release and a Settlement Website. The Federal Judicial Center's ("FJC") *Judges' Class Action Notice and Claims Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide*, which is relied upon for federal cases, and is illustrative for state courts, states that, "the lynchpin in an objective determination of the adequacy of a proposed notice effort is whether all the notice efforts together will reach a high percentage of the class. It is reasonable to reach between 70–95%." Here, we have developed a Notice Plan that will readily achieve a reach at the high end of that standard.

29. The Notice Plan followed the guidance for satisfying due process obligations that a notice expert gleans from the United States Supreme Court's seminal decisions, which emphasize the need: (a) to endeavor to actually inform the Settlement Class, and (b) to ensure that notice is reasonably calculated to do so:

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⁴ FED. JUDICIAL CTR, JUDGES' CLASS ACTION NOTICE AND CLAIMS PROCESS CHECKLIST AND PLAIN LANGUAGE GUIDE 3 (2010), available at https://www.fjc.gov/content/judges-class-action-notice-and-plaims process should be a plain language guide 0.

1	a) "[W]hen notice is a person's due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process.
2	The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it," <i>Mullane v. Central Hanover</i>
3	<i>Trust</i> , 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950); and
5	b) "[N]otice must be reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections," <i>Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin</i> , 417 U.S. 156 (1974) (citing <i>Mullane</i> , 339 U.S. at 314).
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7	30. The Notice Plan conformed to all aspects of the California Code of Civil Procedure and the
8	California Rules of Court and comported with the guidance for effective notice set out in the Manual for
9	Complex Litigation, Fourth.
10	31. The Notice Plan schedule afforded enough time to provide full and proper notice to the
11	Settlement Class Members before any opt-out or objection deadlines.
12	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
13	true and correct. Executed July 23, 2025.
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Attachment 1

SeaWorld Annual Pass Settlement < SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement@e.epiqnotice.com>

To: Subject:

Lomeli & Blanco v. SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, et al. Class Notice

You are receiving this email because you may have purchased an annual pass to SeaWorld San Diego while residing in California using the SeaWorld San Diego website or app between February 28, 2019 and February 28, 2024 which automatically renewed after the initial twelve-month commitment ended.

This is a court-authorized Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer or a lawsuit against you.

Why did I get this notice? A \$1.5 million settlement has been reached for a class action lawsuit against SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc. and Sea World, LLC ("SeaWorld" or "Defendants") titled *Lomeli and Blanco v.* SeaWorld, Case No. 37-2023-00008529-CU-BT-CTL (the "Lawsuit"). According to available records, you may be a member of the class approved for settlement purposes in this case (a "Settlement Class Member"). The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the Action and your rights under the terms of the Settlement so that you may decide an appropriate course of action.

What is the Lawsuit about? SeaWorld San Diego is a theme park and entertainment company. On SeaWorld San Diego's website or mobile application ("app"), consumers can purchase Annual Passes to SeaWorld San Diego, which automatically renew after the initial twelve-month commitment period ends, unless and until the consumer cancels their Annual Pass. Plaintiff Daniel Blanco ("Named Plaintiff") brought this Lawsuit individually and on behalf of a California class of consumers alleging that SeaWorld San Diego violated the requirements of California Business and Professions Code sections 17600-17606 regarding disclosure, affirmative consent to, and reminder of automatic renewal offer terms and cancellation rights in connection with a customer's purchase and renewal of Annual Passes.

Named Plaintiff asserted claims for unfair competition, false advertising, injunctive relief and restitution under California Business and Professions Code section 17200 and section 17535. SeaWorld denies any wrongdoing

and contends that it complied with all applicable laws. The Court has not made any determination as to whether SeaWorld engaged in any wrongdoing or violated any laws. Instead, the Named Plaintiff and SeaWorld have agreed to a settlement to avoid the risk, cost, and time of continuing the lawsuit.

What does the Settlement provide? If the Court grants final approval and the Settlement becomes effective, SeaWorld will pay a settlement amount of \$1.5 million. The Settlement Administrator will subtract from the settlement amount the settlement administration expenses, any service award to the Named Plaintiff, and any attorneys' fee and expenses awarded to Settlement Class Counsel as approved by the Court. The remaining amount, the Net Settlement Amount, will be distributed on a *pro rata* basis (a legal term meaning equal share) to each Settlement Class Member who does not timely opt out of the Settlement. The estimate of the total number of Settlement Class Members is 141,358.

When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement? The Court will hold a "Fairness Hearing" on August 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. to consider whether to approve: the Settlement, a request by Settlement Class Counsel for up to \$500,000 for their attorneys' fees and up to \$20,000 for their costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Lawsuit, and the Named Plaintiff's request for a service award of up to \$10,000 for their services with the Lawsuit. Payments will be issued only if the Settlement is finally approved by the Court and all appeals have been resolved, or the time to file appeals has passed (the "Final Settlement Date"). Please be patient. The hearing may be postponed to a different date or time or location without notice. Please check here for any updates.

How do I get a cash payment? You do not need to take any action now to receive a payment. If the Final Settlement Date occurs, cash payments will be issued to Settlement Class Members who do not timely opt out (referred to as "Participating Settlement Class Members"). After the Final Settlement Date, the Settlement Administrator will email Participating Settlement Class Members a link to the election portal, which will provide thirty (30) days to make their payment election. If no payment selection is made, Participating Settlement Class Members will be issued an electronic MasterCard.

Other Options: If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement and any judgments and orders, you must opt out by emailing or mailing a request for exclusion by July 22, 2025. If you do not opt out of the Settlement, you may object (i.e., tell the Court it should not approve the Settlement or any of the requested fee awards) by July 31, 2025. The Long Form Notice available here explains how to opt out or object. If you object, you may ask to appear at the Fairness Hearing, but you do not have to do so.

If you do not opt out of this Settlement, you are waiving and releasing your rights to bring or maintain your own lawsuit against Defendants regarding the allegations in the Lawsuit and you will be legally bound by the Settlement and any judgments and orders.

This notice is a summary. Learn more about the Settlement at www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com, or by calling toll-free 1-888-865-1770.

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If should not be subscribed or if you need to change your subscription information for SeaWorld San Diego Annual Pass Settlement, please use this preferences page.

Attachment 2

SeaWorld Annual Pass Settlement P.O. Box 2377 Portland, OR 97208-2377 FIRST-CLASS MAIL PRESORTED U.S. POSTAGE PAID PORTLAND, OR PERMIT NO. 2882

Lomeli and Blanco v. SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc., et al., Case No. 37-2023-00008529-CU-BT-CTL

If, while residing in California, you purchased an Annual Pass to SeaWorld San Diego through the SeaWorld San Diego website or app between February 28, 2019, and February 28, 2024, that automatically renewed after the initial twelve-month commitment ended, you may be entitled to compensation.



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Why did I get this Notice? A \$1.5 million settlement has been reached for a class action lawsuit against SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc. and Sea World, LLC ("SeaWorld"). According to available records, you may be a member of the class approved for settlement purposes in this case (a "Settlement Class Member"). On SeaWorld San Diego's website or mobile application, consumers can purchase Annual Passes to SeaWorld San Diego, which automatically renew after the initial twelve-month commitment period ends, unless and until the consumer cancels their Annual Pass. Plaintiff Daniel Blanco ("Named Plaintiff") brought this Lawsuit individually and on behalf of a California class of consumers alleging that SeaWorld San Diego violated the California Business and Professions Code sections 17600-17606. SeaWorld denies any wrongdoing and contends that it complied with all applicable laws. The Court has not decided who is right.

What does the Settlement provide? If the Court grants final approval and the Settlement becomes effective, SeaWorld will pay a settlement amount of \$1.5 million. The Settlement Administrator will subtract from the settlement amount the settlement administration expenses, any service award to the Named Plaintiff, and any attorneys' fee and expenses awarded to Settlement Class Counsel as approved by the Court. The remaining amount will be distributed on a pro rata basis to each Settlement Class Member who does not timely opt out of the Settlement.

When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement? The Court will hold a "Fairness Hearing" on August 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. to consider whether to approve the Settlement, requested attorneys' fees and costs, and the Named Plaintiff's request for a service award.

How do I get a cash payment? You do not need to take any action to receive a payment. If the Final Settlement Date occurs, payments will be issued to Settlement Class Members who do not timely opt out (referred to as "Participating Settlement Class Members"). After the Final Settlement Date, the Settlement Administrator will email Participating Settlement Class Members for whom an email address is available a link to the election portal, which will provide thirty (30) days to make their payment election. If no email address is available, payment will be issued in the form of a check to the Class Member's last known address.

Other Options: If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must opt out by **July 22, 2025**. If you do not opt out of the Settlement, you may object (i.e., tell the Court it should not approve the Settlement or any of the requested fee awards) by **July 31, 2025**. The Long Form Notice available on the Settlement Website explains how to opt out or object.

This is a summary. Visit www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com or call 1-888-865-1770 for more information.

Attachment 3

If while residing in California, you purchased an Annual Pass to SeaWorld San Diego through the SeaWorld San Diego website or app between February 28, 2019 and February 28, 2024, which automatically renewed after the initial twelve-month commitment ended, you may be entitled to compensation.

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Lomeli & Blanco v. SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, et al.
San Diego County Superior Court
Case No. 37-2023-00008529-CU-BT-CTL.

- A \$1.5 million settlement has been reached in the above class action lawsuit against SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc. and Sea World, LLC ("SeaWorld" or "Defendants").
- You are a Settlement Class Member entitled to receive a *pro rata* (a legal term meaning equal share) cash payment under the Settlement if the following Settlement Class definition applies to you: all persons with a California home or billing address on file with Defendants, who purchased one or more Annual Passes to SeaWorld San Diego using the SeaWorld San Diego website or mobile application on or after February 28, 2019 whose Annual Pass automatically renewed after the initial twelve-month commitment ended on or before February 28, 2025 and who did not receive a refund for the first auto-renewal charge.

Please read this Notice carefully. Your rights may be affected by this Settlement.

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Do Nothing If you are a Settlement Class Member, you will receive a cash payment and will release any legal claims covered by the Settlement if the Court approves the Settlement.		
Object	You can file an objection stating why you think the Court should not approve the Settlement (why you object to the Settlement). Submitting an objection does not opt you out of the Settlement. You will still receive a cash payment, and you will release any legal claims covered by the Settlement if the Court approves the Settlement.	Filed by: July 31, 2025
Go to the Hearing	The Court will hold a "Fairness Hearing" to consider the Settlement, the request for attorneys' fees and costs of the lawyers who brought the lawsuit and a service award for the Named Plaintiff. You may attend the Hearing, but are not required to do so. If you want to speak at the Hearing, you must object and indicate your intent to speak at the hearing in an Objection.	Hearing Date: August 15, 2025
Opt Out	Get no cash payment. If you opt out of the Settlement, you will not receive a cash payment. Opting out is the only option that allows you to ever be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants about the legal claims covered by the Settlement.	Postmarked by:

- Your rights and options are explained in more detail below.
- Cash payments will be provided to Settlement Class Members only if the Court gives final approval to the Settlement and any appeals are resolved in favor of the Settlement. Please be patient.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why is this Notice being provided?

A court authorized this Notice because you have the right to know about the Settlement of this class action lawsuit, and about all of your rights and options, before the Court decides whether to grant final approval to the Settlement. This Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, your legal rights, what Settlement benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Honorable Gregory Pollack of the San Diego County Superior Court (the "Court") is overseeing this class action. The lawsuit is known as *Lomeli and Blanco v. Sea World Parks and Entertainment Inc.*, et al., No. 37-2023-00008529-CU-BT-CTL (the "Lawsuit"). The person who filed this Lawsuit is called the Named Plaintiff, and the companies they sued, SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc. and Sea World, LLC, are called the "Defendants" (or, simply, "SeaWorld").

2. What is this lawsuit about?

SeaWorld San Diego is a theme park and entertainment company. On SeaWorld San Diego's website or mobile application ("app"), consumers can purchase Annual Passes to SeaWorld San Diego, which automatically renew after the initial twelve-month commitment period ends, unless and until the consumer terminates (cancels) the Annual Pass.

Plaintiff Daniel Blanco ("Named Plaintiff") brought this lawsuit individually and on behalf of a California class of consumers alleging that SeaWorld San Diego violated the requirements of California Business and Professions Code sections 17600-17606 regarding disclosure, affirmative consent to, and reminder of the automatic renewal terms and cancellation rights in connection with a customer's purchase and renewal of Annual Passes. Named Plaintiff asserted claims for unfair competition, false advertising, injunctive relief and restitution under California Business and Professions Code section 17200 and section 17535.

SeaWorld denies any wrongdoing and contends that it complied with all applicable laws. The Court has not made any determination as to which party is right and has not found that SeaWorld engaged in any wrongdoing or violated any laws. Instead, the Named Plaintiff and Defendants have agreed to a settlement to avoid the risk, cost, and time of continuing the lawsuit.

3. Why is the lawsuit a class action?

In a class action lawsuit, one or more people called a "Representative Plaintiff" or "Named Plaintiff" (in this Action, Daniel Blanco) sue on behalf of other people who may potentially have similar legal claims. All these people are a class or class members. For purposes of this Settlement, one court will resolve the issues for all Settlement Class Members, except for those people who properly opt out of the Settlement Class, as explained below.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Named Plaintiff has made legal claims against SeaWorld on behalf of themself and the Settlement Class, which is comprised of people who are similarly situated. SeaWorld denies that it has done anything wrong or violated any laws and admits no liability. The Court has not decided in favor of the Named Plaintiff or SeaWorld. Instead, both sides agreed to a Settlement. That way, they avoid the cost of a trial, and the Settlement Class Members will receive relief now rather than years from now, if at all.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT

5. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement?

You are a Settlement Class Member if the following Settlement Class definition applies to you: all persons with a California home or billing address on file with Defendants, who purchased one or more Annual Passes to SeaWorld San Diego using the SeaWorld San Diego website or mobile application on or after February 28, 2019 whose Annual Pass automatically renewed after the initial twelve-month commitment ended on or before February 28, 2025 and who did not receive a refund for the first auto-renewal charge.

Excluded from the Class are all employees of the Defendants, Plaintiffs' counsel, and the judicial officers to whom this case is assigned.

Settlement Class Members will be identified through SeaWorld's records.

6. What if I am still not sure whether I am part of the Settlement?

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can call the Settlement Administrator at 1-888-865-1770 for more information or review the Settlement documents found on the Settlement Website at www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS—WHAT YOU GET IF YOU QUALIFY

7. What does the Settlement provide?

If the Court grants final approval and the Settlement becomes effective, SeaWorld will pay a settlement amount of \$1.5 million. The Settlement Administrator will subtract from the settlement amount: the settlement administration expenses, any service award to the Named Plaintiff, and any attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses awarded to Settlement Class Counsel as approved by the Court. The remaining amount, the Net Settlement Amount, will be distributed on a *pro rata* basis (a legal term meaning equal share) to each Settlement Class Member who did not timely opt out from the Settlement. The estimate of the total number of Settlement Class Members is 141,358.

8. What can I get from the Settlement?

If Sea World's records identify you as a Settlement Class Member and you do not timely opt out of the Settlement, you are a considered a "Participating Settlement Class Member." If the Court grants final approval and the Settlement becomes effective, Participating Settlement Class Members will automatically receive a cash payment from the Settlement. Participating Settlement Class Members will be notified directly to select how they want to receive their payment, either as an electronic payment such as Venmo, direct deposit/ACH, PayPal, or another electronic method the Settlement Administrator deems effective, or as a paper check.

To receive a paper check as a Participating Settlement Class Member, you will be required to provide the Settlement Administrator with a mailing address. If no payment selection is made, Participating Settlement Class Members will be issued an electronic MasterCard. Where a Participating Settlement Class Member elects to receive payment in the form of a paper check, that Participating Settlement Class Member will have sixty (60) days from when the check is mailed to cash the check.

9. When will I get a cash payment?

You do not need to take any action now to receive a payment. If the Court grants final approval and the Settlement becomes effective, cash payments will be issued to Participating Settlement Class Members. The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing to decide whether to give final approval to the Settlement. Even if the Court gives final approval of the Settlement, there may be appeals. It is always uncertain when any appeals will be resolved, and resolving them can take time, perhaps more than a year. You can check on the progress of the lawsuit on the Settlement Website at www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com. The Settlement will become final when the Court has given final approval and all appeals have been resolved in favor of the Settlement, or the time to file appeals has passed (the "Final Settlement Date"). Within sixty (60) days after the Final Settlement Date, the Settlement Administrator will email Participating Settlement Class Members a link to the election portal, which will provide thirty (30) days to make their payment election. Please be patient.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

10. Do I have a lawyer in this lawsuit?

The Court has ordered that Parasmo Lieberman Law; Broslavsky & Weinman, LLP; and Preston Law Offices ("Settlement Class Counsel") will represent the interests of all Settlement Class Members. These lawyers are paid from the \$1.5 million settlement amount. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

11. How will Settlement Class Counsel be paid?

Settlement Class Counsel will request up to \$500,000 for their attorneys' fees, which is 33 1/3% of the \$1.5 million settlement amount, in addition to up to \$20,000 to reimburse Settlement Class Counsel for costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Lawsuit. The Court will make the final decision as to the amounts to be paid to Settlement Class Counsel. The amount that the Court awards will be paid out of the \$1.5 million settlement amount, as described below.

12. Will the Named Plaintiff receive any compensation for their efforts with the lawsuit?

The Named Plaintiff will request a service award of up to \$10,000 for their services as class representative and efforts in bringing the Lawsuit. The Court will make the final decision as to any amount to be paid to the Named Plaintiff.

13. What am I giving up to receive a cash payment or stay in the Settlement Class?

If the Court approves the Settlement and it becomes final, unless you opt out of the Settlement as described below, you will remain in the Settlement Class and all the Court's orders and judgments will apply to you and legally bind you. You will release your legal claims against Defendants that are released by the Settlement Agreement.

This generally means that you will not be able to file a lawsuit, continue a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants for claims that were or reasonably could have been asserted based on the factual allegations in the operative complaint, relating to or arising out of the automatic renewal and/or cancellation of Annual Passes purchased through the SeaWorld San Diego website or mobile application which were automatically renewed by Defendants during the Settlement Class Period, including federal claims.

The Settlement Agreement, available on the Settlement Website www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com, contains the full terms of the release in section 4.3 in necessary legal terminology. Please read these sections carefully.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

14. How do I get out of the Settlement?

You may opt out of the Settlement Class and the Settlement. If you want to opt out, you must email or mail the Settlement Administrator a Request for Exclusion stating the following:

- 1. The name and case number of the lawsuit "Lomeli and Blanco v. Sea World Parks and Entertainment, Inc. No. 37-2023-00008529-CU-BT-CTL";
- 2. Your full name, address, email address, and telephone number; and
- 3. A statement that you do not wish to participate in the Settlement.

The Request for Exclusion must be sent to the Settlement Administrator at the following address **postmarked or emailed** by **July 22, 2025**:

Sea World San Diego Annual Pass Settlement Settlement Administrator PO Box 2377 Portland, OR 97208-2377 info@SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com

You cannot exclude yourself by telephone, and you cannot opt out on behalf of anyone else.

You may not request to opt out from the Settlement Class through "mass" or "class" opt outs, meaning that each person who seeks to opt out must send an individual, separate, request to the Settlement Administrator that complies with all requirements listed above.

If you timely opt out, you will be excluded from the Settlement Class, you will not receive a cash payment, you will not be bound by the judgment entered in the Lawsuit, and you will not be precluded from bringing or continuing any timely, individual lawsuit regarding the legal claims in this lawsuit. If you opt out of the Settlement, you cannot object to the Settlement since you will no longer be a Settlement Class Member.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

15. How do I tell the Court that I do not like the Settlement?

If you are a Settlement Class Member, you may object to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement Agreement, or to the request for attorneys' fees and costs or the service award.

To object, you must file a written objection with the Court by **July 31, 2025**, and email or mail a copy of the objection to Class Counsel, Defendants' Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator postmarked or emailed by **July 31, 2025**, to the following:

Court	Class Counsel	Defendants' Counsel	Settlement Administrator
Superior Court of California San Diego County 330 West Broadway Department 71 San Diego, CA 92101	Grace Parasmo Parasmo Lieberman Law 7119 West Sunset Blvd, Suite 808 Los Angeles, CA 90046 gparasmo@ parasmoliebermanlaw.com	Lawrence Y. Iser Kinsella Holley Iser Kump Steinsapir LLP 11766 Wilshire Blvd Suite 750 Los Angeles, CA 90025 liser@khiks.com	SeaWorld San Diego Annual Pass Settlement Settlement Administrator PO Box 2377 Portland, OR 97208-2377 info@ SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com

Your written objection must include:

- 1. The name and case number of the lawsuit, "Lomeli and Blanco v. Sea World Parks and Entertainment, Inc. No. 37-2023-00008529-CU-BT-CTL";
- 2. Your full name, address, email address, and telephone number;
- 3. The words "Notice of Objection" or "Formal Objection";
- 4. All grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal and factual support for the objection;
- 5. The identity of all lawyers representing you who will appear at the Fairness Hearing, if any;
- 6. The identification of any other objections you have filed, or have been filed on your behalf, in any other class action cases in the last five years;
- 7. A statement confirming whether you intend to personally appear and/or testify at the Fairness Hearing; and if so indicating this on your objection under a heading of "Notice of Intent to Appear"; and
- 8. Your signature on the written objection (an attorney's signature shall not be deemed sufficient).

Any person who submits an objection will be subject to the Court's jurisdiction and venue (meaning the Court's authority to handle the objection) with respect to their objection and the Settlement, and may be subject to discovery (a legal term that means collecting information) by the Parties. You may, but do not need to mail your objection through your own lawyer. If you do make your objection through your lawyer, you will be responsible for your personal attorney's fees and costs.

If you do not timely file an objection, you will be deemed to have waived all of your objections and you will not be entitled to speak at the Fairness Hearing.

If you mail a written objection, you may appear at the Fairness Hearing, either in person or through your own lawyer, hired at your expense, to object to the Settlement Agreement. You are not required to appear if you do not want to appear. If you or your lawyer intend to make an appearance at the Fairness Hearing, you must include in your objection a statement that you (or your lawyer) want to appear and speak under the heading of "Notice of Intent to Appear."

16. What is the difference between opting out and objecting to the Settlement?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you do not want the Court to approve the Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Settlement Class. Opting out is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class. If you opt out, you cannot object because the Settlement no longer affects you. If you attempt to both object to and opt out of the Settlement, you will be deemed to have opted out and will give up the right to object to the Settlement.

17. What is the Fairness Hearing?

The Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement and will hold a hearing, called the Fairness Hearing, to decide whether to give final approval to the Settlement. The purpose of the Fairness Hearing is for the Court to determine whether the Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class; to consider the award of attorneys' fees and costs to Settlement Class Counsel; and to consider the request for a service award to the Representative Plaintiff. The Court may also hear objections at the Fairness Hearing.

THE FAIRNESS HEARING

18. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

On **August 15, 2025** at **9:30 a.m.**, the Court will hold a hearing on the fairness of the proposed Settlement (the "Fairness Hearing"). At the Fairness Hearing, the Court will be available to hear any objections and arguments concerning the proposed Settlement's fairness from Settlement Class Members who timely submitted written objections and provided notice of their intent to appear. The hearing will take place before the Honorable Gregory Pollack of the San Diego County Superior Court, located at 330 West Broadway, Department 71, San Diego, California, 92101.

The hearing may be postponed to a different date or time or location without notice. Please check www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com for any updates about the Settlement generally or the Fairness Hearing specifically. If the date or time of the Fairness Hearing changes, you will not be sent a notification of the change, but the change will be posted to the Settlement Website.

19. May I speak at the Hearing?

At the Fairness Hearing, the Court will be available to hear any objections and arguments concerning the fairness of the Settlement from Settlement Class Members who timely submitted written objections and Notices of Intent to Appear. You may attend the Fairness Hearing, but you do not have to attend. As described above, only Settlement Class Members who have timely filed an objection, and included in their objection a statement that they (or their lawyer) intend to appear and speak at the Fairness Hearing under the heading of "Notice of Intent to Appear" may speak at the Fairness Hearing. If you opt out of the Settlement, you cannot speak at the Fairness Hearing.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

20. How do I get more information?

For more information, the Settlement Agreement, the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, the motion for an award of fees and costs and expenses to Settlement Class Counsel and a service award to the Named Plaintiff (once filed), and the Complaint filed in the lawsuit are or will be available on the Settlement Website at www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com. Alternatively, you may contact the Settlement Administrator at:

Sea World San Diego Annual Pass Settlement Settlement Administrator PO Box 2377 Portland, OR 97208-2377 This description of the lawsuit and the Settlement does not include details regarding all issues and legal proceedings that have occurred in the lawsuit. You can inspect the Court files at the Clerk of the Court, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, California, during business hours Monday through Friday, or via the Court's website at https://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/sdcourt/civil2 at your own expense. If you have questions about the Settlement, you may also contact Settlement Class Counsel:

Grace Parasmo	Ethan Preston	Zack Broslavsky
Yitzchak Lieberman	Preston Law Offices	Broslavsky & Weinman, LLP
Parasmo Lieberman Law	4054 McKinney Ave	1500 Rosecrans Ave, Suite 500
7119 West Sunset Blvd, Suite 808	Suite 310	Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Los Angeles, CA 90046	Dallas, TX 75204	(310) 575-2550
gparasmo@parasmoliebermanlaw.com	ep@eplaw.us	
ylieberman@parasmoliebermanlaw.com		

21. What if my contact information has changed or changes?

It is your responsibility to provide updated information to the Settlement Administrator. You can contact the Settlement Administrator at:

Sea World San Diego Annual Pass Settlement Settlement Administrator PO Box 2377 Portland, OR 97208-2377

DO NOT CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE COURT OR THE JUDGE FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT OR THE LAWSUIT.

Attachment 4

If while residing in California, you purchased an Annual Pass to SeaWorld San Diego, you may be entitled to compensation

NEWS PROVIDED BY

Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Diego →

Jun 03, 2025, 15:00 ET

SAN DIEGO, June 3, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- This is a court-authorized Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer or a lawsuit against you.

A \$1.5 million settlement has been reached in the class action lawsuit against SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc. and Sea World, LLC ("SeaWorld" or "Defendants"). SeaWorld San Diego is a theme park and entertainment company. Plaintiff Daniel Blanco ("Named Plaintiff") brought this Lawsuit individually and on behalf of a California class of consumers alleging that SeaWorld San Diego violated the requirements of California Business and Professions Code sections 17600-17606 regarding disclosure, affirmative consent to, and reminder of automatic renewal offer terms and cancellation rights in connection with a customer's purchase and renewal of Annual Passes. SeaWorld denies any wrongdoing and contends that it complied with all applicable laws.

Who is Included? You are a Settlement Class Member entitled to receive a pro rata (a legal term meaning equal share) cash payment under the Settlement if the following Settlement Class definition applies to you: all persons with a California home or billing address on file with Defendants, who purchased one or more Annual Passes to SeaWorld San Diego using the SeaWorld San Diego website or mobile application on or after February 28, 2019 whose Annual Pass automatically renewed after the initial twelve-month commitment ended on or before February 28, 2025 and who did not receive a refund for the first autorenewal charge.

What does the Settlement provide? If the Court grants final approval and the Settlement becomes effective, SeaWorld will pay a settlement amount of \$1.5 million. The Settlement Administrator will subtract from the settlement amount the settlement administration expenses, any service award to the Named Plaintiff, and any attorneys' fee and expenses awarded to Settlement Class Counsel as approved by the Court. The remaining amount, the Net Settlement Amount, will be distributed on a pro rata basis (a legal term meaning equal share) to each Settlement Class Member who does not timely opt out of the Settlement.

When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement? The Court will hold a "Fairness Hearing" on August 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. to consider whether to approve: the Settlement, a request by Settlement Class Counsel for up to \$500,000 for their attorneys' fees and up to \$20,000 for their costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Lawsuit, and the Named Plaintiff's request for a service award of up to \$10,000 for their services with the Lawsuit.

How do I get a cash payment? You do not need to take any action now to receive a payment. If the Final Settlement Date occurs, cash payments will be issued to Settlement Class Members who do not timely opt out (referred to as "Participating Settlement Class Members"). After the Final Settlement Date, the Settlement Administrator will email Participating Settlement Class Members a link to the election portal, which will provide thirty (30) days to make their payment election. If no payment selection is made, participating Settlement Class Members will automatically receive a payment.

Other Options: If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement and any judgments and orders, you must opt out by emailing or mailing a request for exclusion by July 22, 2025. If you do not opt out of the Settlement, you may object (i.e., tell the Court it should not approve the Settlement or any of the requested fee awards) by July 31, 2025. More information on how to opt out or object is available at www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com. If you object, you may ask to appear at the Fairness Hearing, but you do not have to do so. If you do not opt out of this Settlement, you are waiving and releasing your rights to bring or maintain your own lawsuit against Defendants regarding the allegations in the Lawsuit and you will be legally bound by the Settlement and any judgments and orders.

This notice is a summary. Learn more about the Settlement at <u>www.SeaWorldAnnualPassSettlement.com</u>, or by calling toll-free 1-888-865-1770.

Attachment 5



Exclusion Report SeaWorld Annual Pass Settlement July 23, 2025

Tracking Number	First Name	Last Name	Complete or Incomplete
13393	Adrianna	Santos	Complete
16193	Christina	Gray	Complete
81565	Diane	Vera	Incomplete
107795	Tanisha C	Fulcher	Incomplete
139044	Joshua	Stachowiak	Complete