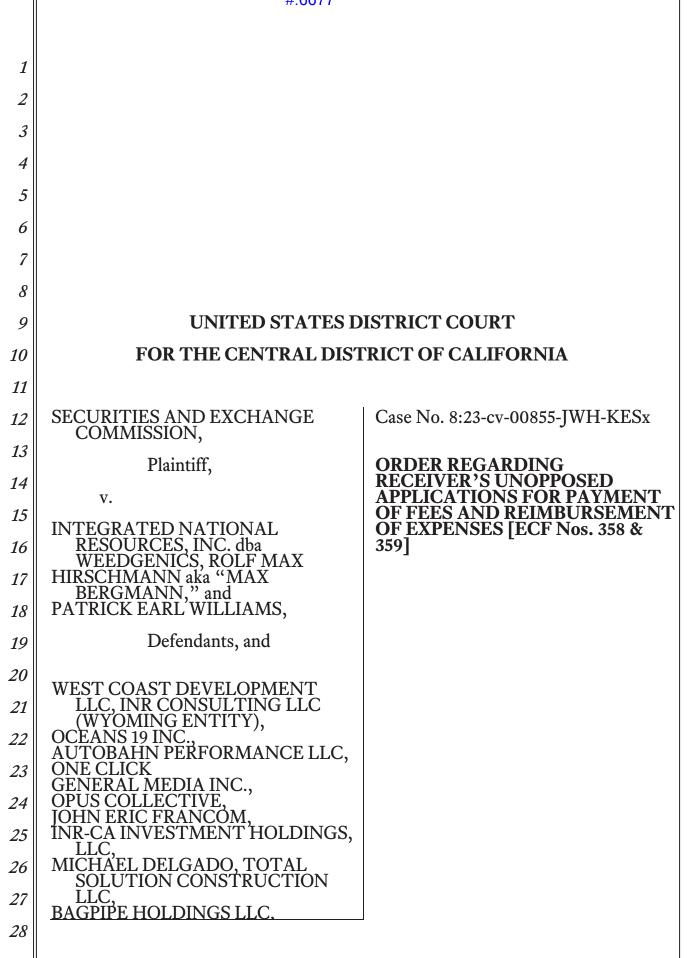
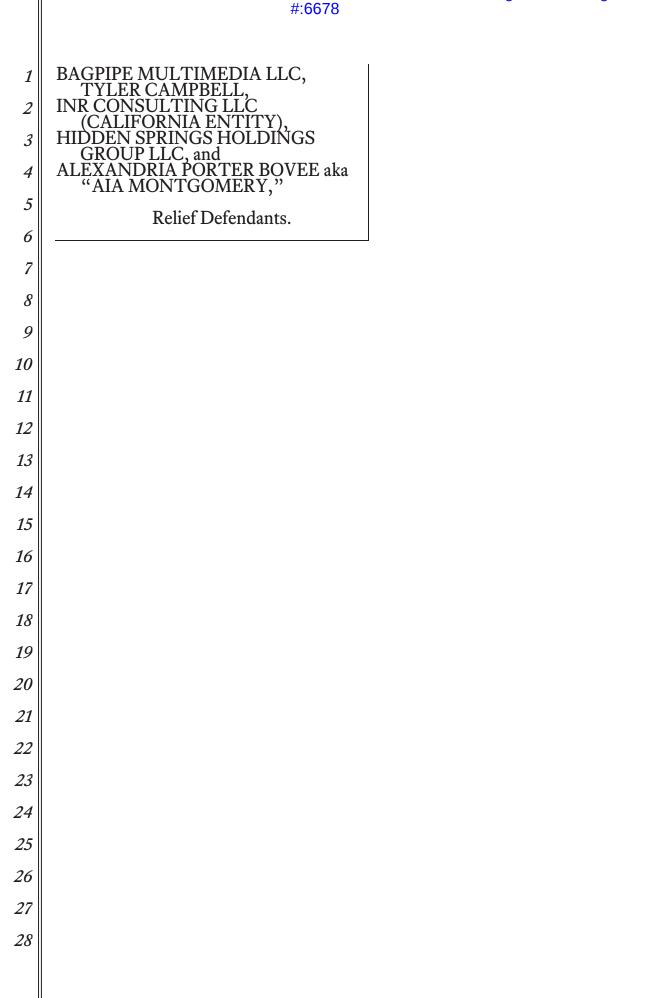


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Before the Court are two unopposed Applications of Receiver Krista L
Freitag (the "<u>Receiver</u>") for Payment of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses.¹
The Court concludes that these matters are appropriate for resolution without a
hearing. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 78; L.R. 7-15. After considering the Applications, in
the absence of any opposition, the Court **GRANTS** the Receiver's unopposed
Applications.

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I. BACKGROUND

In May 2023, Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") 8 filed a Complaint seeking a preliminary injunction against Defendants Integrated 9 National Resources Inc. dba WeedGenics ("INR"), Rolf Max Hirschmann aka 10 "Max Bergmann," and Patrick Earl Williams (collectively, "Defendants") and 11 various Relief Defendants, including Alexandria Porter Bovee, West Coast 12 13 Development LLC, INR Consulting LLC (Wyoming Entity), Oceans 19 Inc., Autobahn Performance LLC, One Click General Media Inc., and Opus 14 Collective (collectively, "Relief Defendants"), and seeking the appointment of a 15 permanent receiver over INR and the entity-Relief Defendants.² On the same 16 day, the SEC filed a Memorandum of Points and Authorities, as well as 17 supporting declarations and exhibits, seeking the same relief initially on a 18 temporary basis via a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO").³ Three days 19 later, the Court entered the TRO.⁴ 20

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26 ² See Compl. (the "<u>Complaint</u>") [ECF No. 1].

28 ⁴ TRO & Orders [ECF No. 17].

 ^{23 &}lt;sup>1</sup> Receiver's Appl. for Payment of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses
24 (the "Seventh Interim Application") [ECF No. 358]; Receiver's Appl. for
25 Payment of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Seventh Interim Fee
25 Application") [ECF No. 359].

²⁷ SEC's Mem. of P. & A.; Supporting Declarations [ECF Nos. 4-10.]

In June 2023, the Court granted the preliminary injunction and issued 1 orders (1) freezing Defendants' and Relief Defendants' assets; (2) appointing 2 Ms. Freitag as Permanent Receiver; (3) requiring accountings from Defendants 3 and Relief Defendants; and (4) prohibiting the destruction of documents.⁵ After 4 it entered those initial orders, the Court issued many follow-on orders variously 5 extending and adjusting the scope of the TRO and preliminary injunction. 6 Ultimately, the parties stipulated to, and the Court issued, judgment with 7 respect to Defendant INR and Relief Defendants.⁶ 8

The Receiver subsequently filed her instant Applications for 9 Reimbursement.⁷ The Seventh Interim Application covers the period from 10 October 1 through December 31, 2024, and it seeks the approval of \$137,291.63 11 in fees and \$2,893.70 in expenses incurred by the Receiver, as well as an order 12 13 authorizing her to pay, on an interim basis, 80% of the fees incurred (\$182,135.70) and 100% of the expenses incurred (\$2,893.70).⁸ The Seventh 14 Interim Fee Application covers the same period, and it seeks the approval of 15 \$80,786.71 in fees and \$11,702.62 in expenses incurred by Frietag's general 16 counsel, Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP ("Allen Matkins"), 17 as well as an order authorizing the Receiver to pay, on an interim basis, 80% of 18 those fees (\$64,629.37) and 100% of those expenses (\$11,702.62).9 No party 19 objected to either Application. 20

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- 27 ⁸ Seventh Interim Application 5:10-14.
- 28 ⁹ Seventh Interim Fee Application 5:11-15.

Prelim. Inj. With Respect to Certain Defs. & Relief Defs. & Orders [ECF No. 33].

^{See Stipulation for J. as to Def. INR [ECF No. 230]; Stipulation for J. as to Relief Defs. [ECF No. 231]; J. as to Def. INR [ECF No. 237]; J. as to Relief Defs. [ECF No. 238].}

²⁶ ⁷ Seventh Interim Application; Seventh Interim Fee Application.

Because no party objected to either Application and the fees and costs in 1 each appear well documented and reasonable,¹⁰ the Court **GRANTS** those two 2 3 Applications. **II. DISPOSITION** 4 For the reasons set forth above, the Court hereby **ORDERS** as follows: 5 The Receiver's two Applications for Reimbursement [ECF 6 1. Nos. 358 & 359] are **GRANTED**. 7 2. The Receiver's fees and costs for the Seventh Application Period 8 are ALLOWED and APPROVED, on an interim basis, in the amounts of 9 10 \$137,291.63 and \$2,893.70, respectively. The Receiver is **AUTHORIZED** and **DIRECTED** to pay herself 3. 11 \$109,833.30 in fees and \$2,893.70 in costs from assets of the receivership estate, 12 13 which amount reflects an interim payment of 80% of the allowed fees and 100% of the allowed costs. 14 15 4. Allen Matkins's fees and costs for the Seventh Application Period are ALLOWED and APPROVED, on an interim basis, in the amounts of 16 \$80,786.71 and \$11,702.62, respectively. 17 The Receiver is **AUTHORIZED** and **DIRECTED** to pay Allen 18 5. Matkins \$64,629.37 in fees and \$11,702.62 in costs from assets of the 19 receivership estate, which amounts reflect an interim payment of 80% of the 20 21 allowed fees and 100% of the allowed costs. IT IS SO ORDERED. 22 23 June 16, 2025 Dated: 24 **ATES DISTRICT JUDGE** 25 26 27 10 See Pl.'s Notice of Non-Opp'n [ECF No. 362]; Seventh Interim Application; Seventh Interim Fee Application. 28