

# GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY

## Four Decades of Insight, Influence & Impact

Building, supplying, employing, and governing in California is complicated, legally and politically and even socially.

Top businesses, government entities, and non-profits partner with Meyers Nave to bring their most ambitious projects to life, untangle delicate policymaking and workplace challenges, and win high-stakes disputes that play out in the public eye.

Since 1986, we've been special counsel, general counsel, and city attorney to clients on *both sides* of the public-private divide, especially those facing their biggest crises and most uncertain crossroads. We're in the rooms where governing decisions are made and we design strategies for the private and non-profit organizations whose futures are shaped by them.

We know how government thinks, how battles *actually* unfold, and how to build support among elected officials, regulators, stakeholders, and the public. And we devise training programs so clients can succeed on their own. We deliver this to clients through a unique model that pairs the elite talent, technology, and experience of a large firm with the precision, cost-effectiveness, and anticipatory client service of a boutique.

## Shaping Iconic California Projects

Our clients' projects touch the [major industries](#) that define how California lives, moves, works, and grows.

- [Real Estate & Housing](#) – Urban developments, mixed-use projects, and housing initiatives that address California's evolving needs
- [Sports & Entertainment](#) – Stadiums, arenas, theme parks, entertainment districts, and mixed-use developments that draw crowds and revitalize urban cores
- [Supply Chain & Logistics](#) – Industrial hubs, ports, and freight corridors
- [Transportation](#) – Airports, roads, rail, and transit
- [Infrastructure](#) – Energy, utilities, renewables, healthcare, and universities
- [Water Resources](#) – Dams, reservoirs, treatment plants, power generation, and stormwater systems
- [Public-Private Partnerships \(P3\)](#) – A project delivery model used across sectors, reducing risk and driving the economy by combining public and private investment

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## All the Legal Support You Need. All Under One Roof.

We know how to get projects approved and built, and how to keep them California-compliant.

Our attorneys are relentless strategists. They operate across every phase of a development project's lifecycle, from the earliest planning stage through long-term operations. Our team is known for anticipating risks early, [fast-tracking approvals](#), securing funding, structuring partnerships, and positioning projects to hold up against regulatory pushback, political headwinds, and organized opposition.

- [Construction](#)
  - **Private Project Delivery** – Contracts, procurement strategy, documentation, risk management, disputes, change orders, delays, claims, and closeout issues
  - [Public Contracts & Procurement](#) – RFPs, bidding, contract negotiation, compliance, project agreements, and procurement support for government entities
- [Labor & Employment](#)
  - [Advice & Counsel](#) – Employment advice, employer-side exposure, negotiations, and workplace compliance
  - [Labor Law](#) – Labor negotiations, workforce strategy, and government agency compliance
  - [Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#) – Workplace disputes, investigations, and employment litigation
  - [Training](#) – Workplace training, compliance programs, and risk prevention
  - [Workplace Investigations](#) – Internal investigations, employee complaints, and workplace disputes
- [Land Use & Environmental](#)
  - [Land Entitlements](#) – Land use and planning, development agreements, P3s, entitlements, permitting, general plans, specific plans, real estate transactions, and leases
  - [CEQA/NEPA](#) – Environmental review, administrative records, litigation defense, mitigation, and project approvals
  - [Climate Change & Sustainability](#) – Green growth, compliance, mitigation, adaptation, and regulatory strategies
  - [Air Quality](#) – Permitting, regulatory compliance, emissions, mitigation, and agency approvals
  - [Hazards & Remediation](#) – Contamination, cleanup, remediation, compliance, and environmental risk management
  - [Wildlife & Natural Resources](#) – Species, habitat, natural resources, water law, mitigation, and regulatory compliance
  - [Energy, Utilities & Renewables](#) – Infrastructure, renewable energy, utilities, permitting, and government approvals
- [Trial & Litigation](#)
  - [Commercial Litigation](#) – Commercial disputes, multi-party litigation, risk management, and business conflicts
  - [Eminent Domain & Inverse Condemnation](#) – Property acquisitions, negotiations,

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condemnation disputes, and project delivery

- [Crisis Management](#) – Regulatory pushback, political headwinds, organized opposition, and high-stakes disputes
- [First Amendment](#) – Constitutional issues, government speech, protest activity, and litigation risk
- [Writs & Appeals](#) – Strategic brief writing, persuasive oral advocacy, administrative writs, and appellate litigation

Many of the same issues that shape major projects also shape how organizations govern, decide, and respond. There, our work moves from project delivery to the rooms where consequential decisions get made.

## Decisions, Governance, Policymaking & Litigation

Meyers Nave has spent four decades inside California government as special counsel, general counsel, and city attorney. Our success is built on elite talent, cost-effectiveness, and a genuine commitment to our clients' unique missions, be they private, public, or non-profit.

We know that governance goes far beyond laws and policies. It's also about people, politics, and real-world pressures. We help clients make confident decisions, develop strategic response plans, and guide in-house teams of attorneys, executives, staff, and their governing bodies through emergent public crises, complex policymaking, front-page lawsuits, and the inherent tensions of serving the public, especially when facing unprecedented situations.

Our work sits where governance, operations, policy, and legal risk converge.

- [Climate Change & Sustainability](#) – Sustainability initiatives, implementation guidance, regulatory strategy, community priorities, and decision-making shaped by climate, infrastructure, and long-term operational goals and realities
- [Commercial Litigation](#) – Contract disputes, multi-party cases, enforcement actions, high-visibility litigation
- [Crisis Management](#) – Wildfires, natural disasters, health and safety emergencies, corruption scandals, protests, investigations, class actions, front-page lawsuits, high-visibility disputes, and crisis-adjacent decisions where legal, operational, media, and leadership-confidence issues converge
- [First Amendment](#) – Constitutional issues, civil rights, public access, speech, protests, including for privately-owned businesses that interact with the public
- [General Counsel](#) – Day-to-day municipal advice and urgent decisions, organizational governance, sensitive internal matters, and other support for in-house attorneys, executives, staff, and decision-makers of cities, counties, special districts, and JPAs
  - **City Attorney** – Outside city attorney service reflecting Meyers Nave's founding practice area
- [Governance & Policy](#) – Policy development, election law, ballot measures, formation, funding, interagency coordination, regional services, infrastructure delivery
- [Labor & Employment](#) – Sensitive internal matters, advice and counsel, investigations,

labor issues, risk prevention

- [Land Entitlements](#) – General and specific plans, ordinances, zoning, land use policy
- [Public Contracts & Procurement](#) – Contracts, negotiation, procurement compliance
- [Trial & Litigation](#) – Defense of leaders and organizations in high-stakes and high-visibility disputes across Meyers Nave practice areas
- [Writs & Appeals](#) – Appellate strategy, oral argument, writs

## Why Meyers Nave

*We know California*, see the whole board, and speak fluent government. And we are more cost-effective than any other firm in the state, larger or smaller.

That's because our model has been built over four decades designing legal services for *the most* cost-conscious government, private, and non-profit clients in California who simultaneously demand elite talent, stellar work product, and predictable cost.

That's why we are the go-to firm when the stakes are high, the path isn't clear, or the project just has to happen.

## EXPERIENCE

### CONSTRUCTION

#### Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) – LAX Construction Litigation

Lead litigation counsel to LAX across multiple federally funded matters: close-out negotiations on the Bradley West Core and Gates project procured under a construction-manager-at-risk contract, defense of \$23 million in delay and differing-site-conditions claims on the Taxilane S construction, litigation with the designer and contractor over Runway 25L concrete deterioration that resolved by settlement with the design firm, and prevailing wage compliance disputes resolved in chambers on the first day of trial.

#### Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) – BART Silicon Valley Extension Construction

Lead litigation counsel to VTA on the nearly \$1 billion BART extension from Fremont to North San Jose, which opened to the public in 2020, defending delay claims brought by the design-build contractor and subcontractors and pressing counterclaims over systems deficiencies and the resulting construction delays.

#### City of Monterey – Stronghold Engineering v. City of Monterey

The jury found the City had valid grounds to withhold payment on the Conference Center renovation, entitling it to an estimated \$4.5 million in costs. The City's Appeals Hearing Board separately imposed more than \$300,000 in penalties for subcontractor listing violations.

## City of Santa Barbara – Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant

### Construction Litigation

A \$2.25 million jury verdict and total recovery by settlement above \$2.5 million over negligent design of a replacement tertiary filtration treatment system.

## City of Oakland – Flatiron Construction v. City of Oakland

Defense and cross-claims over construction of a bridge across the Embarcadero Channel.

## PUBLIC CONTRACTS & PROCUREMENT

### Transbay Joint Powers Authority – The Portal

Lead construction counsel since 2021 on the \$7 billion Portal, also known as the Downtown Rail Extension, which will connect 11 transit systems and California High-Speed Rail to the Salesforce Transit Center through a two-mile tunnel. The work covers the decade-long procurement, contract, and risk strategy built to deliver the project by 2035, lead transactional counsel on the 40-CT progressive design-build agreement valued above \$2 billion, the program's organizational conflict of interest policy and the more than a dozen written opinions issued under it, and compliance with federal funding requirements under 2 CFR Part 200 and Circular 4220.1G.

### City of Newark – Civic Center and Police Facility Design-Build

Counsel on a new civic center and police facility complex, the first project to use design-build delivery under California's then-new Local Agency Design-Build statutes. The work included the RFP that produced three stipended proposal teams, a complete set of Division 00 and 01 specifications, and design-builder selection and contract negotiation. The project finished on time and within budget with no significant claims.

### County of Riverside – Children and Youth Wellness Center

Construction counsel on the County's planned Children and Youth Wellness Center, including a procurement document compliant with Public Contract Code section 22185 and continuing advice through the early design phase.

## LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

### Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority –

#### Eminent Domain and Workplace Matters

Counsel to California's largest transit agency across its highest-priority and highest-value eminent domain matters, saving millions through favorable settlements and jury awards, and through sensitive workplace investigations whose evaluations and reports are built to withstand scrutiny internally, publicly, and in court.

### Los Angeles Community College District – Odom v. Los Angeles

#### Community College District

Overturned a \$10 million emotional-distress verdict against the District on appeal, on grounds of judicial misconduct and the erroneous admission of prejudicial information. Representing the District through re-trial.

## San Diego Metropolitan Transit System – Figueroa v. MTS and Outlaw v. MTS

Lead counsel to MTS, including summary judgment in *Figueroa v. MTS*, a front-page harassment and retaliation suit against the agency and the former Chair of its Board, and continuing defense of a related retaliation claim by the agency's former Chief Information Officer.

## City of Milpitas – McHarris v. City of Milpitas

Summary judgment for the City against a former City Manager, disposing of every claim with nearly \$400,000 in reimbursements, now defended on appeal.

## WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS

### University of California – Campus and Health System Investigations

Independent investigations for the University spanning antisemitism complaints, harassment of Jewish students, faculty conduct and arrests during encampment protests, and protest activity at a campus lecture, alongside workplace investigations and employment counsel across UCLA Health, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz.

### Santa Clara Valley Water District – Board and Executive Misconduct Investigations

Investigations running in both directions between a Board Director and the Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel, and District employees, covering misconduct, bullying, discriminatory harassment, abusive conduct, and improper direction of staff. More than 60 claims and counter-charges, every one politically contested and covered in the press.

### Bay Area Rapid Transit District – Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation

Internal affairs investigation into the officer-involved shooting death of a BART passenger.

### City of Sacramento – Multi-Party Investigation

Counsel to the City across critical and sensitive municipal matters, currently including a high-level multi-party investigation.

### A Southern California Publicly Operated Health Plan – Executive Code of Conduct Investigations

Seven investigations for one of the nation's largest publicly operated health plans, involving Code of Conduct and other violations by executives and employees.

### A Large City Police Department – Police Chief Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Investigation

Allegations brought by senior police supervisors against the police chief. More than 60

findings in 60 days.

### City of Palm Springs – Former Mayor Investigation

Allegations that the former mayor used an intercom system to videotape and eavesdrop on colleagues.

## LAND USE & ENVIRONMENTAL

### Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) – LAX Master Plan and Modernization

Land use and environmental counsel across LAWA's \$14 billion Master Plan for Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport, covering CEQA and NEPA review, PFAS contamination, air quality, and aircraft noise through sweeping modernization and critical infrastructure work.

### Port of Los Angeles – Master Plan and Terminal Development

Counsel since 2006 to the nation's largest container port, guiding its Master Plan, shipping and cargo projects, and the state's first crude oil terminal in over a decade. The work includes the \$600 million Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal, the China Shipping supplemental EIS/EIR that resolved a mitigation dispute worth an estimated \$25 million, and the TraPac terminal, whose greenhouse gas protocols were settled by a memorandum of understanding with the Attorney General.

### Los Angeles Department of Water and Power – Owens Lake Dust Control Program

Land use and environmental counsel since 2011 on LADWP's highest-priority projects, including the multibillion-dollar dust control program at Owens Lake, with coordination across tribal groups, the Bureau of Land Management, and federal wildlife agencies, and compliance under CEQA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, and the Coastal Act.

### BNSF Railway – Barstow International Gateway

Lead outside counsel on a 4,500-acre integrated rail facility moving containers from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to Barstow, covering NEPA, Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps, Endangered Species Act, and Clean Water Act review, alongside long-range permitting strategy and defense of the project in state and federal court.

### Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) – BART Silicon Valley Extension

Land use and environmental counsel since 2000 on the multibillion-dollar BART extension from Fremont through San Jose to Santa Clara, the largest public project in Santa Clara County history, spanning CEQA and NEPA review through litigation and appeals, Section 404 permitting, and coordination with federal, state, and local agencies.

### University of California – Campus Housing, Medical Centers, and

## Long-Range Development Plans

Environmental review and defense across the UC system: the People's Park student housing project, where the California Supreme Court held in 2024 that CEQA does not reach social noise from residential projects; the Berkeley enrollment litigation that produced published decisions and legislation; UC Riverside's 2021 Long Range Development Plan, supporting nearly 14,000 more students and faculty by 2035; UC San Diego's Hillcrest Medical Center; UCLA's \$162 million Luskin Conference Center, defended through two trials and six appeals; and the \$1.2 billion Merced 2020 project.

## County of Imperial – Lithium Valley Specific Plan

Counsel on the Specific Plan and its EIR, a 51,786-acre framework beside the Salton Sea for geothermal energy, lithium extraction, battery production, and Salton Sea restoration, and a pillar of the Air Resources Board's 2022 Scoping Plan.

## County of Los Angeles – Newhall Ranch Development Agreement

Advice on build-out of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and negotiation of the FivePoint Valencia development agreement: eight villages across 15,000 acres with an estimated 21,500 residential units, reaching infrastructure phasing, greenhouse gas reduction, and affordable housing requirements.

## CEQA & NEPA

## City of Oakland – Waterfront Ballpark and Mixed-Use Development Project

Lead land use and environmental counsel on the 35,000-seat Howard Terminal waterfront ballpark and mixed-use district, including AB 734 compliance. The Court of Appeal upheld the EIR in full less than a year after the challenge was filed. *East Oakland Stadium Alliance v. City of Oakland* (2023) 89 Cal.App.5th 1226.

## City of Seaside – Campus Town Center Specific Plan

Advised on and defended a 120-acre mixed-use village on the former Fort Ord with 1,485 housing units and 250 hotel rooms, in the published decision *Committee for Sound Water & Land Development v. City of Seaside* (2022) 79 Cal.App.5th 389.

## City of Los Angeles – Crossroads of the World Redevelopment Project

CEQA litigation over a Hollywood redevelopment of 950 residential units, a 308-room hotel, and 190,000 square feet of commercial space, certified by the Governor as an Environmental Leadership Development Project.

## County of Los Angeles – Correctional Facility Environmental Review

Environmental review for the \$2.2 billion Consolidated Correctional Treatment Facility replacing the Men's Central Jail and the \$137 million Mira Loma Women's Detention Facility.

## Santa Clara Valley Water District – Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit EIR

CEQA advice and draft EIR review for the retrofit restoring the District's largest reservoir to its 89,000 acre-foot design capacity, including steelhead conservation measures.

## LAND ENTITLEMENTS

### Riverside County University Health System – Mead Valley Wellness Village and Medical Center Master Plan

Real estate and land use counsel on the \$580 million Mead Valley Wellness Village, including the ground lease, facilities lease, and P3 development agreement, and lead on environmental review for the 30-year Medical Center expansion.

### City of Carlsbad – North County Advocates v. City of Carlsbad

The Court of Appeal affirmed in December 2025 that the City has correctly implemented its Growth Management Program for 40 years, upholding the trial court win after more than a decade of challenges.

### San Diego Association of Governments – SB 79 Transit-Oriented Development Map Litigation

Advisory, litigation, and appellate counsel on the transit-oriented development stop and zone map required under SB 79, under a five-year engagement.

## HAZARDS & REMEDIATION

### County of Los Angeles v. Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Nuisance Abatement

Nuisance abatement action over an underground smoldering event that grew past 90 acres and drew more than 25,000 odor complaints, the most in the air district's 50-year history, including a preliminary injunction motion seeking \$20 million to relocate affected residents.

### County of Los Angeles – City of Calabasas v. County of Los Angeles

Defended the County over Palisades Fire debris disposal at the Calabasas Landfill, defeating a temporary restraining order, prevailing on demurrer, and winning at trial.

### City of Los Angeles – Santa Susana Field Laboratory Cleanup Oversight

Representation in the Department of Toxic Substances Control's oversight of cleanup at one of California's most contaminated sites, where Boeing, NASA, and the Department of Energy are the responsible parties.

## TRIAL & LITIGATION

## County of San Bernardino – Michael Gomez Daly v. San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

The California Supreme Court held unanimously that a judgment ordering the Board to vacate a supervisorial seat was mandatory injunctive relief, and therefore automatically stayed pending appeal. The decision sets the statewide default rule.

## Southern California Association of Governments – City of Huntington Beach v. Newsom

Defense of SCAG against Huntington Beach’s federal challenge to its regional housing needs allocation. Dismissed at the district court and affirmed by the Ninth Circuit.

## City of Newport Beach – SPON v. City of Newport Beach

The court held that state housing law preempts a charter city’s local voter-approval requirement, clearing the City to implement its housing element. The Attorney General and the Governor filed a joint amicus brief supporting the City.

## City of Sacramento – Arena Funding Plan and Stadium Subsidy Ballot Measure Challenge

Built the public-private funding plan that kept the Kings in Sacramento, then defeated a ballot measure that would have put the City’s \$255 million arena subsidy to a public vote.

## City of Los Angeles – Crane Boulevard Safety Coalition v. City of Los Angeles

Counsel to the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office on ephemeral messaging under the Public Records Act and the Brown Act, including policy development and defense of those policies in pending CEQA litigation raising spoliation claims.

## City of Walnut Creek – SB 1421 Public Records Act Litigation

One of the first cases holding that SB 1421 reaches peace officer personnel records created before its 2019 effective date, sustained at trial and on a writ of supersedeas, with a strategy that also avoided attorneys’ fees in the underlying action.

## West Basin Municipal Water District – Interest-Rate Swap Rescission and Disgorgement

Invalidated a swap tainted by bribery under Government Code section 1092 after a former elected board member pleaded guilty, relieving the District of substantial financial obligations.

## Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum – Brown Act and Public Records Act Defense

Defense of the Coliseum and its Commission against Brown Act and Public Records Act claims arising from its negotiations with the University of Southern California over a long-term lease of the stadium.

## City of Sacramento – Petrovich Development Company v. City of Sacramento

Defeated a sanctions motion and spoliation claims over city officials' text messages on private devices, with only limited discovery ordered. Published at (2020) 48 Cal.App.5th 963.

## Central Coast Community Energy – Boyd v. Central Coast Community Energy

Defended a community choice aggregator's electricity rate setting against claims the rates were an unlawful tax, at writ trial and on appeal. Published at (2023) 96 Cal.App.5th 136.

## CRISIS MANAGEMENT

### County of Santa Barbara – Thomas Fire and Montecito Debris Flow

Defense against Southern California Edison's cross-complaint across 200 lawsuits, 3,000 plaintiffs, and 70 plaintiffs' firms. Rulings in 2023 and 2024 excluded more than \$1 billion in claimed damages.

### Counties of Yolo, San Joaquin, Amador, and Nevada and the City of Pasadena – COVID-19 Public Health Order Litigation

Defense of counties, cities, and public officials across California against challenges to shelter-in-place orders, public health orders, and reopening plans, brought by churches, gyms, restaurants, and individuals under the First Amendment, due process and equal protection, and the takings and commerce clauses. Published district court victories in Abshire, Gish, Cross Culture Christian Center, Best Supplement Guide, and Disbar, with Ninth Circuit affirmances in Abshire and Best Supplement Guide.

### County of Maui – 2023 Lahaina Wildfire Litigation

Support to local counsel across hundreds of cases and thousands of plaintiffs arising from fires that killed at least 100 people, covering case and document management systems, motion practice, and litigation strategy.

### City of Pasadena – Eaton Fire Indemnity Defense

Won dismissal of Southern California Edison's indemnity and contribution claims, which sought to pass through exposure estimated above \$3 billion to public entities.

### City of Moreno Valley – Federal and State Corruption Investigation

Counsel through a joint FBI, IRS, and District Attorney investigation of the Mayor and every member of the City Council. The e-discovery team culled more than 500,000 pages, assessed each under the Public Records Act, and posted selected material so residents could follow the investigation.

### City of Antioch – Department of Justice Investigations of the

## Antioch Police Department

Representation in United States and California Department of Justice investigations into text messages in which dozens of officers used racist, sexist, and homophobic slurs and acknowledged civil rights violations.

## City of Modesto – National Straight Pride Coalition Rally

First Amendment, regulatory, litigation, and crisis advice through a permit application that drew national debate and international coverage, including an ordinance restricting weaponized protest objects and time, place, and manner limits. The engagement produced a daily playbook other cities could follow.

## FIRST AMENDMENT

### Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) – First Amendment at Airport Facilities

Counsel on the First Amendment questions in regulating access and public protest in and around airport facilities, including the policy closing the Central Terminal Area at LAX to public protest.

### City of Anaheim – OCV!BE First Amendment and Constitutional Strategy

Advising the City on the First Amendment and California constitutional questions at play in the \$4 billion OCV!BE public-private development.

### San Diego County Regional Airport Authority – PETA Advertising and First Amendment Policy

Defended the Authority after PETA, backed by the ACLU, sued over its refusal to post anti-SeaWorld advertising, and drafted advertising policies and guidelines tested against First Amendment standards.

### League of California Cities – Lamar Central Outdoor v. City of Los Angeles

Amicus brief for the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the American Planning Association California Chapter. The Second Appellate District reversed the lower court, preserving the ability of California cities and counties to use the onsite/offsite and commercial/noncommercial distinctions in their sign codes. Published at (2016) 245 Cal.App.4th 610.

## GENERAL COUNSEL

### City of Modesto – City Attorney

Six years as City Attorney for Modesto, a city of 215,000, running a hybrid office of in-house staff and outside counsel against a legal-services budget above \$2 million, including the Stanislaus Foods development agreement that kept a major employer growing downtown.

### City of Rancho Cordova – City Attorney

City Attorney since 2006. Recent work covers the SB 707 open-meeting overhaul, including the technology-disruption policy the law now requires; an amendment to the City's tourism business improvement district supporting a major sports and entertainment arena; and enforcement of Transient Occupancy Tax remittance by hotel operators.

### City of Sand City – City Attorney and Special Counsel

City Attorney and land use special counsel to this small Monterey County city, covering governance, public-private partnership transactions, and litigation with the State of California. The work includes development agreements for mixed-use and housing projects, a significant sand dune preserve, redevelopment of blighted sites including a half-dozen parcels remaking the historic downtown, and the Council's Brown Act and AB 2449 obligations.

### City of Redondo Beach – Outside Land Use and Environmental Counsel

Outside counsel to this charter city on all land use and environmental matters, including the Coastal Land Use Program, the Harbor/Pier Specific Plan, initiative measures, and charter amendments, with CEQA review and litigation defense of EIRs, mitigated negative declarations, and exemptions. Recent work includes the South Bay Galleria, a 1.9 million-square-foot development with 650 homes and 150 hotel rooms.

### City of Salinas – Land Use Special Counsel

Special counsel on long-range planning and project processing: housing element update, rent stabilization, tax questions, land use transactions, specific plans, and mixed-use and warehouse development, with fiscal advice and litigation support.

### Cities of El Cerrito and Larkspur – City Attorney and Community Choice Energy Advice

City Attorney to both cities, including advice on their relationships with Marin Clean Energy.