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Mina Arasteh helps government entities, private clients, and public-private partnerships navigate interrelated local, state and federal land use and environmental frameworks.

Mina has achieved successful outcomes for tribal governments, municipalities, non-profits and legal aid organizations in matters of cultural resource protection, tribal consultation, affordable housing, and environmental review. She sees each matter as an opportunity to build an enduring relationship with clients by providing the highest quality of legal services in a personable and accessible manner.

Her practice is client-centered and focused on sustainable long-term business partnerships. She is invested in seeing each client thrive beyond the immediate issues at hand and takes care to understand each matter holistically. She prioritizes clear communication and frequent check-ins to ensure the representation remains laser-focused on the client's objectives throughout the process. Mina keeps clients informed about current best practices and prospective applications of the law.

Mina has prior experience working with state environmental agencies as well as high-profile regional law firms specializing in environmental and Native American law. She has extensive experience handling matters arising under CEQA; NEPA; Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Water Act; and related federal environmental laws.

While attending law school the University of California, Davis, she concentrated on Environmental Law and Public Service, and served as a Senior Articles Editor for the *Environs Environmental Law and Policy Journal*. She also served as President of the Middle Eastern South Asian Law Student Association, and as the Environmental Justice and Diversity Chair of the Environmental Law Society. In 2019, she was selected as a Diversity and Inclusion Fellow by the California Lawyers Association Environmental Law Section. Mina is personally invested in her clients' success, going above and beyond to ensure she offers personalized, accessible and effective representation.

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis
School of Law, JD, 2021

University of California at Davis, BA,
2017

ADMISSIONS

California, 2022 – Bar No. 348397

U.S. District Court, Central District
of California

PRACTICE AREAS

Land Use & Environmental

CEQA/NEPA

Land Entitlements

Wildlife & Natural Resources

HONORS & AWARDS

- Dean's Merit Scholar, *University of California, Davis School of Law* (2018-2021)
- Diversity and Inclusion Fellow, *Environmental Law Section of the California Lawyers Association* (2019)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- The State Bar of California, Member (2022–Present)
- California Indian Law Association, Member
- California Lawyers Association – Environment Law Section: Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Committee; Member, Legislative Committee

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Presenter, "Achieving Successful Tribal Consultation Outcomes While Working to Eliminate Bias" – *CLE International CEQA Conference* (December 9, 2025)
- Co-Author, "Land Use Chapter, California Environmental Law & Policy: A Practical Guide," 3rd edition (2025)
- Author, "California Enacts Landmark Housing and Infrastructure Reform — Major CEQA Streamlining, Permitting Acceleration, and Funding Tools Now Law" – *Meyers Nave Client Alert* (July 1, 2025)
- Author, "Court of Appeal Publishes First Opinion Addressing Assembly Bill 52, Concluding City Failed to Meaningfully Consult with Tribe" – *Meyers Nave Client Alert* (March 17, 2025)
- Author, "Governor Newsom's Emergency Proclamation Fast-Tracks Wildfire Prevention Projects" – *Meyers Nave Client Alert* (March 7, 2025)
- Author, "AB 98 Enacts Statewide Standards for Logistics Use Warehouses" – *Meyers Nave Client Alert* (October 11, 2024)
- Author, "2024 California Developers' Toolkit: Density Bonus Law, Housing Laws, & Strategies for Success" – *Meyers Nave* (October 2024)
- Author, "Supreme Court's Ruling in Grants Pass Allows Cities to Consider Use of Camping Bans as Policy Tool" – *Meyers Nave Client Alert* (July 8, 2024)
- Co-Author, "First District Court Finds Costa-Hawkins Does Not Exempt Individually Rented Rooms in the Same Single Family Home From Local Rent Control Provisions: *Owens v. City of Oakland Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board*, 49 App.5th 739, Case No. A157663 (1st Dist. May 29, 2020), 29 Cal. L. & Pol'y Rep. 10 275, 294-295."

- Presenter, “Public records versus newspaper reporting as sources for local-level environmental policy networks: An automated process for comparing secondary sources” – *UC Davis Center on Environmental Policy and Behavior, 2017 Political Networks Conference and Workshops* (June 2017)
- Author, “Green Purchasing Policy” – *Town of Moraga Climate Action Plan* (October 2014)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent Acjachemen Tongva Land Conservancy in negotiations with Coastal Commission counsel for culturally appropriate consent agreement; advised and counseled client on protecting sacred land and cultural resources
- Advised and counseled Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy in securing entitlements for Huhuunga land transformation following Eaton fires; actualized client’s vision for property by leveraging post-fire streamlining and local municipal code to deliver necessary permits.
- Represent Center for Natural Lands Management in Coastal Act litigation to ensure protection of endangered species threatened by recreational usage of conservation property; draft memoranda and pleadings, negotiate with opposing counsel
- Advise and counsel Southwest Resources Management Association in matters related to land conservation easements, agreements and transfers; non-profit organization pursuant to state Corporations Code; draft endowment management agreements, board policies and resolutions
- Advise and counsel California Public Utilities Commission by providing legal review of Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for multiple transmission line and substation projects; provide guidance on regulatory compliance with CEQA’s tribal consultation and impact mitigation requirements in areas of high sensitivity.
- Advise and counsel San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in preparation of their 2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), providing legal review of the RTP/SCS EIR to ensure regulatory compliance with transportation planning, environmental, and land use regulations.
- Provide legislative guidance and consultant services to public and private sector clients; draft memos related to legislation of interest and propose amendments as appropriate
- Represent Riverside County University Health Systems (RUHS) with the Mead Valley Wellness Village Project, a \$250 million behavioral health facility, with real estate services including project funding and property management agreements, public utility easements, and analysis of matters related to Public Private Partnership (P3) arrangements
- Represented buyers in commercial and residential real estate transactions; revised purchase agreements, analyzed preliminary title reports and prepared title objection letters

- Advised and counseled municipal sanitation district in threatened litigation related to alleged groundwater contamination from historical dry-cleaning operation; drafted memoranda analyzing liability under tort theories, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).
- Represented City of Oxnard in consent decree negotiations with US EPA related to *de minimis* CERCLA liability for historical municipal waste facility
- Represented City of Modesto in ensuring compliance with settlement order related to sanitary sewer overflow; drafted letters and reports to State Water Quality Control Board; concurrently represent client in preparing indemnification and access agreements related to soil vapor remediation
- Advised and counseled Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in negotiation of refueling lease amendments.