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Our attorneys represent clients in both the public and private sectors in navigating the complex rules and regulations surrounding federal and state statutes designed to maintain and manage California’s environmental landscape, including the NEPA, CEQA, the Endangered Species Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the California Coastal Act, and others. When it comes to CEQA, we know that challenges can delay or derail projects, so our team places particular emphasis on proactive compliance. We help our clients defuse and eliminate potential challenges through early planning and involvement—but have both extensive experience and a track record of success in both defending and prosecuting challenges should they arise.

In California, environmental law and land use regulation are now one and the same. AALRR brings decades of experience to helping property developers comply with a myriad of special environmental, zoning, subdivision, and planning laws. This includes issues dealing with coastal zones, wetlands, and hazardous waste cleanup.

Environmental challenges are growing every year, and AALRR has the depth of experience to handle the most complex issues related to the field. Our attorneys have advised numerous public agencies on compliance measures for NEPA and CEQA, including preparation and certification/adoptions of EIRs and mitigated negative declarations. The firm regularly works with federal and state agencies charged with environmental oversight and enforcement, including the EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service, California Department of Toxic Substances Control (“DTSC”), Department of Water Resources, and the State and Regional Water Boards. As an example, AALRR is currently negotiating a complex Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan with NOAA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as well as a variety of state agencies with oversight authority.

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