

Lubin Olson's Natural Resources Group advises clients on an array of natural resources matters, with an emphasis on the Clean Water Act (CWA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and related resource laws and policies throughout California and the western states. We have extensive experience in negotiations with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State Water Resources Control Board and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Historic Preservation Officer, and other federal and state agencies tasked with regulating the use of land and water, and in securing appropriate authorizations from these agencies. We also work closely with other federal and state agencies including, the U.S. Navy, Department of Energy, National Park Service, and California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Our attorneys have obtained numerous Individual Permits under the CWA, which require preparation and agency approval of complex 404(b)(1) Alternatives Analysis, and regularly secure authorizations under the CWA Nationwide Permit process. We work with clients to address multiple species and aquatic resource issues through Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and Safe Harbor Agreements (SHAs) under the ESA, and Special Area Management Plans (SAMPs) under the CWA. Our Group has successfully negotiated both Programmatic Agreements and Memorandum of Agreements under the NHPA.

Together with the firm's Land Use Group, Real Estate Group, and Construction Law Group, we have a unique depth of experience in permitting, building, and operating local, regional, and statewide projects. We represent large landowners, local governments and other public entities, residential and commercial developers, energy companies, universities, wetland and natural resource conservation organizations, and a variety of other resource users.

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