

David Waite

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David Waite has substantial real estate transactional and project development expertise providing strategic counsel to public entity, developer, and corporate clients at the local, state and federal level on land use, environmental and regulatory matters. David's practice broadly encompasses regulatory and administrative compliance proceedings, including navigating complex land use approvals and environmental clearances under the California Environmental Quality Act. David's land use practice includes development agreements, annexations, discretionary land use permits, infrastructure agreements, public-private partnerships, subdivisions, variances, zoning, environmental, regulatory compliance, and legislative matters.

Representative projects include multifamily development, affordable and market-rate housing, master-planned communities, regional shopping centers, industrial, high-rise development, transit-oriented mixed-use development, senior housing, assisted living, hospitals, medical office buildings, cemeteries and mortuaries, concert venues, schools, golf courses, hotels, resorts, Brownfields redevelopment, and solid waste facilities.

Collaborative Engagement

David is a member of an accomplished team of real estate, land use and environmental attorneys, each with unique areas of specialized expertise. David is a collaborative lawyer often coordinating and working side by side on complex projects with a team of professionals including architects, transactional attorneys, engineers, land planners, environmental and community relations specialists. Throughout his practice, David is actively engaged with community representatives, business leaders, elected officials, public planning officials, and building officials.

Land Use and Environmental Litigation

David has a substantial land use and environmental litigation practice. He has litigated numerous environmental and land use disputes to final judgment throughout the California trial courts and the Court of Appeal. David's litigation practice includes disputes and challenges under the California Environmental Quality Act, the Planning and Zoning Law, and the initiative provisions of the California Elections Code. He has litigated many environmental cleanup, remediation and cost recovery disputes involving contaminated real property. He negotiates complex settlements on numerous environmental and land use disputes.