

Agenda

Understanding California Surface Water Rights *P. Fitzgerald*

- Ownership of surface water
- Regulation of surface water rights
- Obtaining surface water rights
- Application and permitting process
- Amending surface water rights
- Current issues in surface water rights

Understanding California Groundwater Rights *M. Mouawad*

- Overview of groundwater rights
- Regulation of groundwater: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- To adjudicate or not to adjudicate? That's the question and other recent developments concerning groundwater rights.

Complying with Water Quality Laws and Regulations *M. Lentz*

- State and federal water quality regulations
- Stormwater regulations
- Sewerage regulations
- Industrial and agricultural programs
- Public water supply
- Water wells

Current Issues with the Clean Water Act *M. Krieger*

- Monsanto regulations re: PFAs and PFOAs
- County of Maui case in briefing stage at SCOTUS (groundwater discharge)
- CAFOs & AFOs permitting/suits related to facilities
- Water quality in the Endangered Species Act

WOTS Up? An Update Regarding Regulation of Waters of the State (WOTS) and Waters of the United States (WOTUS) *M. Coffee*

- Scope of "Waters of the State"
- Review of activities requiring a permit
- New and supplemental permitting requirements
- Permitting program exclusions
- Comparison with other state and federal aquatic resource protection programs
- Legal update regarding Waters of the United States and Section 404 permitting requirements

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Explore California surface water and groundwater rights.

Examine state and federal water quality regulations, including stormwater, sewage, and public water supply regulations.

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Mr. Fitzgerald is an attorney with Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan in Sacramento. He advises clients on numerous water resources and public agency issues, including water right and water supply matters and compliance with state and federal water quality laws and the California Environmental Quality Act. He also provides counsel on Brown Act, California Public Records Act, and Political Reform Act compliance, and he has provided counsel and litigation assistance on Endangered Species Act matters. He represents clients in state and federal court and in proceedings at the State Water Resources Control Board. He received his B.A. degree from Stanford University, where he was editor in chief of the *Stanford Daily*, and received his J.D. degree with honors from Columbia Law School, where he was a notes editor of the *Columbia Law Review*.

Maya Mouawad *Best Best & Krieger LLP*
Ms. Mouawad is an attorney with the Environmental Law & Natural Resources practice group at Best Best & Krieger LLP. She is focused on matters involving water rights, including California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), as well as transactional commercial real estate development matters. She is part of the team of attorneys handling the Las Posas Valley Basin groundwater adjudication in Ventura County, the first adjudication of water rights in California intersecting with SGMA. Ms. Mouawad previously served as assistant general counsel for the Palmdale Water District and as special counsel for the Carson Reclamation Authority.

Wendy Wang *Best Best & Krieger LLP*
Ms. Wang is an attorney in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Environmental Law & Natural Resources practice group, who works with public and private clients on matters involving water law, including California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. She was part of the successful team that earned a Top Verdict recognition in 2018 from the *Daily Journal* for a jury verdict that favored water agencies in a first-of-its-kind groundwater rights trial. Ms. Wang was also part of the team of attorneys that secured a trial court judgment in the Antelope Valley groundwater adjudication, the largest groundwater rights case ever in California.

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Matthew Q. Lentz *GSI Environmental Inc.*
Mr. Lentz is a vice president and principal with GSI Environmental Inc. and he has more than 20 years of experience providing multi-media compliance support to industry, the public sector, and the legal community. He has successfully managed large, logistically challenging projects, and he has extensive experience developing compliance programs involving stormwater, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, air quality, wastewater, and a variety of health and safety-related programs. Mr. Lentz' practice has involved assisting hundreds of industrial, municipal and construction industry clients comply with NPDES stormwater regulations and development and implementation of their compliance programs. He serves as co-chair of the California Stormwater Quality Association's Industrial Stormwater Subcommittee and is a member of the California State Water Resources Control Board's Industrial General Permit Training Team.

Miles Krieger *Best Best & Krieger LLP*
Mr. Krieger is an associate in the Riverside office of Best Best & Krieger LLP. He primarily represents public agencies, including water districts and counties, and he specializes in environmental, natural resource, and tribal law. Mr. Krieger is currently litigating several disputes in state and federal court involving groundwater rights, the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and other land use related matters. He also regularly advises clients regarding water rights and quality compliance. Prior to joining Best Best & Krieger, Mr. Krieger clerked with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Division of Natural Resources. He earned his law degree and masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Arizona, and he received his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University.

Mary Lynn K. Coffee *Nossaman LLP*
Ms. Coffee is a Partner in the Environment & Land Use Practice Group at Nossaman LLP. Based in Irvine, California, she has extensive experience providing strategic, legal and regulatory advice and counsel with respect to permitting and compliance under CEQA, NEPA, and state and federal water quality, wetlands, endangered species, and other natural resource protection laws. Her practice focuses on assuring responsible development, operation and maintenance of much needed public infrastructure and housing in full compliance with applicable environmental laws, including CEQA, NEPA, state and federal Endangered Species Acts, the federal Clean Water Act, Porter-Cologne, and the California Fish and Game Code.

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