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ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY, WETLANDS, & FLOODPLAINS

Van Ness Feldman counsels and assists clients on a diverse range of water quality, wetlands, and floodplains matters which involve the intersection of complicated technical issues with federal, state, and local regulatory requirements. The firm's attorneys provide strategic advice regarding permitting and compliance, coordinate technical experts, and litigate before administrative boards and state and federal courts to advance clients' interests.

The firm serves a diverse clientele, which includes leading water and electric utilities, real estate investors and developers, ecosystem traders, mitigation banks, clean technology companies, natural gas and oil production and pipeline interests, renewable energy project developers, federal lands concessioners, and municipalities.

Members of the firm's environmental team have significant experience with the following:

- Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 water quality certification orders
- Individual, general and nationwide permits under CWA 404
- Preparation of practicable alternatives analyses under section CWA 404(b)(1) guidelines
- Federal wetland jurisdictional determinations and appeals
- Floodplain boundary determinations and permitting
- Groundwater contamination
- Reclaimed water
- Isolated wetlands, prior converted croplands, and farmed wetlands
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Wetland mitigation, restoration, and preservation projects
- Local Critical Areas permitting
- Local Shoreline Management Act permitting
- NPDES permitting
- State waste discharge permitting
- Federal administrative appeals (EPA and Corps)
- State administrative appeals (Pollution Control Hearings Board, Hydraulics Board, Shorelines Hearings Board, Growth Management Hearings Board)
- State water quality and coastal zone management certifications