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Practice Areas

CEQA / NEPA | Groundwater Law | Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) | Water Law | Water Rights Litigation

Jake Voorhees helps clients navigate the complexities of surface and groundwater water rights and supply with precision and passion.

He approaches each case with a client-focused mindset, tailoring legal strategies to individual needs. Jake adeptly represents public and private sector clients, addressing a spectrum of water rights and supply issues, including new water rights, enforcement of existing water rights, and adherence to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Drawing on his background as a fourth-generation almond farmer, Jake brings a distinctive perspective to his work, enhancing his ability to secure favorable client outcomes.

Professional & Community Service

- Sacramento County Bar Association, Environmental Law Section, 2024
- *UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*, Managing Editor, 2022-2023

Education

- J.D., University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, 2023
- B.A., Environmental Science and Policy and Political Science, Duke University, 2019

Publications

- *State Water Resources Control Board Releases Revised Draft Bay-Delta Plan Update*, Argent Communications Group, September 14, 2025
- *Department of water resources completes its initial evaluation of remaining groundwater sustainability plans in California*, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 35, Number 9, June 2025

- *The Department of Water Resources, Before the Superior Court, Responds to Public Trust Claims in Groundwater Sustainability Plan Litigation*, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 35, Number 7, April 2025
- *Proposed Water District Aims to Provide Additional Surface Water for Groundwater Recharge Projects in Kaweah Subbasin*, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 35, Number 5, February 2025
- *California Department of Fish and Wildlife Issues Incidental Take Permit for Long-term Operations of the State Water Project*, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 35, Number 3, December 2024
- *State Water Board Adopts Water Conservation Regulations for Urban Retail Water Suppliers*, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 34, Number 11, August/September 2024
- *Sacramento County Superior Court Rules in Favor of the State Water Board's Substitute Environmental Document for Phase I of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Plan*, California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 33, Number 8, May 2024
- *U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Releases a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Near-Term Operation of the Lower Colorado River Watershed*, California Land Use Law & Policy Reporter, Volume 33, Number 7, April 2024

Legal Alerts

- *Sacramento County Superior Court Rules in Favor of the State Water Board's Substitute Environmental Document for Phase I of the Bay-Delta Plan*, March 22, 2024