

LAND DEVELOPMENT

Rutan & Tuckers Land Development group and Real Estate department offer a complete range of land use and environmental law services to clients in both the public and private sectors.

Our public agency work has deep roots: Early in the last century, Rutan & Tucker drafted the legislation that created the Orange County Water District. Since then, Rutan & Tucker has become synonymous with government agency law, participating in the creation and operation of several cities and special districts in Southern California, the expansion of the Anaheim Resort area, and the redevelopment of the Port of Long Beach, one of the world's busiest industrial ports. Rutan & Tucker is the contract city attorney for twelve municipalities in Southern California and special counsel to dozens more; we also represent successor agencies, school districts, water districts, community service districts, and municipal financing authorities throughout the state.

Rutan & Tucker's extensive public sector experience offers a unique perspective that benefits its private clients, as well. Rutan & Tucker routinely advises residential, commercial, and industrial developers, and can guide a project from the due diligence/land acquisition stage, through the entitlement process, and ultimately to the sale or leasing of the finished product. Should litigation arise, Rutan & Tucker has experienced trial attorneys to protect the interests of our clients, whether public or private.

Rutan & Tucker represents clients on all aspects of the land use entitlement process, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Complementing our entitlement expertise, we advise clients on government relations, lobbying, and community outreach efforts. We routinely represent clients in all types of land use litigation disputes, with particular expertise in cases involving exactions, dedications, and fees.

Although Rutan & Tucker originated in Orange County, our attorneys also advise property owners, developers, and public agencies on land use and natural resource matters in Northern California. From its centrally located office in the Silicon Valley, We represent clients on all aspects of the land use entitlement process, government relations, lobbying, and community outreach efforts. Our attorneys also serve as special counsel to multiple public agencies throughout the Bay Area, advising on land use, CEQA, and NEPA matters.

No other California law firm can match Rutan & Tucker's century of experience in both the public and private sides of land use and natural resources law. No one has our commitment to service and value. We stand ready to put this breadth and depth of experience to work for you.