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## **HATCH & PARENT PROMOTES FIVE ATTORNEYS WITHIN THE FIRM**

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. Five attorneys have received promotions at Hatch & Parent. Chris Frahm has become a shareholder and Wes Strickland and Michael Fife have become partners in the law firm. All three attorneys are members of the firm's Water Practice Group; Frahm also leads the firm's statewide Advocacy Practice Group. Steven A. Jung is now senior counsel at the firm specializing in estate planning and Graham Lyons has been named a senior associate with a practice emphasis on real estate and land use.

Chris Frahm is a registered lobbyist and attorney. She served on the board of directors of the San Diego County Water Authority for more than 10 years, retiring as its Chairwoman of the Board in 1999 after spearheading the agency's historic water transfer agreement with the Imperial Irrigation District. She was also Vice-Chairwoman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California where she served as a board member from 1982 to 1999. Frahm represents clients across the state in local and state legislative efforts planning for their future water supply and infrastructure needs. She focuses her work on strategic planning with public and private water purveyors and other stakeholders in planning to optimize water resource management.

"Chris has brought a unique skill set to the firm which has greatly assisted our clients in meeting their water supply planning objectives," says Rob Saperstein, Hatch & Parent managing partner. "She has an excellent reputation as a water law and policy advocate, and, a close working relationship with elected officials and water leaders in the State Capitol and across the state."

"Strickland and Fife have been an integral part of our water law practice for many years," says Saperstein. "They are actively involved in some of the firm's largest water-related cases." Strickland and Fife advise clients on water-related issues including water rights, water supply contracts, water transfers and groundwater storage.

Jung is a State Bar of California Certified Specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law. "Steve represents individuals and small businesses in all aspects of estate planning," says Saperstein. "He's helped countless clients achieve their personal, family, and charitable estate planning objectives."

Graham Lyons is a member of the firm's real estate and land use practice group, where he represents private property developers and public agencies in matters of real estate, land use, environmental and public law. Lyons also serves as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Carpinteria, counseling the City in all matters of municipal law including constitutional, code enforcement, land use, zoning and environmental issues.

Hatch & Parent has one of the largest water law and water-advocacy practices in California. With offices in Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Barbara and South Lake Tahoe, it represents water districts, municipalities and water companies across the state. Other practice areas include public agency law, real estate and land use, environmental quality, complex litigation and appellate law, corporate, tax and employment law and trusts and estate planning. For more detailed information on the firm and its members see [www.HatchParent.com](http://www.HatchParent.com).

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