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HATCH & PARENT HIRES SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. December 15, 2005--The law firm of Hatch & Parent has added legislative advocate Paul Bauer to its Sacramento office. Bauer will represent the firm's water, real estate and land use clients before government entities.

"I have worked closely with Paul and can personally attest to the energy and effort he brings to client representation in the state capitol," says Chris Frahm, partner in Hatch & Parent's Sacramento office. "With his extensive background in California water and infrastructure issues, the firm is well positioned to represent its clients in what promises to be a very interesting and exciting year in Sacramento."

Bauer became the youngest registered lobbyist in California when, upon graduation from UC San Diego in 1993, he joined Patricia Gayman Government Relations and began representing the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Following Gayman's retirement in 1996, Bauer served as the Interim Director of Government Relations for San Diego County. Bauer then joined the San Diego based firm, Carpi & Clay. After four years, Bauer opened Bauer Government Relations where he continued to represent the San Diego Board of Supervisors. Other clients included the San Diego County Water Authority, the County of San Diego, Strategic Local Government Services, Association of California Water Agencies, Harcourt Educational Measurement, National Bank of the Redwoods and New West Energy.

" Paul is one of the most experienced young legislative advocates in the state and we're honored to have him on our team," says Frahm.

Hatch & Parent is a full-service law firm with expertise in complex litigation, representation of public agencies, natural resource and water law, real estate and land use, and legislative advocacy. The firm has offices in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and South Lake Tahoe.

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