

## Somach, Simmons & Dunn Adds Two New Attorneys

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For Immediate Release:

(Sacramento, CA) Somach Simmons & Dunn, a Sacramento-based water and environmental law firm, announces the addition of two new attorneys.



Timothy J. Swickard joined the firm as a shareholder in August. Swickard will serve clients in the areas of brownfields redevelopment, land use, water quality and entitlement, hazardous waste and natural resources law. He previously served in the Schwarzenegger administration as Director and Chief Counsel of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), where he advised the Secretary of CalEPA, the Governor and members of the legislature on environmental policy in addition to implementing multiple cooperative projects with the State Water Resources Control Board and Federal EPA, Regions 9 and 10. During his tenure at DTSC, Swickard created the first statewide illegal hazardous waste haulers criminal sting unit, implemented the Department's CLRRRA AB 839 Brownfields Remediation Program, Nuisance Authority Brownfields Remediation Program, Certified Unified Program Agency's Corrective Action Brownfields Remediation Program, Risk-Based Enforcement Initiative and Site Listing Regulations.

Prior to his gubernatorial appointment at DTSC, Swickard was an attorney in private practice representing developers, community organizations, public agencies, agricultural business owners, private landowners and businesses in the areas of civil litigation, land use, natural resource regulation, environmental compliance and water law. Prior to his legal career, Swickard was the chief executive officer of a natural resource enhancement agribusiness overseeing real estate holdings and leases of more than two million acres, and interacting with more than 40 local, state and federal government agencies.

Swickard received his Juris Doctor *cum laude* from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and received the Traynor Honor Society for Academic Excellence.



Jonathan Schutz joined the firm as an associate in June. In his new position, Schutz will focus on all areas of water law, including water rights and water quality. He has published articles on the Clean Water Act and on water rights issues under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Schutz earned his Juris Doctor from the University of California at Davis in 2003 and served as co-editor-in-chief of *Environs*, the University's environmental law journal.

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