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Jeff Dodd is a land use and environmental law attorney. He assists entrepreneurs, developers, small business owners, farmers, and non-profit entities seeking to own, develop, and add value to real property. Jeff is able to help his clients understand the regulatory and political issues associated with their projects so that they can achieve their goals in a timely and efficient manner.

Jeff takes pride in helping his clients work with local communities to develop environmentally-responsible and sustainable developments that benefit those communities. In doing so, he represents his clients in front of local agencies to obtain use permits and other approvals for various residential, commercial, and agricultural developments, and procure the required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) certifications for those projects.

Jeff provides counsel on real property and environmental issues related to local, state, and federal government regulations, including general plan and zoning amendments, design review permits, affordable housing, water rights, water quality, endangered species, Williamson Act contracts, conservation easements, and eminent domain. He has experience working on these issues with the State of California Water Resources Control Board, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of General Services, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Federal Emergency Management Agency. Jeff also assists clients and communities with local ballot initiative processes.

Prior to joining the firm, Jeff was an associate at Dickenson Peatman & Fogarty in Napa, and served as an extern for Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye of the California Supreme Court.

Jeff earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law where he served on the McGeorge Law Review as Chief Symposium Editor. He received his B.A. in political science and history from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Honors & Awards

Jeff was named to the North Bay Business Journal's 2021 "Forty Under 40" list. Jeff was named as a 2024 and 2025 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Environmental Law.

Education

- J.D., cum laude University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (2013)
- B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara (2004)