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## **USING ADVOCACY AND THE LAW FOR CLEAN WATER AND SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR LA COUNTY SINCE 1993**

- Work on cutting edge issues in water quality and water supply
- Be a part of a team with a record of making big impacts
- Work with leading environmental lawyers from around California
- Learn valuable skills to complement your law school education
- Work in a fun and inclusive office environment in Downtown Santa Monica

### **LAWS WE FREQUENTLY USE:**

- Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act (CA)
- Clean Water Act (federal)
- California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act
- California Constitution Article X Section 2
- California Public Records Act
- California Coastal Act
- Endangered Species Act (CA and federal)
- California Government Code
- Administrative Procedures Act (federal)

### **CURRENT ACTIVE LITIGATION AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE ADVOCACY:**

- Stormwater Water Quality (Municipal / Industrial / Commercial)
- Integrated Water Management (REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, RESTORE)
- Water Quality Standard Setting / Site Specific Objectives (Metals/Toxics/Bacteria) / 303(d) and 305(b) Listings
- Waste & Unreasonable Use / Beneficial Use
- LA River / Ballona Creek Restoration, Flow Management and Ecology



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- Under the direction of LAW's Senior Attorney Arthur Pugsley (arthur@lawwaterkeeper.org) and Staff Attorney Kelly Clark (kelly@lawwaterkeeper.org), LAW's legal summer interns and externs will provide support for all aspects of LAW's ongoing litigation and advocacy program. Summer legal interns and externs must be law students with at least one year of law school at the time the internship begins. We are looking for people with a strong interest in environmental law more than any other requirement. Strong writing and communication skills, and ability to work both independently and as part of a team are also qualities we seek. A strong GPA in law school and an undergraduate background in science are desirable, but not mandatory.
- The precise duties of interns vary depending on student interests, but all legal summer interns and most externs will have at least one major project to serve as a "capstone" work product. Students will be responsible for drafting legal documents including: comment letters sent during administrative agency processes; pretrial motions and sections of briefs in ongoing litigation; correspondence involving oversight monitoring for matters governed by a consent decree; research memoranda to guide future possible litigation; research into relevant case law and administrative agency precedents; and other similar tasks.
- LAW's legal focus includes work primarily on issues associated with the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act and the federal Clean Water Act; the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act; Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution; the California Public Records Act; the California Coastal Act; and the California and federal Endangered Species Acts. Previous knowledge of these laws and of Administrative Law is helpful but not strictly necessary.
- Current issues include stormwater water quality (municipal and industrial); integrated water management (reduce, reuse, recycle, restore); waste and unreasonable use of water; water quality standard setting; and multi-benefit projects.
- We interview law students at OCIP events and the annual Public Interest Career Day in February. However, students with a strong interest in environmental law are encouraged to send us a cover letter explaining their interests, along with résumés, short writing samples and transcripts, and we can arrange to meet and interview at a mutually convenient time. (Note: For 1Ls, we cannot interview before December 1.)