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Sean Marciniak is an attorney at Miller Starr Regalia in Walnut Creek. Sean represents public agencies, landowners, and developers in a variety of environmental and land use matters, focusing on litigation and counseling under the California Environmental Quality Act. Sean also has developed proficiency in areas that include the National Environmental Policy Act, the Planning and Zoning Law, the Community Redevelopment Law, takings and exactions, development agreements, initiatives and referendums, Local Agency Formulation Commissions, affordable housing, the Subdivision Map Act, natural resource permitting (including under the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act Sections 401 and 404), and emerging laws addressing climate change and sustainable development. Sean also serves on the Board of Directors for the Bay Planning Coalition, and regularly speaks at and participates in workshops addressing development in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In past years, Sean has helped litigate land use issues in superior and appellate courts across the state, as well as the California Supreme Court. With respect to entitling properties, Sean has shepherded a variety of public and private projects through the appropriate regulatory processes, including solar energy projects, mixed use development, infill development, big box retail centers, terminal expansions and intermodal transport facilities at California's busiest ports, the expansion and improvement of regional hospitals, and major water supply enhancement projects.

Prior to joining Miller Starr Regalia, Sean worked in the environmental and land use practice group at Bingham McCutchen, LLP, and helped write and edit sections of land use practice guides used across the state, including *Practice Under the California Environmental Quality Act* and *Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law*. Prior to becoming an attorney, Sean worked as an investigator of judicial misconduct with the state of Texas and as an investigative newspaper reporter. His articles have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Houston Chronicle*. He is fluent in Spanish.