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### PRACTICES

Environmental Land Use and  
Natural Resources  
Public Law

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of California,  
Hastings College of the Law,  
2006  
B.A., Government, Smith  
College, 2003

### ADMISSION

State Bar of California  
United States District Court for  
the Central District of California

### AFFILIATIONS

League of California Cities  
California Bar Association,  
Public Law Section  
California Bar Association,  
Environmental Law Section

Erica Vega serves as City Attorney for the City of Eastvale, as Assistant City Attorney for the cities of Cathedral City, Hemet, and Wildomar, Assistant Town Attorney for the Town of Yucca Valley, and Assistant General Counsel for SunLine Transit Agency. In these capacities, Erica has developed a broad array of knowledge in the areas of public agency and transportation law. Erica serves as a trusted advisor to clients on a wide array of issues, and provides both legal and practical advice to public agency governing bodies, commissions, and staff.

Erica frequently advises on land use and environmental issues related to proposed development projects, including large public and private development projects and public infrastructure improvements. Erica has assisted public agencies navigate the complex web of environmental regulations applicable to development. She has assisted agencies in obtaining permits and approvals from the federal, state and regional environmental regulatory agencies, and advised on the application and interpretation of Habitat Conservation Plans. Erica routinely advises public agencies on CEQA/NEPA compliance throughout the project processing and approval process. She has reviewed CEQA/NEPA documents for and advised on freeway interchange improvements and major state highway projects, General and Specific Plans, large commercial and mixed use developments, university campus expansions, hospitals, and a master planned development proposing over 1,000 new homes.

Erica also advises cities on the emerging area of cannabis regulation and taxation. She has drafted ordinances establishing cannabis business regulatory programs and taxes, working collaboratively with city staff, law enforcement, and stakeholders in the process. She advises city staff throughout the business licensing and land use permitting processes. She keeps abreast of the evolving laws and regulations to keep clients apprised of the current law.

Erica trains local government officials on conflicts of interest, the Public Records Act, and the Brown Act. These trainings range from basic overviews of the subject laws to customized trainings to address

the particular needs of the client. She also serves on the League of California Cities' Public Records Act committee and contributes to the League's guide to the Public Records Act, "The People's Business," and the Municipal Law Handbook.

A graduate of Smith College, Erica majored in Government. She also studied in Geneva, Switzerland, where she was enrolled at the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute for International Studies, and interned at the Center for International Environmental Law. Erica obtained her Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Hastings. At UC Hastings, Erica focused her studies on public law and policy. She participated in the school's Center for State and Local Government Law and Public Law Research Institute.