

## GREGORY MORRISON

*Associate*

### BIOGRAPHY

Gregory Morrison has an array of experience in water, environmental, natural resource, and real property law matters. Greg advises a variety of private and public interests on matters involving water acquisition and permitting, environmental compliance on the state and federal level, and property development and disputes.

Greg began his career in Carson City, Nevada, where he was immediately immersed in the most extensive administrative hearing involving water rights applications in the history of the Nevada State Engineer. Greg remained involved in the administrative, district court, and Nevada Supreme Court processes of that matter throughout his tenure in Carson City.

Greg has worked in conjunction with municipal, tribal, and institutional parties toward the adoption of the 2008 Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) as a federal regulation, a process that involved administrative hearings in Nevada and California, modification of the 1944 federal court decree governing Truckee River operations, and multiple appeals in both state and federal courts.

Following a lateral move to Santa Barbara, California, Greg returned home to northern Nevada in 2016 to Parsons Behle & Latimer's Reno office. Since joining PB&L's team, Greg has worked in water right permitting and maintenance for several of the firm's clients in the mining industry throughout Nevada. Greg has worked with municipal water providers to protect and maintain water rights in order to ensure reliable supplies for their customers. Greg has also worked with developers and landowners to secure and permit water rights for commercial and residential projects, and has litigated water forfeitures, as well as landlord/tenant disputes.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Academic

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law  
(J.D. with Great Distinction, 2011)

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental & Natural Resources

Water

Water Rights

### LICENSED/ADMITTED

Nevada

California

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. of Nevada

Traynor Honor Society

Environmental Law Certificate

McGeorge Law Review Comment Staff

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio – B.A., Political Science and English (Literature) 1994

## ASSOCIATIONS

### Professional

Washoe County Bar Association

Nevada Water Resources Association

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Association

American Exploration and Mining Association

## PRESENTATIONS

(Upcoming) Legislation, Regulation, and Case Law Update; Water Rights Evaluations, December 2018, *National Business Institute Seminar-Water Rights in Nevada*

Update on Humboldt River Regional Water Dispute, November 2018, *CLE International-Water Law Institute*

Nevada Water Law Update, March 2018, *Mining and Land Institute Annual Conference*

Water Rights in the Context of Mining Claims, December 2017, *American Mining and Exploration Association Annual Meeting*

Strategies to Resolve Basin-Wide Conflicts: Eureka County and Diamond Valley, November 2017, *CLE International-Water Law Institute*

Overview of Tribal Reserved Water Rights / Water Availability Concerns as the Result of Hydraulic Fracturing, *National Business Institute Seminar*, Bakersfield, CA (April 2015)

## PUBLICATIONS

Nevada's Water Laws Address Population Growth and Demographic Shifts, *Northern Nevada Business Weekly Law Journal* (November 2017)

Nevada Water Law: Solving Overpumping Problems, an Informational Memorandum, *Progressive Rancher* (March 2017)

"A Nexus of Confusion: Why the Agencies Responsible for Clean Water Act Enforcement Should Promulgate a New Set of Rules Governing the Act's Jurisdiction," *42 McGeorge L. Rev.* 397 (2011)

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Nevada District Court litigation opposing Humboldt River Watershed Writ of Mandamus Petition.

*Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints v. Seventh Judicial District*, 132 Nev.Adv.Op. 6, 366 P.3d 1117 (2016)

*City of Santa Maria v. Adam*, 248 Cal.App.4th 504 (2016)

Water Rights permitting for eastern Nevada groundwater project from administrative hearing through Nevada Supreme Court appeal.

Federal District Court litigation involving petition to modify 1944 *Orr Ditch Decree* governing Truckee River water use.

Real property litigation representing defendant building owner against easement claims of neighboring homeowners association.

Water rights and availability due diligence on behalf of commercial agricultural interest in California's Central Valley.