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Dan Cucchi is an associate at Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., providing legal services for our land development, public agency and wine law practice groups. His practice areas include land use, CEQA, natural resources and mining, municipal law, real estate, administrative and business law. Mr. Cucchi joined Abbott and Kindermann, Inc. in 2015.

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Prior to working at Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., Mr. Cucchi served as Legislative Director for the California State Senate Majority Leader where he specialized in environmental, energy, natural resources, and local government policy development. Prior to that, he was the Project Planner for the County of Yuba with extensive experience as project manager for the Yuba County 2030 General Plan, as well as specific plans, subdivision maps, and conditional use permits. He has both prepared and reviewed all types of planning, zoning and CEQA documents.

Dan Cucchi graduated from McGeorge School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor, with distinction, a certificate in Public Law & Policy and was a Traynor's Honor Society member. He was also a member of the McGeorge Law Review where he authored "Quantifying an Uncertain Future: The Demands of the California Environmental Quality Act and the Challenge of Climate Change Analysis" in 2012. He graduated from San Jose State University with a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning and California State University, Chico with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

During his law school years, Mr. Cucchi had the privilege of working as a judicial extern for the Honorable Kimberly J. Mueller, U.S. District Judge of the Eastern District of California and as a law clerk for the San Francisco City Attorney's Land Use Division.

Mr. Cucchi lives in Yuba City with his wife and daughter.

Mr. Cucchi is admitted to practice law before the state courts of California and is a member of the State Bar of California.