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Joe Raeder specializes in water resources and environmental issues, including legislation and policies affecting the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Among his clients are some of the largest irrigation districts in the nation, as well as municipal water agencies and county groundwater authorities.

Joe joined TFG in 1994 after serving on Capitol Hill for more than ten years in positions focused on water and natural resources issues. These positions include Legislative Director to Representative Calvin Dooley and the principal water and natural resources staff to Representative Tony Coelho. Joe also served as Senior Staff Writer for the Congressional Environment and Energy Study Conference and later worked off the Hill as a Program Director for the Environmental and Energy Study Institute.

While at TFG, Joe has represented water agencies, counties, municipalities, and associations on a variety of legislative, regulatory and appropriations matters. In 2009, Joe helped agricultural water agencies serving more than a million acres in central California to win enactment of landmark legislation to settle a long-standing water supply conflict. Working for a major metropolitan county in Washington State, Joe led the effort to develop and enact legislation creating a new Corps of Engineers program to help localities to improve salmon habitat in the Puget Sound region. In the southwest, Joe worked with large irrigation and urban water agencies, federal authorities and congressional leaders on the development of the Quantification Settlement Agreement reorganizing the allocation of water from the Colorado River. Working with many of the same agencies, Joe later helped secure enactment of legislation to implement a multi-species habitat conservation program for the Lower Colorado River. As the Washington representative for the Family Farm Alliance, Joe was instrumental in securing policies and legislation that gave local authorities a greater voice in federal decisions affecting operations, maintenance and safety improvements at Bureau of Reclamation water and power projects. In addition to legislative achievements, Joe has helped water agencies in negotiations with federal agencies on regulatory and contract matters and has led efforts to secure appropriations for flood control and water supply infrastructure projects.

Joe received a B.S. in Journalism, cum laude, from the University of Maryland at College Park and is the leader of the Water and Natural Resources Practice Management Team.

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