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## H. DAVID NAHAI JOINS LEWIS BRISBOIS



**Los Angeles September 24, 2010** — Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, a national law firm headquartered in Los Angeles, is pleased to announce that H. David Nahai will be joining the firm as a partner to co-chair the Firm's energy, environmental and water practice and real estate practice. Along with co-chairs Malissa McKeith and Peter Harris, Mr. Nahai's focus will be on expanding the practice's renewable energy opportunities along with its traditional real estate, regulatory, and land use work. A well-recognized environmental leader, David Nahai has three decades of experience representing public and private companies in complex real estate, energy, water and environmental matters. He is the former Chief Executive

Officer and General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the former President of the LADWP Board of Commissioners, and the former Chair of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). Mr. Nahai was appointed by Mayor Villaraigosa to the LADWP and served in the administrations of Governors Wilson, Davis, and Schwarzenegger while on the Regional Board.

Mr. Nahai led the overall transformation of the LADWP including the unprecedented expansion of the utility's renewable energy portfolio; the origination and execution of the City's groundbreaking Water Supply Plan; the attainment of historic reductions in water consumption in the City; the realization of record-breaking energy efficiency levels; and the launch and implementation of water and power infrastructure improvement programs. Under his leadership, the LADWP increased its renewable energy portfolio from 3 percent in 2005 to around 15 percent by the end of 2009.

In addition to his expertise in the energy field, David Nahai is widely recognized as a leading expert on water issues. Mr. Nahai served for over 10 years on the Regional

Board, including an unprecedented four terms as its chairman. Mr. Nahai is credited with reinvigorating the effectiveness of the Regional Board and spearheading some of its most aggressive programs, especially in the area of coastal protection.

Mr. Nahai holds graduate and post-graduate degrees in law from the London School of Economics and the University of California at Berkeley, and was a Visiting Scholar at Berkeley.

David Nahai will continue to maintain his consulting practice under his company, David Nahai Consulting Services, LLC, and will remain a Senior Advisor to the Clinton Climate Initiative.

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