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Richard Opper, Suzanne Varco and Linda Beresford have formed San Diego-based **Opper & Varco**.

Also known as the "Environmental Law Group," the new law firm will focus on the needs of public agencies and private entities in the areas of brownfield redevelopment and policy issues, environmental law regulatory and transactional advice, and litigation services for cost recovery and other environmental claims.

Opper, formerly with **Foley & Lardner** in San Diego, has 25 years of environmental law experience, including extensive brownfield expertise.

In 1996 Varco founded **Varco & Associates**. Her environmental practice emphasizes the redevelopment of contaminated properties, hazardous waste clean up, state environmental compliance counseling, environmental permitting, land use, business and real estate transaction environmental issues, and underground storage tank issues.

Varco will serve as managing partner of the new firm.

Beresford's practice focuses on environmental and redevelopment issues. She has spent the past four years advising clients on all aspects of redevelopment projects from negotiating with regulators to litigation for cost recovery.