

Native American Rights Fund

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

<https://www.narf.org/cases/tule-river-tribe-california/>

Campaign and Advocacy

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Status: Active

After almost 30 years of advocacy, the Tule River Indian Tribe, represented by NARF, successfully settled its water rights in November 2007 by signing a Settlement Agreement with water users on the South Fork Tule River of California. The Settlement Agreement secures a domestic, municipal, industrial, and commercial water supply for the Tribe.

The Tribe now seeks federal legislation to ratify the Settlement Agreement and authorize appropriations to develop the water rights through the creation of water infrastructure and reservoirs on the Tule Reservation. Year after year, bills introduced in the House and Senate have not passed. We continue to work towards the possible introduction and passage of a water settlement bill. Additionally, we are continuing work with the federal Bureau of Reclamation on necessary studies for the feasibility and design of the Tribes water storage project.

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