

A Tribal Perspective on MWD Investment & Stewardship

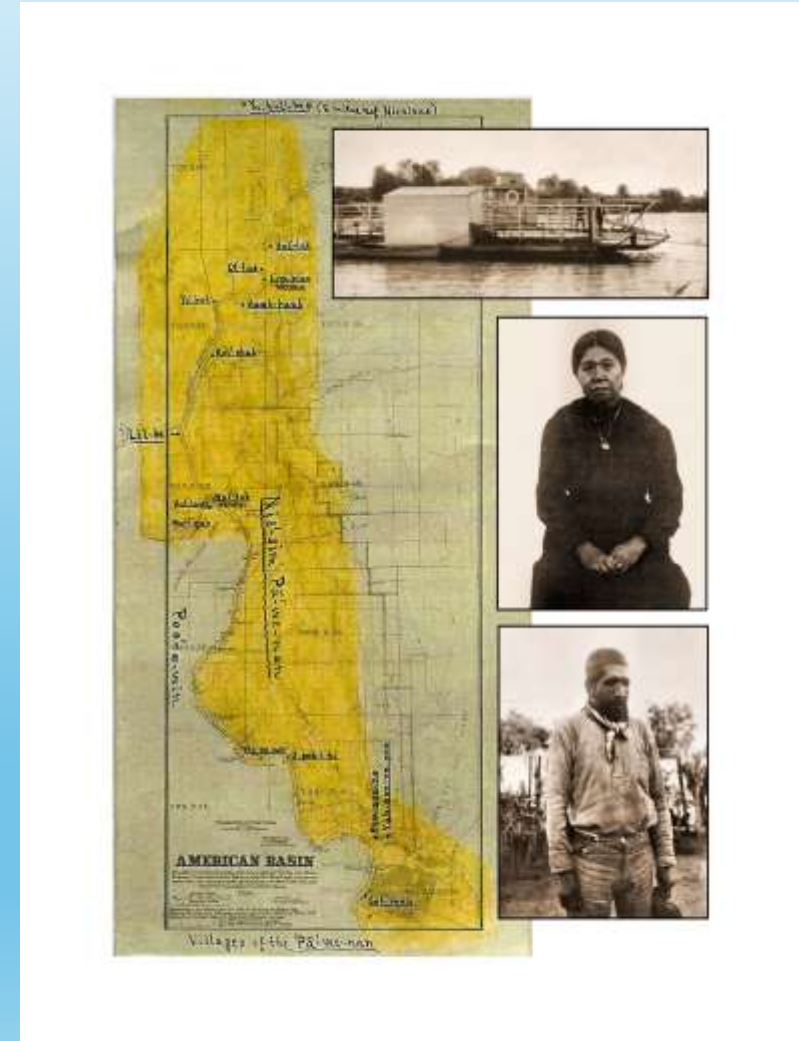
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Tribal History & Background

- Known today as the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, a mixed ancestry tribe comprised of Nisenan, Miwok, & Hawaiian lineage.
- Federally recognized tribe, located in El Dorado County.
- The Tribe was removed from ancestral homelands that span 7 CA counties, including Sacramento, Sutter, El Dorado, Yuba, Yolo, Placer, and Amador counties. The name, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, can cause some confusion pertaining to identity as we also have Nisenan tribal lineage.
- 1916 census - US government named the Tribe the Sacramento-Verona Band of Homeless Indians
 - unceded homelands were stolen, leaving many relatives “landless”, struggling to stay close to major village sites in the Sacramento Valley.
- In 1920, 160 acres of land, now known as the Shingle Springs Rancheria, was purchased by the US government and was eventually put into trust for the Tribe.



Shingle Springs Territory Map by County

The Tribe's aboriginal village sites and historical presence occupied the lands on the east and west banks of the Sacramento River, the confluence of the Sacramento and American River, the east and west banks of the Feather River, and various points along the Consumnes River to the crest of the sierras.



“Our way of life centers upon the waterways. Our ancestors lived in various villages along the rivers. The Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta was & is our grocery store. It fed us, clothed us, housed us, kept us healthy; and in return, we tended to the land that gave so much to us. Today, we continue to be guardians of the region & its waterways.” M.Tayaba

Getting a Seat at the Water Governance Table

We have tried many different paths to make our voices heard

- Meeting with elected and appointed officials
- Engaging with advisory councils
- Advocating within regulatory processes
- Requesting formal consultation
- Developing legislation
- Forming a coalition and filing a civil rights complaint with USEPA

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One Water and Stewardship Committee

Ms. Vice Chair of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, stands beside the Sacramento River near a

AB 2614 (Ramos)

- Bill was double referred: Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials and Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife
- Passed Asm ESTM Committee 6-0 with bi-partisan Support
- Passed Asm WPL Committee 12-0 with bi-partisan Support
- Held in Assembly Appropriation Committee where it died a valiant death by price tag on the Suspense file
- Bill had Support from Legislative Leadership, but the large price tag attached due to “implementation” and staffing costs, determined by State Water Board killed it
- Stayed tuned for TBU bill 2.0 coming soon.



Title VI Complaint with USEPA

- Alleges discriminatory mismanagement of Bay-Delta ecosystem
- Includes petition for EPA rulemaking
- EPA investigation ongoing
- 2023-2024 Informal Resolution Agreement+ process
- Requested remedies include implementation of TBUs in Bay-Delta Plan

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

TITLE VI COMPLAINT AND PETITION FOR RULEMAKING FOR PROMULGATION OF BAY- DELTA WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq. and 40 C.F.R. § 7.120; the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 553(e); and the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c)(4)(B)

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Litigation Venues & Topics

- **State Water Board**

- DCP hearings
- Bay-Delta Plan
 - Voluntary Agreements
- Tribal Beneficial Uses & Consultation

- **Courts**

- Environmental Laws
- Constitutional protections
- Procedural requirements
 - Water rights & bond validation
- Corruption

Our Motivation & Vision

Sovereignty & Survival

Advocacy

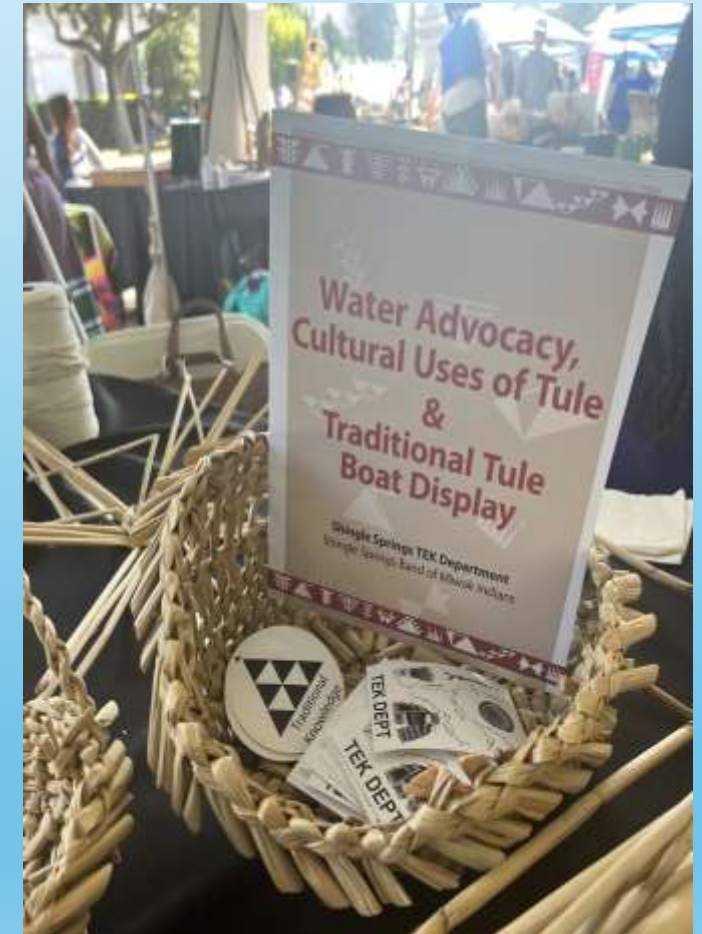
Legislation

Litigation

Accountability & Allegiance

Tribes & Delta Populations

Climate and equity goals



Conclusion

The December vote is about more than financing planning studies – it's a statement about financial stewardship, environmental stewardship, commitment to OneWater principles, and a broader vision.

We would rather be your partners than your antagonists.

There will be enough water for everyone if we make different choices.

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