

OWENSVALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER
PARTNERING WITH OUR TRIBES:

TULE RIVER TRIBE OF CA

2021 NATIONAL TANF DIRECTORS' MEETING:

“TANF RISING TO THE CHALLENGE: COVID, ECONOMIC SECURITY, AND SOCIAL CHANGE.”

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TULE RIVER TRIBE OF CA

- Local area is aboriginal homeland of Yokuts, translates to “the People.”
- Language is various Yokuts dialects; Wukchumni & Yowlumni are primarily utilized on the reservation.
- Yokuts traditional homelands expands to the south point at the Kern Canyon, outside of Bakersfield and to the north point at Stockton, California.
- Tule River Reservation located in Porterville, California.

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL TERRITORIES

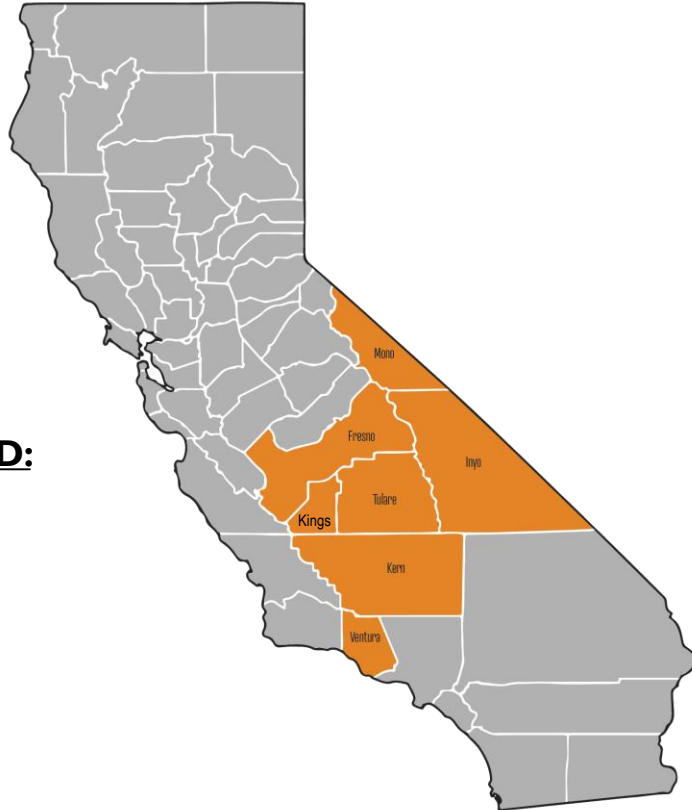




OVCDC SERVICE AREAS TRIBAL PARTNERS

COUNTIES SERVED:

Fresno
Inyo
Kern
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Mono
Tulare
Ventura



12 PARTNER TRIBES:

- Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
- Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono
- Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians
- Fort Independence Indian Reservation
- Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut Tribe
- Table Mountain Rancheria
- Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
- Tule River Indian Tribe
- Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe of the Benton Paiute Reservation

TULE RIVER TRIBE DEMOGRAPHICS



Reservation: Tule River Reservation and off-Reservation Trust Land

- The Tule River Reservation was established in 1873 by a U.S. Executive Order in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It is south of Fresno and north of Bakersfield.
- Land base is currently 55,356 with the river stretching over 30 miles and is the 2nd largest land base in California.
- Tribal membership: 1,971
- Residents on the reservation: 1,100

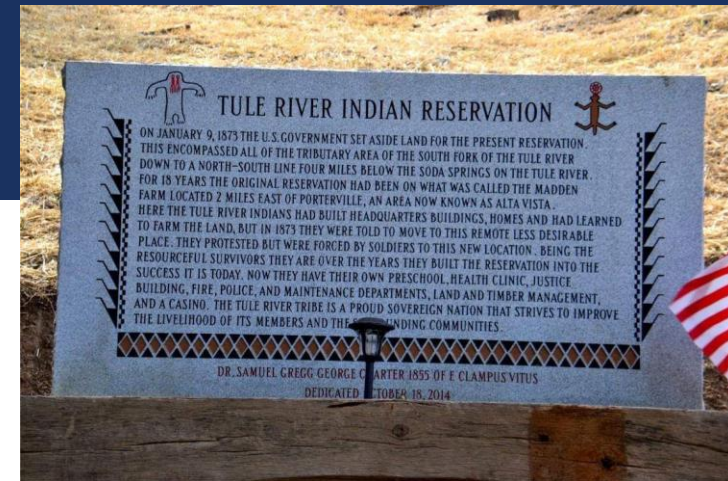
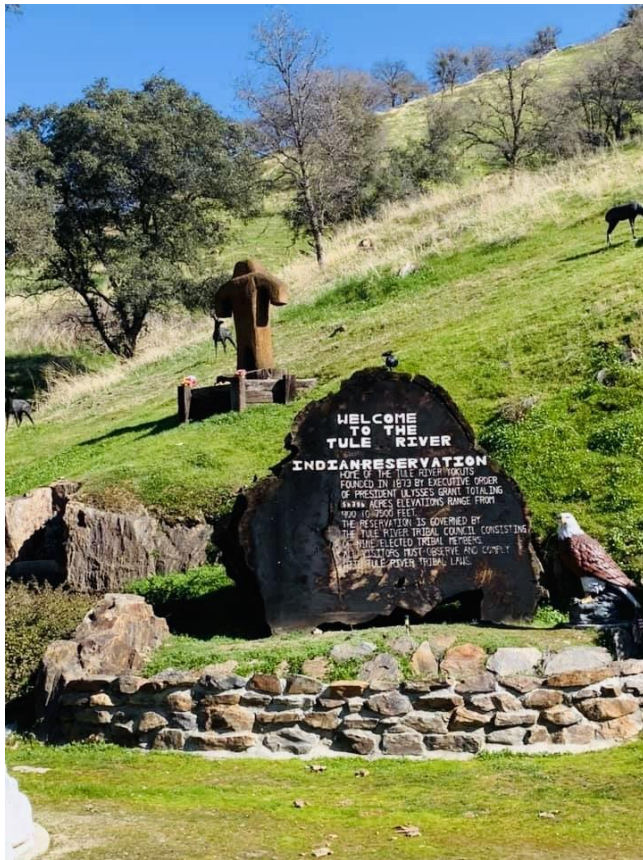


TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

- The Tribe ratified their current tribal constitution in 1936 and last amended it in 1974. The Tribal Council is elected by the Tule River Tribal membership and includes a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Council Members. The Tule River Tribal Council consists of nine council members; elected officials then decide who will serve as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.



RESERVATION HISTORY



- **Land Base:** 55,356 acres. Enlarged by Executive Order on October 3, 1873 to 91,837 acres. On August 3, 1878, by Executive Order of President Rutherford B. Hayes, the reservation lands were reverted back to the size of the first Executive Order of President Grant.



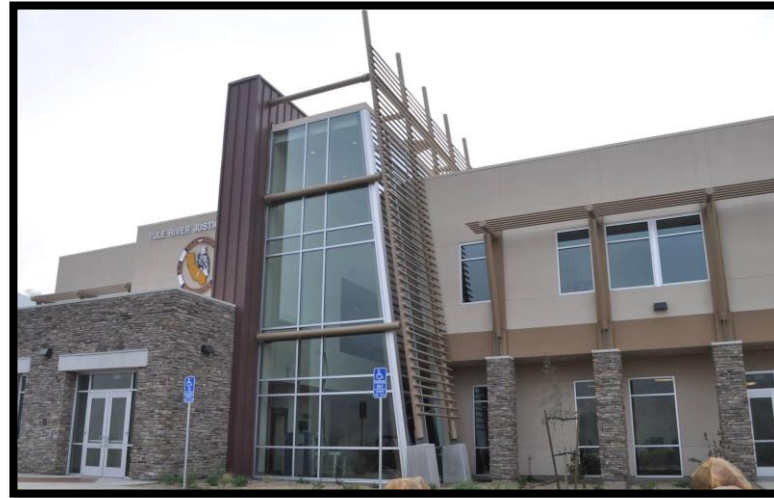


TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE

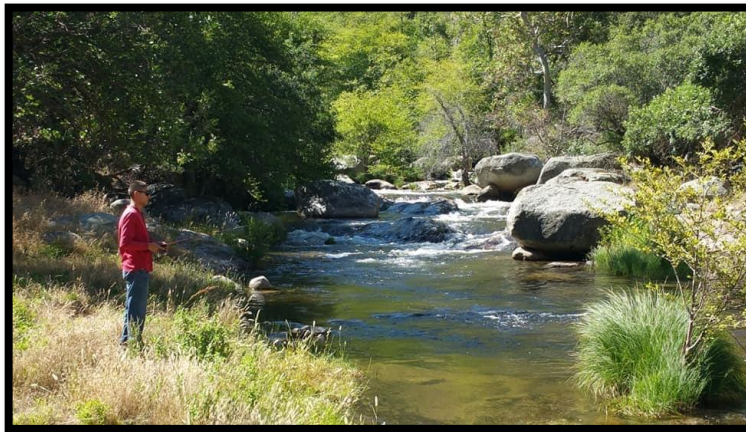
Water Rights video, filmed with Tribal Council members, tribal programs, and community members on the Tule River reservation in 2019. Video can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCAezRukBYM>

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CULTURAL RESOURCES



TRADITIONAL PRACTICES



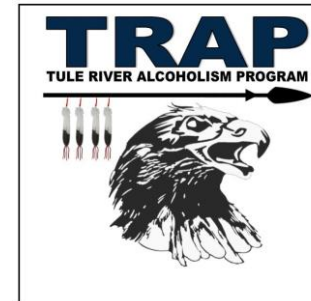
TRIBAL PROGRAMS



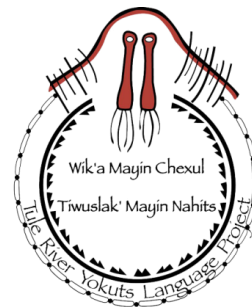
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THE TULE RIVER TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA



- Environmental
- Land Management
- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Forestry
- Natural Resources
- Wildland Fire
- Planning & Development
- Public Works
- Office of General Counsel
- Behavioral Health



TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH CENTER AMBULANCE SERVICES

August 28, 2019

- Exciting news to share -- the Tule River Indian Health Center Ambulance is now in operations. They will respond side by side with us to emergency incidents on the reservation. They are housed here at the fire station and will be available for response 24/7, 365.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Eagle Mountain Casino is owned and operated by the Tule River Indian Tribe, located on the Tule River Indian Reservation in Porterville, California. Since 1996, we have grown to a full-service casino with two restaurants, a food court, nearly 1,200 slots, 10 table games including 3 poker tables, a gift shop, the Yokut's Coffee House and an Entertainment Center.



The Tule River Economic Development Corporation (TREDC), located in Porterville, CA on Tule River Trustee Land. TREDC is owned by the Tule River Indian Tribe and governed by a Board of Directors.

Having started Tule River Economic Development Corporation years prior to Indian gaming, it is now situated to help the Tribe diversify its revenue potential as well as employment opportunities for members of the Tribe.

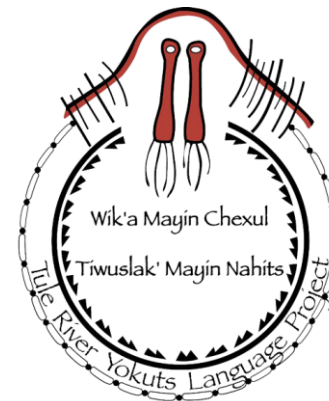
TREDC's business model has administrative and management oversight of day-to-day operations coming from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Executive Staff.

TULE RIVER YOKUTS LANGUAGE PROJECT - TRYLP

Language: Yowlumni-Yokuts dialect

TRYLP is funded annually by Owens Valley Career Development Center and the Tule River Tribe. The Team provides classes at the various Tribal programs; some of those include the Child Care Center, Recreation Center, Future Generations, and the after-school programs.

During COVID-19 pandemic, most services were forced to go virtual to continue to keep community members participating and involved in language preservation.



QUESTIONS THANK YOU!

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