



Charmaine McDarment

Chair, Tule River Tribe

Bio

Charmaine McDarment is the Chair of the Tule River Tribal Council and is an enrolled member of the Tule River Indian Tribe. Since obtaining her Law Degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law, she has served as General Counsel, and Principle Legal Advisor for Tule River Tribal Council since 2003. Chair McDarment has served as the Director of Water Resources and has led the tribe's legal team to reach a settlement with the United States after nearly 50 years of efforts to have the tribe's water rights affirmed. The Tule River Indian Water Settlement Act is currently pending congressional approval. Chair McDarment serves as the Chairperson of the Tule River Tribe Gaming Authority and since 2021, serves as the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Advisory Committee Member at UCLA. A staunch supporter of cultural resources protection, McDarment served as the Secretary for the Yokuts NAGPRA Coalition from 2012 to 2022.