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TRUST LANDS AND POWER ON THE FEATHER RIVER

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Supporting Indigenous interventions in natural resources policy making and protection of ancestral lands

From Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara lands in South Dakota; to Cherokee lands in Tennessee; to Sin-Aikst, Lakes, and Colville lands in Washington; to Chemehuevi lands in Arizona; to Maidu, Pit River, and Wintu lands in northern California, Native lands and communities have been treated as sacrifice zones for national priorities of irrigation, flood control, and hydroelectric development.

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Author Beth Rose Middleton Manning relates the history behind the nation's largest state-built water and power conveyance system, California's State Water Project, with a focus on Indigenous resistance and activism. She illustrates how Indigenous history should inform contemporary conservation measures and reveals institutionalized injustices in natural resource planning and the persistent need for advocacy for Indigenous restitution and recognition.

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BETH ROSE MIDDLETON MANNING is an associate professor of Native American studies at the University of California, Davis. Her first book, *Trust in the Land: New Directions in Tribal Conservation*, focused on Native applications of conservation easements.

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