A mobile-home park, a lawsuit, and a $200,000 settlement — Shady Lakes, Fresno County

Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park, home mostly to Indigenous Mexican farmworker families near Fresno, is this project's clearest example of a water-and-housing court case actually reaching a resolution — residents sued and won a real settlement, not just a promised fix.

$200K

Settlement California Rural Legal Assistance secured for Shady Lakes residents in their lawsuit against the park's owner, Harmony.

62

Mobile homes in the park, within the officially designated Washington Irrigated Colony disadvantaged unincorporated community — plus five single-family homes.

What happened

Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park sits within the Washington Irrigated Colony disadvantaged unincorporated community near Fresno, home mostly to Indigenous Mexican farmworker families. California Rural Legal Assistance brought a lawsuit against Harmony, the park's owner, on residents' behalf. As of CRLA's December 2023 litigation update, the case had settled: residents secured a $200,000 payment along with commitments from Harmony regarding conditions at the park. The update does not specify the underlying conditions at issue — our sourcing confirms the settlement and the amount, not the full list of grievances that led to it.

Impact — what we know, and what we don't

- **What specifically residents sued over:** Not specified in the source reviewed — CRLA's litigation summary confirms the settlement and payment but not the underlying conditions (water, housing conditions, or both).

- **Whether the commitments Harmony made have been fulfilled:** Not independently confirmed past the settlement itself.
- **Demographic detail:** Fresno LAFCo's own DUC narrative describes the park as 62 mobile homes and 5 single-family homes; CRLA's characterization of the residents as mostly Indigenous Mexican farmworker families is the source for the labor-reliance claim.

Part of a larger pattern

Shady Lakes is the one case in this Fresno County pass where litigation produced a confirmed, dollar-figure outcome rather than an open question — a useful contrast with **Corcoran's** still-unresolved lawsuit in Kings County and the regional **1,2,3-TCP litigation** that took years to reach settlement. It's also a reminder that this project's record includes housing-conditions litigation as well as contamination litigation — not every water-adjacent court case is about a well.

Sources

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