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California Crossed the Line in Tribal Casino Compact Negotiations

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The state of California overstepped the mark during casino compact negotiations by demanding tribal enforcement of state laws, a federal judge in Fresno has ruled.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports US District Judge Anthony Ishii said the state would have to give tribes “meaningful concessions” if it wanted them to comply with California laws. That could mean granting them the right to build casinos outside their reservations.

Federally recognized tribes can offer class II gaming, such as bingo and poker, on their sovereign reservations under federal law without the blessing of the state. Class III, or Las Vegas-style casino gaming, is a legally more complex issue and usually requires a compact to be negotiated between a tribe and the state.

Eagle Mountain Casino breaks ground on new Porterville location

The first shovel of dirt was turned for a new casino in the South Valley.

After 25 years, Eagle Mountain Casino is starting a new chapter. The casino officially broke ground in Porterville -- a big win not only for the casino but also the Tule River Tribe.

Eagle Mountain Casino's General Manager Matthew Mingrone said, "It's more than just slot machines and table games. It's really about water first and foremost and the well-being of the tribal members."

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Tule River Tribe and EMC celebrate Groundbreaking for casino to be relocated held

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Tuesday was a historical day for the Tule River Indian Tribe and Eagle Mountain Casino (EMC) as they took the biggest step towards relocating to the City of Porterville during a groundbreaking ceremony held at their future location off of Scranton. State, county, tribal and local dignitaries gathered at the future EMC location to commemorate the day and congratulate the Tule River Tribe.

San Diego supervisors delay vote on lifting barriers to tribes expanding their reservations

In a move that disappointed tribal leaders, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors this week delayed voting on a proposal to [repeal a decades-old](#) policy prohibiting the region's 18 tribes from expanding their reservations.

The proposal was announced last week by Supervisor Jim Desmond and local tribal leaders.

Supervisor Nora Vargas, who cosponsored the action, asked the board to continue the item until May 5 to give community members more time to digest it.

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