



# California Casino News

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3 former officials of the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians have plead guilty in the case of the 2017 embezzlement of \$6 million from the tribe. John Crosby, the former FBI agent and the tribe's one-time economic development director, his mother, Ines Crosby, the former tribal administrator; and Leslie Lohse, Ines Crosby's sister. The 2014 audit found \$17 million had been spent on expenses such as, private jet travels, start-up companies and excessive overhead. Trial starting for the three defendants, will be in federal court next month.

A physician practicing in Redding speaks his mind on the expansion of the Win-River Resort and Casino on I-5. He shares his thoughts on the economic downside to Redding if an expanded casino is allowed to proceed: increase of local crime; loss of tax revenue from the 250-bed proposed casino hotel; and public safety concerns. Redding's City Council has over 6,000 signatures and 600 letters opposing the expansion of a casino on I-5.

## Former tribal leaders plead guilty in \$6 million casino embezzlement case



The allegations in the indictment were breathtaking: three former officials of the tribe that runs the Rolling Hills Casino had embezzled \$6 million and used the money to buy lavish homes, cars and gold coins and for travel overseas.

## Speak your piece: Proposed casino bad for Redding businesses

Recently, as a physician practicing in Redding, I summarized what I believe were the social downsides of an expanded Indian casino on I-5. Those included increase local crime, public corruption, and organized crime in addition to the financial exploitation of the poor, those on welfare, the elderly on fixed incomes and those addicted to gambling. An expanded casino would also negatively alter 232 acres of beautiful riverfront property.

