



# California Casino News

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Redding Rancheria Tribe continues to fight for their casino. There is a proposed placement of Win-River Casino. Chairman Jack Potter Jr. speaking up at the last city council meeting.

Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians are hopeful to build a casino on 128 acres in North Vallejo. John Tachusda, principal deputy assistant for Indian Affairs stated the tribe failed to show a "significant historical connection" to the parcel of land.

Hard Rock will open on October 30th, following a weekend celebration. Casino president Mark Birtha is looking forward to building a connection with Live Nation for future concerts. The hotel-casino announced the names of its 5 restaurants. There will be 1,800 slot machines and table gaming positions and a 170-room hotel.

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians started making plans for the third gaming facility. Plans for a 125,000 square-foot facility on a 13.6-acre site in Cathedral City. The land would be placed into trust. There needs to be a final environmental assessment on the land. In the meantime, two agreements with Cathedral City to address the impacts of the casino. The tribe would be required to pay emergency services and road repairs.

Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, the former general manager John Dinius parted ways from Sycuan Casino less than six months after their expansion. In 26 years, he climbed the ladder holding various jobs, including slot attendant, supervisor, director and a general manager for nearly five years.

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians explores second casino in the Coachella Valley. Governor Gavin Newsom signed a tribal-state gaming compact on August 22nd. If the compact is approved, the tribe will be able to operate up to 2,250 gaming devices by January 1, 2024.

## Tribe continues with proposed placement of Win-River Casino

The Redding Rancheria Tribe announced that they will be continuing with the placement of the Win-River Casino at Strawberry Fields in Redding during Tuesday's city council meeting. "We are the original people and we have suffered enough," said Redding Rancheria Tribal Chairman Jack Potter Jr. at the meeting.

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## Agua Caliente Band moves forward with plans for third gaming facility

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The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is making progress on plans for a third gaming facility in southern California. Plans call for a 125,000 square-foot facility on a 13.6-acre site in Cathedral City. The casino would take up 65,000 square-feet, with another 60,000 square-feet used for restaurants, retail, office and governmental space, according to a draft Environmental Assessment/Tribal Environmental Impact Report released last October.

## Federal government rejects Scotts Valley Indian casino in North Vallejo

A Native American tribe's plan to build a Las Vegas-style casino on 128 acres in North Vallejo was rejected earlier this year by the United States Department of the Interior but tribal leaders say they aren't giving up on the project.

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## Hard Rock casino in Yuba County announces opening date

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Work on the region's newest tribal casino is in the final stretches. The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain announced it will open on Oct. 30. The celebration will continue that weekend with a concert by rock band Def Leppard and former Eagles guitarist Don Felder at the nearby Toyota Amphitheatre on Nov. 2.

## Sycuan general manager out only months after \$260 million expansion

Less than six months after the completion of its \$260 million expansion, Sycuan Casino Resort's top executive is out. Former general manager John Dinius, 47, had been with Sycuan for 26 years — after starting as a bingo parlor clerk and working his way up to the highest management position.

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## Gavin Newsom signs tribal-state gaming compact with Cabazon tribe

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The Cabazon Band of Mission Indians has jumped a hurdle in pursuit of opening a second casino in the Coachella Valley. The tribe, which owns the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Indio, got a signature from Gov. Gavin Newsom Aug. 22 on a tribal-state gaming compact. In order to take effect, the compact next needs to be ratified by the state Legislature and approved by the federal Department of the Interior.