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## CNIGA Leadership Passes the Baton

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It was a changing of the guard at the annual meeting of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA). At the meeting, held in Valley Center, California at the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians' tribal administration building, outgoing Chairman Steve Stallings passed the baton to James Siva, the organization's former vice chairman.

## Casinos might need more than games to keep gamblers as competition grows

Sacramento's Indian casino scene could soon get more crowded. With two casino projects on the horizon in an already bustling market, tribal operators old and new will have to offer entertainment and other amenities to retain the loyalty of customers in what experts say is a gaming market that will soon reach a breaking point.

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## "Hard Rock Sacramento is the catalyst to see the entire region around us develop"

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Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, in Northern California, opened its doors just over a month ago, on October 30, becoming the first Hard Rock hotel casino property in the US West Coast. The project is the first of its kind, as it's the first east coast-west coast alignment and partnership between two tribes to create this integrated resort –the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Enterprise Rancheria Tribe.

## Tribal casinos remain last refuge for California smokers, at least for now

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