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Kern County has proposed a 20-year, \$218 million deal with the Tejon Indians. To provide services such as fire, law enforcement and other services. There will be a one-time payment of \$13.3 million to help build on the proposed 306-acre site in Mettler. Under the proposed agreement several new positions and ongoing contributions to the county general fund based on a 6 percent hotel-room occupancy tax. Due to the 20-year agreement after the time expires the deal could be renegotiated.

Barona Resort and Casino announced that Jeffty Connelly has been named Vice President of Player Relations. Mr. Connelly started as an executive host in 2005 after working as a VIP host in Las Vegas. In 2012 he was promoted to be one of Barona's Casino Manager's. Mr. Connelly role is to lead Club Barona's more than 140 staff members to deliver exceptional service to every Club Barona member.

As of July 31, 2019, the Chemehuevi Tribe is still pursuing the off-reservation casino. The tribe has held informal meetings with officials in Barstow. The Los Coyotes of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians has also tried pursuing a casino in Barstow but the project has not moved forward. The project would be 72,500 square-foot facility featuring a 48-room hotel and gaming floor, reported to be \$40 million project.

August 1, 2019, Chemehuevi Tribe for decade an off-and-on again project of 40-acre plot on Lenwood Drive maybe moving forward for the Chemehuevi tribe. The land would be placed in trust which means the casino would be placed on the 40-acres. Meetings are still being held with Barstow City Council to discuss construction for the casino. The Los Coyotes of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians have had interest in the land but have no historical ties to Barstow.

Cache Creek Casino \$200 million project is under construction on to the next phase of adding a 459 rooms and event space to accommodate guests. Totaling 659 rooms at the resort once the expansion is completed. No date has been announced when the expansion will open, project broke ground in May 2017.

Kern proposes \$218 million, 20-year deal to service Tejon Indians' hotel-casino south of Bakersfield

Kern County has proposed a 20-year, \$218 million deal with the Tejon Indians to provide fire, law enforcement and other services at the \$600 million casino and hotel the tribe and Hard Rock International plan to open half an hour south of Bakersfield.

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Del Sur Resident Jeffty Connelly Appointed Vice President of Player Relations at Barona Resort & Casino

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Barona Resort & Casino announced today that Jeffty Connelly has been named Vice President of Player Relations at Barona Resort & Casino, the Point Multiplier Capital of the World®. The Del Sur resident started his career at Barona as an executive host in 2005 after working as a VIP host in Las Vegas. He was promoted to be one of Barona's Casino Manager's in December 2012.

Tribe official optimistic about Barstow casino

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An often-stalled plan to build a native American casino on a 40-acre plot of land on Lenwood Drive may be moving forward again. The project, off-and-on for a couple decades, has pitted the Chemehuevi tribe, which claims historical rights to the area, against another tribe, the Los Coyotes, which have no historical ties to Barstow.

Cache Creek Casino expansion nears completion

Those who frequent Highway 16 have watched a towering structure adjacent to Cache Creek Casino Resort take shape. Marking the next phase of development for the resort, located in Brooks, the new hotel will add 459 rooms and event space to accommodate guests who are now free to stay and play. There will be a total of 659 rooms at the resort once the expansion is complete.

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Chemehuevi Tribe looks to revive plan for off-reservation casino

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The Chemehuevi Tribe continues to pursue an off-reservation casino in California as it completes work on a new facility. The tribe has held informal meetings with officials in Barstow, The Victorville Daily Press reported. Plans call for a casino on a 40-acre site near the Stoddard Wells Off-Highway Vehicle Area, the paper said.