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Threat of casino in Petaluma postponed until 2032

The prospect of a sprawling casino campus on Petaluma's south side, a looming threat since the Dry Creek Band of Pomo Indians bought a 277-acre plot between Highway 101 and the Petaluma River, will remain unrealized for at least the next decade.

As part of an extension to the tribe's 2008 agreement with Sonoma County, a prohibition of casino development near Petaluma's Kastania Road will linger until at least the end of 2032.



In historic move, San Diego County removes barrier to tribal land expansion



For more than 20 years, San Diego County has barred its 18 federally recognized tribes from expanding their reservations, a reaction prompted by concerns over a sudden surge of casino construction.

That blanket prohibition was lifted Wednesday by the Board of Supervisors, who voted to end their decades-long opposition to fee-to-trust applications, the process by which tribes can petition to annex property. The practice has long been a source of contention for local Indigenous tribes, who need to transfer the land they purchase into trust in order to build housing and essential resources.

Sycuan Unionization Push Could Have Big Implications for Other Tribal Casinos

Though 2020 and the pandemic brought massive disruptions to casinos and businesses of all kinds, for the Sycuan Resort & Casino, 2019 was full of major shifts, too. That year, the resort completed a \$260 million renovation, and in a development that's largely flown under the radar, its employees began attempting to form a union.



Groundbreaking for New Casino on Highway 99 Expected by June, Officials Say



Construction on the Fresno-area's newest Indian gaming casino, along Highway 99, is expected to break ground before the end of June.

That's according to a top executive with Red Rock Resorts, the parent company of Las Vegas based Station Casinos – which is partnering on the project with the North Fork Mono Indian tribe.