



# California Casino News

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## Tejon Tribe one step closer to bringing the Hard Rock to Kern

The Tejon Indian Tribe is one step closer to becoming a land-owning tribe and bringing the Hard Rock Resort and Casino to Kern. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs recently completed the final Environmental Impact Statement for the land acquisition and the \$600 million casino project. The federal government now has 30 days to decide if the 306 acres near Mettler will go into a trust for the tribe.

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## DOI Wants Second Quick Win in Off-Reservation Casino Suit (sub req)

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The U. S. Department of the Interior has asked a California federal court to toss for a second time a case that alleges the agency violated multiple federal laws while greenlighting a Native American hotel and casino off reservation land in California. The DOI argued in its motion for summary judgment filed Friday that all procedures were appropriately followed while permitting the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians to build their hotel and casino.

## Blue Lake Casino restaurants close after employee tests positive for COVID-19

The Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe announced Friday it shut down its restaurants at the Blue Lake Casino after a food and beverage employee tested positive for COVID-19. On Nov. 6, the Tribe said casino staff members who were in close proximity to the sick employee were sent home and would be tested for the virus.

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## San Manuel Band Of Mission Indian Celebrates Major Milestones & Announces Updated Timeline for Casino Resort Expansion

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The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians hosted an intimate ceremony today to celebrate the topping-off of the 17th floor of the San Manuel Casino resort expansion project. The socially-distanced event celebrates the final steel beam being put into place just over 27 months after the project broke ground on July 25, 2018. During the event, the Tribe announced an updated timeline for the phased opening of the expansion.