



# California Casino News

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## Southern California Casinos Continue to Develop Amid Pandemic

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Casinos in Southern California have marked another year of growth so far. That is despite an ongoing pandemic, dimming the prospects of recovery for at least several months more. As construction works continue, tribes won an important battle earlier this year. Tribes won the right for a proposed constitutional amendment and put up sports betting up for a possible vote in 2021.

## TUCKER: Chumash Council says there will be no casino built on Diablo Canyon lands

The Diablo Canyon Power Plant is scheduled to be permanently shut down by 2025 and will then undergo the long process of decommissioning. With these events, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) will be working toward transferring ownership of 12,000 acres commonly referred to as the Diablo Lands. This includes the areas of Wild Cherry Canyon, South Ranch, North Ranch, and Parcel P (the site of the power plant).

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## Barstow City Council amends casino agreement to remove tribe's development partner

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The Barstow City Council on Monday approved a revised municipal services agreement with a Native American tribe that plans to acquire land, and build a casino and resort near The Outlets at Barstow. City Manager Nikki Salas said the amended agreement with the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians only removes their former development partner, Barwest.

## COVID-19 devastates Native American reservations in California and across the US

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a harmful impact on Native American reservations across much of the United States. As many tribes rely on revenue from casinos and other gambling operations, the pandemic has led to job losses and depleted funding for social services.

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