



# California Casino News

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In Riverside County, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians will soon have its third casino. The tribe has yet to announce a groundbreaking date. Due to waiting approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to add the land into Federal trust. The tribe will pay \$125,000 this fiscal year for mental health care, gambling addiction and substance abuse. The tribe will be in an intergovernmental agreement with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Morongo Casino and Spa will increase the gaming space by 30%, adding additional restaurants, lounges, a new non-smoking space, parking garage, and a new bar. Morongo Casino will be the second largest established tribal casino in Southern California.

The Tejon Indian Tribe and The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino may be coming to Kern County. Logo released of the soon to be operated casino by the Tejon Indian Tribe and Hard Rock International company, owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. This proposed project would be off the Interstate 5 and Highway 99. The casino would have a 400-room hotel, spa and fitness center, resort style pool, 13 restaurants and bars, the largest convention space in Kern County and entertainment venue.

Indian Gaming brought in a total of \$33.7 billion, an increase of 4.1 percent over the previous year. Nationally Portland at the top had an 8.2 percent increase, then Oklahoma with 7.2 and Phoenix, included Navajo casinos, was up almost 4 percent. As of 2018, being the profitable year for the Navajo Reservations.

## Agua Caliente, Riverside County reach deal on planned Cathedral City casino

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians will pay Riverside County \$125,000 this fiscal year for mental health care, gambling addiction and substance abuse as it moves forward with plans for a new casino in Cathedral City

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## Logo released for planned Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Kern County

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It's a big name with worldwide recognition and it may be coming to Kern County. Plans for a Hard Rock Hotel and Casino are steps closer to completion. The huge casino, concert and hotel complex proposed for a 300-acre site 14 miles south of downtown Bakersfield will be operated by the Tejon Indian Tribe and Hard Rock International company, owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, according to an announcement Tuesday morning.

## Indian gaming booming locally, nationwide

Indian gaming in the United States is booming and it's showing a profit on the Navajo Reservation as well. The National Indian Gaming Commission released its figures for 2018, which show that Indian gaming nationwide brought in a total of \$33.7 billion, an increase of 4.1 percent over the previous year.

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## California's Morongo Casino is about to get much larger

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Already one of the largest tribal gaming operations in Southern California, the Morongo Casino and Spa is about to get even bigger. The property is run by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, who have announced that they will soon begin an expansion project to increase the gaming area and add new amenities. With the expansion, the venue will be able to employ another 425 people on top of the 2,500 already punching the clock at the resort.