



# California Casino News

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In Southern California, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians moving forward on their third casino. 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. All parties will meet every six months to be following the agreement. The tribe is pending approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to add the land into federal trust. The new development features a casino, parking, restaurants, bars, retail and mixed-use space adding up to 556 jobs. The casino will be a Class III gaming machines featuring 500 slots, and eight table games.

Barona Band of Mission Indians, the tribe's casino Barona Resort & Casino wins nine consecutive years of 'Best Casino', 'Loosest Slots' and 'Best Casino Buffet' in the annual San Diego Union-Tribune's "Best of" Readers Poll. Winning Best steakhouse, Best Casino Restaurant, Best 24-Hour Restaurant, Best Golf Course and Best Place to Work. Barona Casino has also been named the 'Best Casino Outside of Las Vegas' in the USA Today 20 Best Reader's Choice Award for 2019.

Chemehuevi Indian Tribe continues to pursue an estimated \$40 million off-reservation casino, in Barstow on a 40-acre site. The 40-acre site would be placed in trust. The site would be 72,500 square-foot facility featuring a 48-room hotel, 320 gaming machines and tables, a restaurant, a general store and a marina.

In Northern California Redding Mayor Julie Winter apologizes to tribal leaders during the State of the City address. Winter acknowledges the trauma and violence Native Americans have been through. She asked Native American descents to stand to be recognized.

## Riverside County in California reaches deal on tribe's plan for new casino

The casino is planned for a 13-acre lot in Cathedral City, at the northwest corner of East Palm Canyon Drive and Date Palm Drive. It would be the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians' third casino. Under the terms of the agreement, 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.

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## Redding Mayor Julie Winter apologizes to Native American people for 'great injustices'

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California Governor Gavin Newsom did it. President Barack Obama did it. And now Redding Mayor Julie Winter has become the latest politician to apologize to Native American tribal leaders for the violence perpetrated against their ancestors in America.

## Barona Resort & Casino wins 'Best Casino' in San Diego

For the ninth consecutive year, Barona Resort & Casino has won 'Best Casino', 'Loosest Slots' and 'Best Casino Buffet' in the annual San Diego Union-Tribune's "Best Of" Readers Poll. Barona won a total of eight first-place awards this year. The other winning categories include 'Best Steakhouse' (Barona Oaks), 'Best Casino Restaurant' (Italian Cucina), 'Best 24-Hour Restaurant' (Sage Café), 'Best Golf Course' (Barona Creek Golf Club) and 'Best Place to Work.'

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## Chemehuevi Indian Tribe hopes to open new casino in the next few weeks [sub req]

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With the homestretch in clear view, a Chemehuevi Indian Tribe official said all systems are "go" for opening the tribe's new casino in the next few weeks. "In the next two weeks, the (hotel) rooms should be ready and the landscaping is going in," said Brian McDonald, the tribe's vice chairman.