



24th Annual Western Indian Gaming Conference
February 4th – 7th
Harrah's Resort Southern California

Tentative Schedule of Events

Monday, February 4th

Golf Tournament

Woods Valley Golf Course
14616 Woods Valley Road
Valley Center, CA 92082

Start Time: 9:00 am

Welcome Reception

Location: SR76 Brewery

6:00 pm -8:00 pm

Sponsored By:

**Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Video Gaming Technologies (VGT)
California Clean Air Project (CCAP)
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Gaming Laboratories International (GLI)
Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM)
Key Bank**



Tuesday, February 5th

(All major events to take place at The Events Center "TEC")

Continental Breakfast

Sponsored By: TBD

8:30 am – 10:00 am

General Session

Location: TEC 11, 12, 13

9:00 am – 12 Noon

Opening Prayer

Welcome Address

Susan Jensen, Executive Director of CNIGA

Protecting the sovereign right of California tribes to operate gaming on their lands.

**State of the Nations Address:
Chairman Steve Stallings**

**General Session Seminars:
Capitol Power Players**

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Top political consultants will discuss state legislation, proposed regulatory changes, and the political environment facing tribal governments.

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: TBD

Are State Demands for Responsible Gaming Payments Reasonable?

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

The panel explores the California State Compact requirements for tribal contributions toward state responsible gaming efforts. Speakers will provide an overview of the assumptions of blame implied by these payments and contrast that assumption with the scientific evidence on disordered gambling and responsible gaming.

Moderator: Katherine A. Spilde, Ph.D. MBA, Associate Professor - L Robert Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Endowed Chair - Sycuan Institute on Tribal Gaming San Diego State University

Speakers: The Honorable Steve Stallings, Chairman – California Nations Indians Gaming Association
TBD

Awards Luncheon – 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Location: Bordeaux Room located on 2nd Floor of South Tower

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12:30 pm

Award Presentations:

Ninth Annual Anna Sandoval Leadership Award

Tribal Leader Recipient: TBD

Ninth Annual Pauline Murillo Industry Leader Award

Industry Leader Recipient: TBD

Track 1 Seminars – Tribal Government

Location: TEC 12 & 13

1:30 pm – 2:50 pm

Tribal Sovereignty II – The Primary Asset of Tribal Self-Government

A deeper dive into tribal sovereignty. Panelist will build upon last year's panel to discuss the historical and present day applications of tribal self-governance.

Moderator: Denise Turner-Walsh, Attorney General - Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

Speakers: TBD

Network Break

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm

Sponsored By: Chicken Ranch Rancheria

3:20 pm – 4:50 pm

Workshop: California Clean Air project (CCAP) – Tribal Funding Availability and Assistance Coordination Center

CCAP will be hold a workshop session to discuss the new funding availability for tribal nations from the California Department of Health. The session would go over the "Request for Authorization" (RFA) process and the assistance the new coordinating center can provide to those tribal nations wishing to apply. The workshop will also solicit feedback from tribal advisors on how to guide the project forward.

Moderator: Narinder Dhaliwal, Director – California Clean Air Project

Speakers: TBD

Track 2 Seminars – Casino Operations & Security

Location: TEC 2 & 4

1:30 pm – 2:50 pm

Rise of Media Fraud: How to Protect Yourself

A recent study has shown that 40% of marketers have low trust in their media agencies. Are you part of that 40%? Do you question what media agencies do with your dollars and whether they are acting in your best interest? You should be. A groundbreaking report issued by the Association of National Advertisers in 2016 has shed light on the widespread media fraud relating to unethical kickbacks and cash rebates. Attend this session to understand what questions you should be asking your media agency to ensure that your dollars are being sent the right way.

Moderator: Chad German, CEO – Red Circle Agency

Speakers: TBD

Network Break

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Class II Not Second Class

Class II gaming machines have gone from slow and awkward choices of last resort to fast, popular and fully competitive alternatives – even for casinos with Class III machines. This session will look at how and why Class II machines have become an important tool for any Tribal casino and operator and how these Class II machines can be leveraged to better benefit the Tribe.

Moderator: James Klas, Founder & Principal – Klas Robinson QED

Speakers: Matthew Robinson, Founder & Principal – Klas Robinson QED
TBD

Track 3 Seminars – Regulation

Location: TEC 1 & 3

1:30 pm – 2:50 pm

The Impact of Privacy and Data Protection Trends on the Background Licensing

A look at trending law changes regarding background screening and data protection. California's sweeping Data Privacy Act (CCPA) goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. Do tribal gaming authorities (TGA) need to make changes to their current methods? We'll also take a look at "Ban-the-Box" style laws around the country and see how they have changed the way suppliers hire and screen candidates.

Moderator: Michael Hankin, LATAM Compliance & Government Relations Manager - Aristocrat Technologies

Speakers: Julie Hakman, President & CEO - AmericanChecked
Les Stanley, Executive Director- Rincon Tribal Gaming Commission
TBD -NIGC Representative

Network Break

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What Not To Do – Title 31 Fines Against Card Rooms

Session will discuss the latest emerging trends related to Title 31/AML compliance at card rooms as a way to discuss exactly “what not to do” at tribal casinos. The discussion will also focus on ways that tribal casinos can mitigate their Title 31/AML risk.

Moderator: Grant Eve, CPA, CFE, Partner - WIPFLi

Speakers: TBD

Track 4 Seminars – Finance & Business Development

Location: TEC 11

1:30 pm – 2:50 pm

Hotel Impossible? Factors When Considering if Building a Hotel for Your Casino is The Way To Go

Hotels are among the most valuable and most expensive supporting facilities for casinos. This panel will help attendees better understand when, why, and how hotels work with casinos and whether adding or expanding a hotel is right for your casino.

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Successful Recruitment & Retention Strategies for Today's Tribal Casino

The quality of your employees is as important as quantity when low unemployment makes the best people difficult to find and recruit. You must consider the power of technology, vendor resources, training, and mentoring – even refining your casino's branding to make it more attractive to potential recruits.

Moderator: Michael Doocey, Regional Vice President of Casino Operations - Spectra

Speakers: Alisa Imperial, Regional Human Resources Operations Manager - Spectra
Tiffany Cahill, Corporate Director of Human Resources – Driftwood Hospitality Management
Craig Pendleton, President – National Foodservice Consulting, Inc.

CNIGA Meeting

Location: TEC 12 & 13

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Courtyard Extravaganza

Location: Courtyard/Bonfire

8:00 pm -10:00 pm

Wednesday, February 6th,

Location: Harrah's Events Center (TEC)

Continental Breakfast

Sponsored By: TBD

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Track 1 Seminars – Tribal Government

Location: TEC 12 & 13

9:00 am – 10:20am

Developing Business Opportunities for Rural Tribal Casinos

Rural Tribal casinos face unique challenges when it comes to economic diversification. Servicing smaller population bases requires out of the box thinking and solid local economic data to ring the best opportunities to light. The session will demonstrate recent cases of rural Tribal casinos that have diversified successfully.

Moderator: Jamie Fuller, Chairman & CEO – Blue Stone Group

Speakers: TBD

10:30am – 11:50 am

Establishing the Native American Curriculum – AB 738 (Limon)

California State Assembly Bill AB 738 established a Native American Curriculum for grades 7 to 12 in California schools. The curriculum shall be created with participation from federally recognized tribes and California Native American Tribes and shall be completed by the IQC by December 31, 2021 for approval by the State Board of Education (SBE) by March 31, 2022. The session workshop will help to implement the requirements of AB 738.

Moderator: Sam Cohen, Government Affairs and Legal Officer – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Speakers: TBD

Tradeshow Opening – Lunch on Tradeshow Floor

Location: TEC 9

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Track 2 Seminars – Casino Operations & Security

Location: TEC 2 & 4

9:00 am – 10:20 am

Management of the Modern Gaming Floor: Lessons From The Field

Regulators, security personnel, IT staff, and casino managers will gain a better sense of the internetworking, interconnectivity, and associated risks of today's systems technologies and techniques for better communication across the enterprise to unblur lines leading to unsatisfied customers, externally and internally.

Moderator: Michael Capen, Director of Client Services - Gaming Laboratories International (GLI)

Speakers: TBD

10:30 am – 11:50 am

Smart Service: Driving Loyalty and Revenue By Utilizing Smart Technology

Smart Service, or processes utilizing smart devices and cloud-based software, is reinventing service delivery. Discover the benefits of smart service technology including improved customer loyalty, increased revenue, greater accountability, and happier/productive employees. Focusing on a general overview, operational professionals should find this interactive seminar highly engaging.

Moderator: Frank Oppenheim, CEO - Metavallo, LLC
Speakers: TBD

Tradeshow Opening – Lunch on Tradeshow Floor

Location: Tradeshow Floor

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Track 3 Seminars – Regulation

Location: TEC 1 & 3

9:00am – 10:20 am

Information Security: Is Your Casino Protected?

Mobile monitoring from phones and tablets, wide-area progressives, the growth of new technologies and the possibility of internet gaming, are all becoming part of the modern casino environment. With these changes come new threats, and our casino operations and monitoring and control systems are under attack. It is important to understand what you can do to minimize these risks and keep your systems and information as secure as possible. This panel will discuss key trends in information security, provide examples of breaches, and discuss prevention and response measures for an information security breach.

Moderator: Andrew Hofstetter, Chairman – Tribal Gaming Protection Network (TGPN)
Speakers: Jodi DiLascio, Director Tribal Gaming - BMM
Patrick Tinklenberg, VP Information Technology – Sycuan Casino
Billy David, Owner/Consultant - Bo-Co-Pa & Associates
Brandon Griffith, Director Business Development North America - SIQ

10:30am – 11:50am

Workshop: Regulatory Audit – Transparency From Regulatory Agencies

Moderator: TBD
Speakers: TBD

Tradeshow Opening – Lunch on Tradeshow Floor

Location: TEC 9

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Track 4 Seminars – Finance & Business Development

Location: TEC 11

9:00am – 10:20am

Energy Resiliency for Gaming and Related Facilities

The “Energy Resiliency for Gaming and Related Facilities” will focus on how tribes can develop and deploy clean energy projects to promote energy security and resiliency for their gaming and related facilities infrastructure. We will hear from several tribes that will discuss their respective clean energy projects and other energy security and resiliency goals. We will also hear from the California Energy Commission on how it can work with tribes on achieving energy security and resiliency goals, with a discussion on the types of programs available to assist tribes in achieving these goals.

Moderator: TBD
Speakers: TBD

10:30am – 11:50am

Future of TED Bonds and Tax- Exempt Financings

Panelists will discuss the future of TED bonds and tax-exempt financings as well as the benefits of how it can help with your next project.

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: TBD

Tradeshow Opening – Lunch on Tradeshow Floor

Location: TEC 9

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) *Pending California State Bar Approval

Location: Rhone, 2nd Floor

1:30pm – 2:50pm

Current Legal Events Affecting Casino Operations

Moderator: Steve Hart, Partner – Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, LLP

Speakers: TBD

Break

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm

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Location: Rhone, 2nd Floor

3:20pm – 4:50pm

General Welfare Doctrine

Moderator: Sam Cohen, Government Affairs and Legal Officer – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Speakers: TBD

Bowling Tournament

Sponsored By: Chicken Ranch Rancheria – Sapphire Sponsor

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Bowlero San Marcos
945 W San Marcos Blvd
San Marcos, CA 92069

**Shuttle will depart from East Casino Entrance at 5:30pm

Note that Bowlero is approximately 45 minutes away from the Harrah's property!

Thursday, February 7th

Location: Harrah's Events Center (TEC)

Associate Member Breakfast

Location: Bordeaux Room, 2nd floor

*Open to Associate Members Only

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Tradeshow – Breakfast on Tradeshow Floor

Location: TEC 9

Sponsored By: TBD

10:30pm – 12:30pm

Track 1 Seminars – Tribal Government

Location: TEC 12 & 13

9:00am – 10:20am

Workshop: Tribal Scholarship Programs – Best Practices to Enhance Tribal Development

Moderator: Angelique Albert, Director - American Indian Graduate Center

Speakers: TBD

Track 2 Seminars – Casino Operations & Security

Location: TEC 2 & 4

9:00am – 10:20am

Engaging the Younger Demographic on the Casino Floor

Session will discuss creative and alternate ways that Tribal Casinos are engaging the youth to spend more time on their casino floors.

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: TBD

Track 3 Seminars – Regulation

Location: TEC 1 & 3

9:00am – 10:20am

TBD – Regulatory Session

TBD

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: TBD

Track 4 Seminars – Finance & Business Development

Location: TEC 11

9:00am – 10:20am

GASB Updates Including Lease Accounting

There are several changes coming to the accounting standards set by GASB, including the new standard on accounting for leases. This session will provide an overview of the upcoming GASB standard changes and then take a deep dive into the new GASB standard on lease accounting. The new lease standard which could significantly impact casino financial statements and debt ratios, is effective for fiscal years beginning December 15th, 2019.

Moderator: Mark Siadal, CPA, Senior Manager – Moss Adams LLP

Speakers: Brandon Valentini, CPA, Partner – Moss Adams LLP

TBD

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Location: Rhone, 2nd Floor

9:00am – 10:20am

Tribal Courts

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: TBD

Break

10:20 am – 10:30 am

Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) *Pending California State Bar Approval

Location: Rhone, 2nd Floor

10:30am – 11:50pm

Recent Supreme Court Cases on Sovereign Immunity Effecting Tribes

Moderator: Frances Sjoberg, Associate – Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, LLP

Speakers: TBD

General Session Wrap Up & Tribal Leaders Tribal Summit Workshop

Location: TEC 11, 12, 13

1:00pm – 2:00pm

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

All Registrations to take place at the
Harrah's Event Center (TEC)

Monday, February 4th

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, February 5th

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Wednesday, February 6th

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Thursday, February 7th

8:00 am – 11:30am