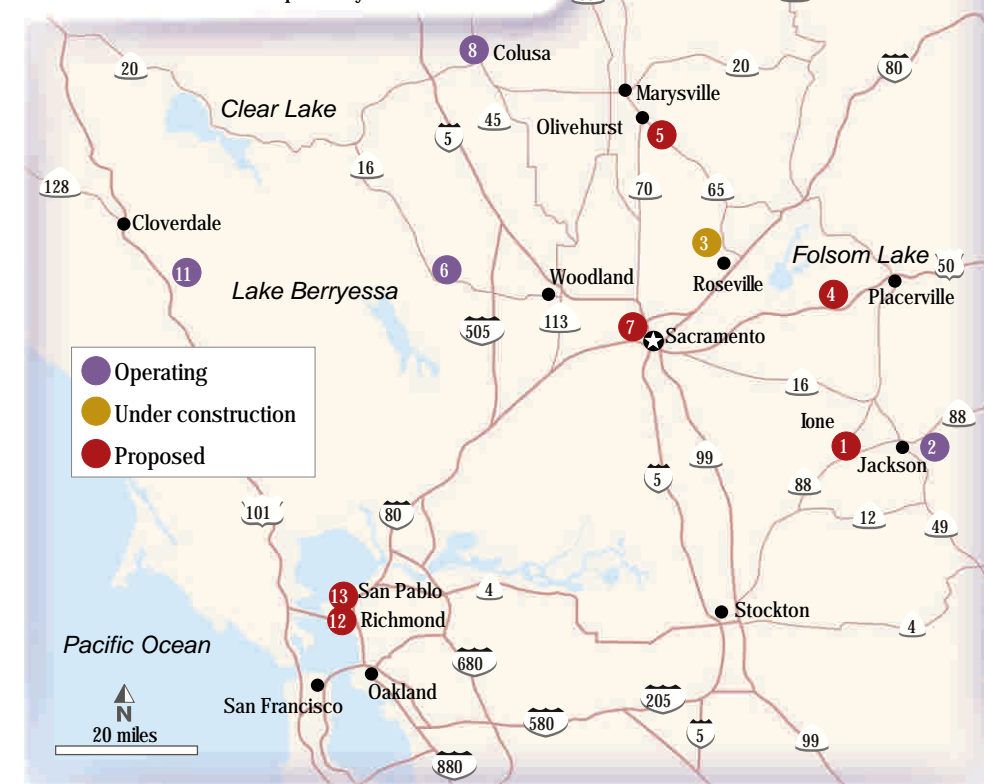


Indian casinos in Northern California

California voters approved a constitutional amendment in March 2000 to allow Indian tribes to operate Nevada-style casinos. Since then, there has been a flurry of activity in Northern California, with tribes expanding existing casinos, building new ones, or waging legal and political fights to begin construction. Here's a look at the state of expansion and construction at some sites. Numbers on map are keyed to text.



AMADOR COUNTY

1 Tribe: Buena Vista Band of Miwok
 Membership: In dispute, one or three
 Casino location: Ione
 Casino: Proposed
 Financial backer: Cascade Entertainment Group of Sacramento
 Status: This is a fight between two women, both of whom claim to be head of the tribe. Donnamarie Potts, with her two adult children, wants to build a large casino on the 67-acre rancheria. Rhonda Morningstar Pope, who lives in West Sacramento, isn't interested. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has ruled that Potts and her children have no blood ties to the tribe, and Pope is the legitimate tribal chair. Both sides have hired lawyers and/or lobbyists to plead their case.

2 Tribe: Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwok
 Membership: 45
 Casino location: Just east of Jackson
 Casino: Jackson Rancheria
 Financial backer: None
 Status: Opened in 1991. The casino was greatly expanded in early 2000, adding two new restaurants and a showroom, which will be expanded further early next year. The site also has a conference center and a 103-room hotel. The tribe recently revealed plans to build a 108-unit apartment and office complex on five acres in Sutter Creek.

PLACER COUNTY

3 Tribe: United Auburn Indian Community
 Membership: 215
 Casino location: Industrial and Athens avenues, near Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville
 Casino: Thunder Valley Station (under construction)
 Financial backer: Station Casinos Inc. of Las Vegas
 Status: The \$215 million, 200,000 square-foot casino is scheduled to open late next year. Roseville and Rocklin have filed a legal challenge. They lost the first round in federal court but have an appeal pending.

EL DORADO COUNTY

4 Tribe: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok
 Membership: 340
 Casino location: Shingle Springs
 Casino: Shingle Springs Casino Resort (proposed)
 Financial backer: Lakes Entertainment Inc. of

Status: The tribe opened a casino under a giant tent in late 1996, but it closed after five months when the tribe lost a legal fight with neighbors over use of a private road. Now, the tribe wants to open a large casino and hotel on tribal land off Highway 50. Last August, the county filed a lawsuit, contending the federal government failed to adequately consider the potential environmental impacts when it approved the casino. The tribe also may face a water shortage on the site because of differences with the El Dorado Irrigation District.

YUBA COUNTY

5 Tribe: Enterprise Rancheria Tribe of Estom Yumeka Maidu
 Membership: 395
 Casino location: South Yuba County, southeast of Olivehurst
 Casino: Proposed
 Financial backer: Forsythe Racing Inc. of Chicago
 Status: This Butte County tribe wants to acquire 40 acres in Yuba County and build a hotel and casino near the AutoWest Amphitheatre, where Forsythe also has proposed an Indy-style auto racetrack. County officials and the tribe have yet to sign an agreement. Meanwhile, the Strawberry Valley Band of Maidu, a tribe of 300 seeking federal recognition, says the Enterprise band is trespassing on its ancestral lands.

YOLO COUNTY

6 Tribe: Rumsey Band of Wintun
 Membership: 44
 Casino location: Capay Valley, about 20 miles west of Woodland
 Casino: Cache Creek Indian Bingo and Casino
 Financial backer: None
 Status: The casino, which opened as a bingo parlor in 1985 and is one of the most successful in Northern California, is being expanded. The tribe is also building a 200-room hotel. In early October, Yolo County supervisors and tribal officials signed a deal that requires the tribe to pay for much of the off-rancheria impact of the expansion.

7 Tribe: Upper Lake Band of Pomo
 Membership: 140
 Casino location: West Sacramento, near Interstate 80 and Reed Avenue
 Casino: Capitol Resort Hotel Casino (proposed)
 Financial backer: SRQ Inc. of Florida
 Status: The tribe, which has its roots in Lake County,

acres in West Sacramento to build a casino and 400-room hotel. Tribal leaders reached a deal last month with the West Sacramento City Council to pay the city millions over 12 years to fund municipal services to the complex. Federal, state and county officials, as well as other tribes in the region, are fighting the proposal. A referendum drive has started in West Sacramento to overturn the council-tribe agreement.

COLUSA COUNTY

8 Tribe: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun
 Membership: 40
 Casino location: Colusa
 Casino: Colusa Casino & Bingo
 Financial backer: None
 Status: The casino opened as a bingo hall in 1986. Casino revenues have enabled the tribe to branch out into a profitable farming business and other operations, such as duck-hunting tours. The tribe has a 10-year plan for expansion of the casino and related facilities.

BUTTE COUNTY

9 Tribe: Concow-Maidu of Mooretown Rancheria
 Membership: 181
 Casino location: Oroville
 Casino: Feather Falls Casino
 Financial backer: None
 Status: Opened in 1995, the casino has expanded twice. The most recent expansion was finished in September and includes a 900-seat showroom. The casino is one of the five largest private employers in Butte County.

10 Tribe: Tyme Maidu Tribe of Berry Creek Rancheria
 Membership: 290
 Casino location: Just south of Oroville
 Casino: Gold Country Casino
 Financial backer: None
 Status: The only casino in Northern California with a bowling alley. The tribe is building a six-story complex that will have an expanded casino, a convention center, buffet, steakhouse and 100-room hotel.

SONOMA COUNTY

11 Tribe: Dry Creek Band of Pomo
 Membership: N/A
 Casino location: Alexander Valley near Cloverdale
 Casino: River Rock
 Financial backer: Nevada Gold & Casinos of Texas (69 percent; three other companies share 31 percent.)
 Status: The tribe quietly opened a temporary casino under a tent in September. A more permanent structure is scheduled for completion by February. Sonoma County has launched legal action against the tribe, alleging it has blocked the county from conducting fire-safety inspections. The tribe is also in negotiations with the state on environmental and other concerns.

ALAMEDA COUNTY

12 Tribe: Scotts Valley Band of Pomo
 Membership: 160
 Casino location: Richmond
 Casino: Proposed
 Financial backer: Kean Cos. of Las Vegas
 Status: Based in Lakeport, the tribe recently pitched the idea of locating a casino and hotel at a Port of Richmond terminal on San Francisco Bay. Richmond city officials are reviewing the proposal, which would require federal and state approval even if local officials embrace it.

13 Tribe: Lytton Band of Pomo
 Membership: 253
 Casino location: San Pablo
 Casino: Proposed
 Financial backer: A group of about 20 Pennsylvania-based investors
 Status: Once based in Sonoma County, the landless tribe is seeking federal approval of its purchase of a cardroom in San Pablo, which it wants to convert into a casino. The land was placed into trust in a voluminous congressional bill in 2000. Earlier this year, the tribe won a lawsuit filed by area cardrooms, who argued Indian tribes had an unconstitutional monopoly on casino gambling. It now faces a second lawsuit from the cardrooms, who argue the Lyttons are not a legal tribe. If it wins that round, the tribe must reach an agreement with Gov. Gray Davis to open a full-scale casino.