CSAC Fact Sheet on Indian Gaming in California  
(As of 11/5/2003)

The following information was compiled by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) from research from other sources as well as from the survey that CSAC conducted of California’s 58 counties in May 2003. CSAC received responses from 54 counties and the survey results indicate that there are 54 casinos in operation with 26 proposed casinos in a total of 34 counties. Of those 34 counties impacted by Indian Gaming, there are 78 Tribes in those counties and only 18 local agreements for mitigation of the off-reservation impacts and health and safety services that counties are required to provide. The survey also indicated that many counties have not yet completed an impact analysis on Indian Gaming due to limited information or lack of financial resources. However, 8 counties have conducted comprehensive impact analyses which indicate that the fiscal impacts are approximately $200 million while only receiving $21.4 million in mitigation payments from tribal governments.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the following fact sheet please contact DeAnn Baker or Jolena Voorhis at CSAC (916.327.7500). In addition, if you are interested in individual copies of county responses please contact Helen Cascadden at CSAC.

Number of Tribes/Compacts in California

Total Number of Tribes in California with current Compacts, Request for Compacts, or Petitioning for Federal Recognition, or unknown status: 172

Total Number of Tribes in California that have Federal Recognition: 108

Total number of Tribal-State Compacts in California: 65*
  - Compacted Tribes that have active gaming facilities: 52
  - Compacted Tribes that are non-gaming: 13
Total number of Tribes that have Class II Gaming but no compact: 1
Total number of Tribes that have requested a compact from Governor Davis: 13
Total number of Tribes that are petitioning for Federal Recognition: 50
Total number of Tribes that have withdrawn petitions or were denied by the BIA: 7
Total number of Tribes where their status is unknown: 39 (including 32 tribes that are federally recognized with no other status)
*These figures do not include the recent compact signed by Governor Davis for the Ft. Mojave Tribe, since the compact has not been approved by the Legislature.

Tribal Enrollment of Federally Recognized Tribes

Total Number of Tribal Enrollment (80 Tribes): 46,309
  - Tribal Enrollment in Gaming, Compact Areas: 18,603
  - Tribal Enrollment in Non-Gaming, Compact Areas: 6,644
  - Tribal Enrollment in Federally Recognized, Non-Compact Areas: 21,062

*Data compiled from the 2002 Field Directory of the California Indian Community, Department of Housing and Community Development. 80 Tribes noted enrollment out of 108 listed in the Report. Those Tribes that left this item blank or noted 0 in population were not included in the total number of Tribes.
Tribal Population of Federally Recognized Tribes (96 Tribes): 51,385
*Data compiled from the 2002 Field Directory of the California Indian Community, Department of Housing and Community Development. 96 Tribes noted population out of 108 listed in the Report. Those Tribes that left this item blank or noted 0 in population were not included in the total number of Tribes.

Tribal Acreage of Federally Recognized Tribes

Total Tribal Acreage in California (97 Tribes): 989,643 acres
*Data compiled from the 2002 Field Directory of the California Indian Community, Department of Housing and Community Development. Data from 97 Tribes total out of 108 listed in the Report. Those Tribes that left this item blank or noted 0 in population were not included in the total number of Tribes.

Counties and Tribes

- Forty-five counties with Indian Tribes in gaming, non-gaming, petitioning for federal recognition, or proposed gaming.
- Twenty-six counties with active gaming in their communities. (Total of 53 Tribes in those 26 counties).
- Thirty-four counties with active and proposed gaming. Of those, eight counties have proposed gaming and do not have any current gaming facilities. Total of 78 Tribes in those thirty-four counties that have active or proposed gaming.
- Twenty-five counties with tribes that are petitioning for federal recognition. Of those, ten counties do not have any active or proposed gaming in their communities.
- One county has a tribe where the status of the tribe is unknown (Alpine).
- Fourteen counties with no tribes in gaming, non-gaming, petitioning for federal recognition or proposed casinos: Alameda, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, and Ventura.

*Numbers include the June 25, 2003 opening of the Picayune Rancheria Casino in Madera County, and the November 3, 2003 opening of the Lytton Band in Contra Costa County (Class Two Gaming).

Indian Gaming Facilities in California

Total number of fully operational casinos in California: 53
Total number of casinos with Class II gaming: 1
Total number of proposed casinos: 26

Memorandums of Understanding

Total number of MOUs or local agreements with Counties in California: 18
   Alpine (no casinos in development), Amador (2 separate MOUs), Del Norte (Proposed Casino), Humboldt, Imperial, Madera, Mono (casino closed), Placer, Riverside, San Diego (4 separate MOUs), Santa Barbara, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba (Proposed Casino).
Total number of comprehensive MOUs which provide for mitigation for most areas of service impacts: 6 (Del Norte, Madera, Placer, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba)
Impact Analysis

- There are currently 12 counties that have done an impact analysis, and 8 counties have included the fiscal impacts of Indian Gaming on the county. The total fiscal impact to those 8 counties is approximately $200 million, which includes $182.5 million in one-time costs and $16.7 million in annual costs to counties.
- Of the 8 counties that have conducted an analysis of the fiscal impacts, only 5 of those counties are receiving mitigation payments of approximately $21.4 million. The $21.4 million includes $16.5 million in one-time payments and $4.9 million in annual payments.
- There are currently another 5 counties receiving mitigation payments which have not yet conducted an impact analysis. The total amount of payments to those counties is approximately $8 million which include $854,000 in one-time payments and $7.2 million in annual payments.
- Currently, 10 counties in total receive approximately $29 million in mitigation payments from Indian Tribes.
- There are 5 additional counties which are currently conducting an impact analysis or have been unable to quantify the impacts at this time.