

10th

Native American

Cannabis and Hemp

CONFERENCE

JUNE 10- 11, 2025

PECHANGA
RESORT CASINO
Temecula, CA

Tuesday, June 10

6/6/25
2:10 PM

7:45 - 8:45 AM

Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:45 - 9:00 AM

Welcoming Remarks



Justin O'Connor
President
Native Nation Events



Ken Perez
President
Pechanga Development Corporation

9:00 - 9:45 AM

General Session

The THREE KNOCKS and AMOR FATI.

Life knocks three times—the call to grow, the call to serve, and the call to let go. In this session, we explore how Amor Fati—the love of fate—helps us answer each one with courage and grace. You'll create your MVP Life Document, charting a path of meaning and impact, and learn how fulfillment comes from "passing the rope" to others. When the final knock comes, it's not what you built, but who you became—and how deeply you lived—that defines your legacy.



Jim Stroker
Coach
Native Nation Events

Tuesday, June 10

9:45 - 10:45 AM

Tribal Leaders Update Roundtable

Listen as tribal leaders dive into what they believe are the most pressing topics within Native America from the past year and into the future. What, if any, areas have tribes improved on in the last year? What are some current issues that need to be addressed within Native America? How will has the election affected tribes? Tribal leaders will answer these questions and more, giving an overview of the state of Native America.

MODERATOR:



James Klas
Founder and Principal
KlasRobinson Q.E.D., Inc.

SPEAKERS:



Mark Fox
Chairman
MHA Nation



James Siva
Vice Chairman
Morongo Band of Mission Indians



Sonny Elliott
Chairman
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

Tuesday, June 10

10:45 - 11:15 AM | **Morning Networking Break**

11:15 - 11:20 AM | **Cannabis and Hemp Welcoming Remarks**

Conference Co-Chair:



Keith Anderson
Partner
Aim Law



Stephen G. Smith
Chief Counsel
FED GROW

11:20AM - 12:15PM | **State of Tribal Dispensaries and Growing Operations**

With many cannabis and hemp operations now maturing, what lessons have emerged? What would tribes do differently if starting over? How are tribes adapting to shifting laws, and what key legislative updates should tribes watch for?

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SPEAKERS:



Sonny Elliott
Chairman
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians



Hunter Lloyd
Chairman
Mooretown Rancheria Economic Development Corp



Mitchel Chargo
Legal Counsel
White Earth Nation

12:15 - 1:15 PM | **Networking Lunch**

Tuesday, June 10

1:15 - 2:15 PM

A Decade of Determination: Ten Years of Trends and Growth in Tribal Cannabis Regulatory Development

Over the past decade, tribal cannabis has grown and evolved, shifting from a "prohibition mentality" to a focus on "consumer safety." Key discussions include the pros and cons of modeling cannabis regulations after gaming regulations and when tribal rules should align with or differ from state laws. Looking forward, trends point to continued development in public health, economic growth, and regulatory innovation.

MODERATOR:



Keith Anderson
Partner
Aim Law

SPEAKERS:



David Works
Commission Chairman
Chukchansi Health & Safety Commission



Dave Vialpando
Executive Director
Pala Gaming Commission



Jana Simmons
Partner
Ropers Majeski

Tuesday, June 10

2:15 - 2:45 PM | **Afternoon Networking Break**

2:45 - 3:45 PM | **The Influence of Emerging Technologies on the Cannabis and Hemp Sectors**

Breakthroughs in emerging technologies, including AI, have transformed nearly every industry. What tools are cannabis growers and dispensaries currently using to enhance their operations? What upcoming innovations are industry leaders most eager to adopt? And how can tribes with limited budgets access and effectively leverage the technologies they can afford?

MODERATOR:



Alejo Moreno
Chief Executive Officer
FED GROW

SPEAKERS:



David Sandelman
Owner/Inventor
Cannatrol



Chris Reid
Head of Sales and Partnerships
Cova Software



Forrest Parker
General Manager
Qualla Enterprises llc
Great Smoky Cannabis Company

Tuesday, June 10

3:45- 4:45 PM

Sustainable Growth: Building Resilient and Efficient Cannabis & Operations

As tribal cannabis operations grow, sustainability and efficiency are key to long-term success. This session covers best practices across cultivation, processing, retail, and business operations, while also exploring eco-friendly solutions in energy use and facility design. Learn how to build a resilient, compliant, and sustainable tribal cannabis enterprise.

MODERATOR:



Amelia Wright
Cannabis Program Director
California Department of Fish and Wildlife

SPEAKERS:



Ken Ahmann
Chief Operating Officer
Colusa Indian Energy



Jeremy Hayward
President
Redding Rancheria Economic Development Corporation



David Sandelman
Owner/Inventor
Cannatrol



Christopher Murray
General Counsel
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

4:45 PM **Day One Concludes**

Wednesday, June 11

8:00 - 9:00 AM | **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

9:00 - 10:00 AM | **Protecting Tribal Assets: Risk, Investment, and Financial Strategy in Cannabis**

As the industry evolves, so do the complexities and risks, particularly in Indian Country. This session will cover strategies for protecting tribal communities, brands, and investments, focusing on securing investment, optimizing banking partnerships, and allocating cannabis revenue for tribal growth. Experts will discuss navigating legal, cultural, and operational challenges while ensuring sustainability.

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Chief Executive Officer
FED GROW

SPEAKERS:



Jana Simmons
Partner
Ropers Majeski



Zach Wilson
Chief Executive Officer
Waabigwan Mashkiki &
White Earth House of Brands

Wednesday, June 11

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Unlocking Hemp Opportunities for Tribal Nations

Explore the potential of hemp for tribal communities, covering its benefits, regulatory landscape, and market fit. Learn how to create a Tribal Plan, structure business entities, choose the right partners, and capitalize on emerging opportunities.

MODERATOR:



Rob Pero
Chief Executive Officer
Indigenous Cannabis Industries

SPEAKERS:



Blue Quisquis
Chairman
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Hemp Commission



Ryan Erving
Partner
Rexis Biotech



Claire Erickson
Industry Programs Manager
Boveda Inc.

10:45 - 11:15 AM

Morning Networking Break

11:15 -12:15 PM

Navigating Entry and Exit Strategies in Tribal and State-Regulated Cannabis Markets

How can past achievements in tribal economic development support future success in the tribal cannabis industry? Is a buyout or exit strategy realistic in tribal cannabis ventures? Does success in a tribally regulated market easily carry over to the state-regulated market?

MODERATOR:



Dr. Jacquelyn Jampolsky
Partner
Aim Law

SPEAKERS:

Edward Buck
Cannabis Commission Chair
Prairie Island Indian Community



Mikele Finn
Chief Executive Officer
Leech Lake Cannabis Company

Wednesday, June 11

12:15 - 1:15 PM

Networking Lunch

1:15 - 2:30 PM

Cannabis and Hemp Beyond Recreational Use

Explore the many uses of cannabis and hemp beyond recreation—from edibles to sustainable materials like hemp-crete and textiles. Learn how tribes can expand into food and industrial markets through manufacturing, processing, and strategic partnerships.

MODERATOR:



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Consultant
T Leaf Consulting

SPEAKERS:



Ephraim Kelley
Natural Resources Director
Kiowa Tribe



Blue Quisquis
Chairman
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Hemp Commission



Joseph Lanzarin
Co-Founder
Mellow Vibes | Elevated Tech



Mary Jane Oatman
Executive Director
Indigenous Cannabis Industries

Wednesday, June 11

2:30 - 2:45 PM

EXHIBIT RAFFLE DRAWING

- **Winners Must Be Present To Win**

2:45 PM

Native American Cannabis and Hemp Conference Concludes