

11th

Native American

Cannabis and Hemp

CONFERENCE

JUNE 16 - 17, 2026

PECHANGA RESORT CASINO

Temecula, CA

Tuesday, June 16

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

9:00 - 9:15 AM | **Welcoming Remarks**



Justin O'Connor
President
Native Nation Events



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

9:15 - 10:30 AM | **Combined General Session**

E+R=O

This presentation, presented by Coach Jim Stroker, explores how perspective and response shape effective leadership and outcomes. Grounded in first principles, it integrates the E+R=O framework—emphasizing that while events are uncontrollable, responses drive results. Drawing on lessons like the Boeing checklist, Jimmy Carter's leadership, and marginal gains, it highlights discipline, teamwork, and intentional planning. Guided by beginning with the end in mind, it reinforces that priorities only matter when they are clearly defined, owned, and consistently scheduled.

SPEAKER:



Jim Stroker
Coach
Native Nation Events

10:30 - 11:00 AM | **Morning Networking Break**

Tuesday, June 16

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

2026 Industry Forecast & Capital Strategy: What Tribes Need to Know

Cannabis and hemp markets are entering a volatile period shaped by federal policy shifts, price compression, and evolving consumer demand. This session combines forward-looking industry analysis with practical financing strategies tailored for Tribal Nations. Panelists will examine 2026 market trends alongside capital access solutions, including Native CDFIs, Tribal capital deployment, and cannabis-friendly financial partners, offering actionable guidance for funding growth, managing risk, and sustaining long-term economic stability.

MODERATOR:



Matt Klas
Senior Associate
KlasRobinson Q.E.D.

SPEAKERS:



Jeremy Hayward
President
Redding Rancheria Economic Development Corporation



Dave Vialpando
Executive Director
Pala Gaming Commission



Jamie Santistevan
Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Native American Bank



Julie Hakman
President, Managing Partner
INSTAHIRE

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch

Tuesday, June 16

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Farm Bill Madness: Is Consumable Hemp Dead?

Congress closed the 2018 Farm Bill loophole by inserting a federal hemp THC ban, and everyone is wondering, “What does this mean, exactly, and what's going to happen for the consumable hemp industry?" This panel of experts will provide you with the nuts and bolts of what happened to the Farm Bill, why it happened, and what we can expect for the consumable hemp industry at the federal and state level in the months and years to come.

MODERATOR:



Jana Simmons
Partner
Ropers Majeski

SPEAKERS:



Dave Vialpando
Executive Director
Pala Gaming Commission

2:00 - 2:30 PM

Networking Break

Tuesday, June 16

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Psychedelic Treatment for PTSD and Addiction — Introducing Ibogaine

As interest in psychedelic-assisted therapies grows nationwide, Tribes may be uniquely positioned to explore Ibogaine treatment for PTSD, addiction, traumatic brain injury, and related conditions impacting Native communities and veterans. This session will examine how Ibogaine works, current research and treatment outcomes, legal and regulatory considerations, and the evolving policy landscape following recent federal action supporting psychedelic therapy research. Attendees will gain insight into the opportunities, challenges, and responsibilities associated with introducing Ibogaine-based treatment programs in Tribal healthcare systems.

SPEAKERS:



Mark Levitan
Attorney
Levitan Law



Martín Polanco
Founder
Mission to Live Foundation

Tuesday, June 16

3:30- 4:30 PM

Building the Future Together: Tribal Cannabis & Hemp Roundtable

This interactive roundtable brings Tribal leaders together for a candid discussion on the most pressing issues facing cannabis and hemp operations. With an added focus on tribe-to-tribe trade, participants will explore opportunities to build independent Indigenous supply chains and collaborative markets. The conversation will also cover policy, financing, cultivation, retail, and technology, providing a practical forum for sharing insights, challenges, and strategies that support long-term Tribal economic growth.

MODERATOR:



Leonika Charging-Davison
Attorney
Cedar Tree Native Law

SPEAKERS:



Danny Desjarlais
Industrial Hemp Construction Manager
Lower Sioux Indian Community



Tina Braithwaite
Director of Economic Development
Colusa Indian Community Council



David Works
Commission Chairman
Chukchansi Health & Safety Commission



Leonard Fineday
General Counsel
National Congress for American Indians

4:30 PM **Day One Concludes**

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Registration and Networking Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Legislative Updates—How New Federal Rules Are Reshaping Tribal Cannabis & Hemp

Federal policy around cannabis and hemp is shifting rapidly, creating both challenges and urgency for Tribes. This panel will break down the major changes—from the 2018 Farm Bill that empowered tribes to regulate hemp, to the new FY2026 federal law that redefines hemp, bans many intoxicating hemp products, and threatens existing tribal businesses. We'll discuss how these rules affect tribal sovereignty, economic plans, and hemp programs, and what advocacy efforts are underway to push for fairer, tribal-centered regulations. Tribal leaders will leave with a clear understanding of what's changing, what it means for their Nations, and how to prepare for the year ahead.

MODERATOR:



Jana Simmons
Partner
Ropers Majeski

SPEAKERS:



Mitchel Chargo
Legal Counsel
White Earth Nation



Mark Levitan
Attorney
Levitan Law

Wednesday, June 17

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Tribal Retail Boom: Cannabis in Indian Country

Tribes are rapidly expanding into the cannabis industry, with more than 77 tribally owned dispensaries now operating across the country and many more cultivation sites coming online. Sovereignty allows tribes to set their own regulations, open stores even in states without legalization, and move faster than state-licensed markets. What's driving this growth, how are Tribal dispensaries filling gaps in state rollouts, and how are these businesses creating jobs, generating revenue, and opening new economic opportunities across Indian Country?

MODERATOR:



Leonika Charging-Davison
Attorney
Cedar Tree Native Law

SPEAKERS:



Forrest Parker
General Manager
Qualla Enterprises, LLC
Great Smoky Cannabis Company



Carlos Ramirez
Senior Operations Manager
Colusa Indian Community



David Works
Commission Chairman
Chukchansi Health & Safety Commission



Jeremy Hayward
President
Redding Rancheria Economic Development Corporation

10:45 - 11:15 AM

Morning Networking Break

Wednesday, June 17

11:15 -12:15 PM

Tribal Strength in Cultivation, Supply Chain & Technology Integration

Tribal Nations are strengthening their position in cannabis and hemp through vertically integrated operations enhanced by advanced technologies. This session explores how AI-driven cultivation, automated compliance systems, and data-enabled retail platforms are improving efficiency and performance. Speakers will highlight strategies for scaling production, optimizing supply chains, and adopting innovation while maintaining sovereignty, sustainability, and cultural alignment in an increasingly competitive and regulated market.

MODERATOR:

SPEAKERS:



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



Danny Desjarlais
Industrial Hemp
Construction Manager
Lower Sioux Indian
Community



Blue Quisquis
Tribal Consultant
San Pasqual Band of Mission
Indians

12:15 - 1:15 PM

Networking Lunch/End of Cannabis Conference

Wednesday, June 17

1:15 - 1:45 PM

EXHIBIT RAFFLE DRAWING

- **Winners Must Be Present To Win**

1:45 PM

Native American Cannabis and Hemp Conference Concludes