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## Graton Resort & Casino Breaks Ground on \$1 Billion Expansion

*New construction begins on parking structure and will eventually include additional casino and resort buildings*

**ROHNERT PARK, Calif. (June 15, 2023)** – [Graton Resort & Casino](#), the Bay Area's premier gaming destination, hosted a groundbreaking ceremony today to celebrate the expansion of the Rohnert Park resort. A new parking structure with solar panels will begin construction tomorrow. Projects, including an additional hotel wing and expanded casino floor, are slated for future development.



The expansion of the property will employ 2,000 temporary construction jobs and 600 new Graton Resort & Casino team members. Graton Resort & Casino is already one of Sonoma County's largest private employers.

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria's Tribal Council celebrates the groundbreaking of the Graton Resort & Casino property expansion. From left to right: Lorelle Ross (Tribal Vice Chair), Melissa Elgin (Tribal Secretary), Greg Sarris (Tribal Chairman), Joan Harper (Tribal Treasurer), Lawrence Stafford (Tribal Member at Large)

The casino floor expansion will add approximately 144,000 square feet, adding 2,000 new slot machines, a new poker room, and a new high-limit area.

The \$1 billion expansion project will also include:

- A new five-story hotel wing with over 200 rooms
- A 28,000 square-foot rooftop restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating for 480 guests
- A five-level parking structure with solar panels and EV charging stations
- A 3,500-seat theater

"This is an exciting day, and we're thrilled to begin construction. The expansion reflects our consistent mission to provide the highest quality guest experience at Graton Resort & Casino," said Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria Tribal Chairman Sarris. "We've been working on these plans for several years, and we're excited to create new job opportunities here in Sonoma County."

The project's architect is Bergman Walls & Associates. The project developer is ECL Development LLC, and the general contractor is SMC Contracting, Inc.

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### **About Graton Resort & Casino**

Located in Sonoma County, Graton Resort & Casino has a commanding presence among the rolling hills of Northern California's wine country. Owned and operated by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Graton Resort & Casino features table games, the latest slot machines, upscale and casual dining, plus entertainment options for visitors and locals alike. For more information, please visit [www.gratonresortcasino.com](http://www.gratonresortcasino.com).

### **About the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria**

Graton Rancheria is a federally recognized Indian tribe comprised of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo Indians. Legislation restoring federal recognition to the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria was signed into law in December 2000. Tribal lands are located in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County, CA. For more information about FIGR, visit [www.gratonrancheria.com](http://www.gratonrancheria.com).

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