

Hi, this is Chris Michel with the Sacramento Government Relations firm of Aprea & Michel and an adjunct professor at George School of Law, with a quick look today at California's Gambling Control Commission. The California Gambling Control Commission. The CGCC is found in business and professions code division eight, chapter five, article two, specifically, section 19811 that provides that in state government there is the California Gambling Control Commission, which consists of five members who were appointed by the Governor and who are confirmed to their positions by the California State Senate.

Now, the CGCC succeeded to all the powers of the former California Gambling Control Board. The Commission today is vested with jurisdiction and supervision over gambling establishments in the state of California, as well as overall persons or things having to do with the operation of gambling establishments in the state. According to the commission, it's responsible for setting policy, establishing regulations, making determination of suitability for gaming employees and other individuals and entities, issuing gambling licenses, acting as the administrator of gaming revenues that are deposited into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, and as the trustee over the revenues deposited into the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund, and then administering the provisions of the Gambling Control Act as well as the Tribal State Gaming Compacts.

Now, according to them as well, the commission, through the Gambling Control Act and Governor's Executive Order D-29-01 oversees the approximately 89 different card rooms that are currently licensed in the state of California as well as pursuant to Indian Gaming Compacts, the Gambling Control Act, Governor's Executive Order D-31-01, as well as Executive Order D-66-03, the commission has regulatory and administrative responsibilities over the 60 tribal casinos that are operated by 59 tribes in the state of California. Now note that in addition to the Gambling Control Commission, there's also a Bureau of Gambling Control that is found in the Department of Justice, the DOJ and the Attorney General's office, and basically state law gives the Gambling Control Bureau enforcement authority with special jurisdiction over gambling activities within the state of California. Note that the bureau is also the entity that receives applications and fees and conducts criminal background investigations and audits of gaming establishments.

So that is a quick look at the California Gambling Commission. Thanks for joining today's podcast.