

# Morongo Band of Mission Indians and Jenner & Block Receive NAFOA's Government Impact Deal of the Year Award

## Recognition

April 25, 2023

On April 25, 2023, the Native American Finance Officers Association presented Morongo Band of Mission Indians and Jenner & Block with the Government Impact Deal of the Year Award for their work on a trailblazing agreement between the Morongo Band and Southern California Edison that allowed SCE to upgrade its vital transmission link across reservation lands. The award recognizes “tribal financial ventures that have a long-lasting positive economic impact on their community and tribal members.”

The agreement gives Morongo Transmission, majority-owned by the Morongo Band, the option to participate in the financing of the project with no increase in cost to SCE's ratepayers.

As noted in the press release announcing the award: “This was a historic agreement between the tribe and the Southern California Edison (SCE) company and has profound short and long-term potential benefits for the tribe, the surrounding communities, Indian Country, and the climate. The \$800-million project has a significant effect on California’s transmission infrastructure buildout, tripling the transmission system’s capacity to connect solar, wind, and battery projects located outside of the Morongo reservation to the Southern California region. Additionally, by securing the annual revenue requirements as a 30-year investment, Morongo Band ensured that the tribe will have a stable and certain income from Morongo Transmission, LLC for decades.”

[Learn more about the project.](#)

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