

Celebrating 40 Years Together Series – The History of Mega Millions in California Transcript

[Blue screen displays with California Lottery Celebrating 40 Years Together logo and text that says “Playing since 1985”]

[California State Lottery employee appears on screen while inside California State Lottery headquarters]

California State Lottery employee says:

“Welcome to the celebrating 40 years together series.”

[Outdoor view of California State Lottery headquarters]

California State Lottery employee says:

“Throughout the last 40 years the California Lottery has offered players many game options. This month’s feature is dedicated to the popular jackpot game Mega Millions. Mega Millions is a multi-state game that began in 2002. In June 2005, California become the 12th member solidifying Mega Millions as the country’s most widely played multi-state jackpot game which is played across 45 states plus the District of Columbia and the US Virgin Islands and has awarded 219 big jackpot wins! California’s first ever Mega Millions win was on November 15, 2005 with a \$315 million jackpot being split by seven lucky winners in Anaheim, California. Since 2005, California has had numerous Mega Millions winners, but this last December made our first ever Mega Millions billionaire with a \$1.269 billion prize being won in Cottonwood making this the highest Mega Millions win to date in California. In the past 20 years, more than \$3.8 billion have been contributed to California public schools just for Mega Millions sales. There are exciting things in store for Mega Millions. Beginning April 5, Mega Millions is getting even more Mega, offering players exciting new features like a larger starting jackpot, faster and bigger growing jackpots, improved odds, and even a new multiplier. So get ready to play the new Mega Millions draws every Tuesday and Friday.”

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California State Lottery employee says:

“And thank you to players like you for continuing to support our mission of providing supplemental funding to California public schools.”

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