

# CITY OF ATASCADERO ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ATASCADERO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AGENDA

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# CITY OF ATASCADERO ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ATASCADERO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

#### **AGENDA**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.
Atascadero City Hall - 6500 Palma Avenue, Club Room
Atascadero, California

**CALL TO ORDER:** 

**ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Patricia Harden, SpringHill Suites by Marriott

Vice Chairperson, Tom O'Malley, Portola Inn

Board Member Amar Sohi, Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Board Member Jeffrey Lemus, The Carlton

Board Member, Clint Pearce, Madonna Enterprises

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wanting to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to three minutes. Please state your name for the record before making your presentation. The Board may take-action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

#### A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

#### 1. ATBID Board Draft Action Minutes – February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

 Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board approve the February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting Draft Action Minutes. [City]

#### B. BUSINESS ITEMS:

#### 1. 2025 Atascadero Fall Festival Event Update & Renewal Request

- Fiscal Impact: Up to \$20,000.
- Recommendations: ATBID Advisory Board provide staff direction on the sponsorship renewal request for the November 2025 Fall Fest Event for additional return on investment options and event budget reduction. [En Fuego Events]

#### 2. 2025-2027 Budget Preparation

- <u>Fiscal Impact:</u> None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board review process for preparation of the budgets for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. [City]

#### 3. Destination Marketing Services Contract Ad Hoc Committee Report

- Fiscal Impact (Varied): \$265,000 FY 25-26 and \$295,000 FY 26-27.
- <u>Recommendation</u>: ATBID Advisory Board discuss and approve the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Destination Marketing Services Contract to approve the Verdin Ink Marketing proposal. [Ad Hoc Committee/ City]

#### 4. Charles Paddock Zoo Rebranding – Cost-Sharing Proposal

- Fiscal Impact: Up to \$30,000.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board discuss and provide staff direction on the opportunity to share in the cost of the Charles Paddock Zoo's Rebranding Project. [City]

#### 5. **Budget Reports and Performance Metrics**

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board receive and file the Budget Reports and Performance Metrics. [City]

#### C. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### 1. Website Ad Hoc Committee Report Update

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board discuss and provide staff direction on next steps following the oral report to the Board [Verdin Marketing].

#### 2. Budget Ad Hoc Committee Report Update

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board discuss and provide staff direction on next steps following the oral 2025-2027 Budget Preparation report to the Board [City].

#### D. UPDATES:

- 1. Visit SLO CAL Board & Marketing Committee Updates. [Visit SLO CAL/Marketing Committee liaisons]
- 2. Marketing Update. [Verdin Marketing]
- 3. City Business and Administrative Update. [City]

#### E. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (This section set aside for open discussion on future agenda items)
  - 1. California Mid-State Fair Sponsorship Renewal (April 2025).
  - 2. Jump on the School Bus Fair Transportation Renewal for Mid-State Fair (April 2025).
  - 3. Garagiste Festival Final Event Reporting (April 2025).
  - 4. Meet Onsite at the Charles Paddock Zoo & Discuss how revenue coming from the .5% assessment is being used (April 2025).
  - 5. Quarterly Marketing Recap (April 2025).
  - 6. Event Sponsorship renewal criteria and return on investment for City Tourism (April 2025).
  - 7. ATBID Annual Budget Assessment (May 2025).
  - 8. County update from incoming Supervisor Moreno (May 2025).

#### G. ADJOURNMENT:



# CITY OF ATASCADERO ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ATASCADERO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AGENDA

#### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 2:30 P.M.
Atascadero City Hall - 6500 Palma Avenue, Club Room
Atascadero, California

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Harden called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** 

Present: Board Members Clint Pearce and Amar Sohi, Vice Chairperson Tom O'Malley

and Chairperson Harden

Vacant: None

Absent: Board Member Jeffrey Lemus

Staff Present: City Manager Jim R. Lewis and Ashley Zamora Recreation Coordinator

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment.

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: None.

Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

#### A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

#### 1. ATBID Board Draft Action Minutes – January 15, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

 <u>Recommendation:</u> ATBID Advisory Board approve the January 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Draft Action Minutes. [City]

MOTION BY: O'Malley SECOND BY: Pearce

#### 1. Approve Consent Calendar.

AYES (4): O'Malley, Sohi, Pearce, Harden

ABSENT (1): Lemus

VACANT (0)

#### Passed 4-0

#### **B. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

#### 1. 2024 Atascadero Fall Festival Event Update & 2025 Event Sponsorship Renewal Request

- Fiscal Impact: Up to \$20,000.
- Recommendations: ATBID Advisory Board:
  - 1. Receive and file recap of marketing results from the November 2024, Fall Fest Event.
  - 2. Provide staff direction on sponsorship request for the Nov 14-16, 2025, Fall Fest Event. [En Fuego Events]

Andres Nuno from En Fuego Events presented the item and answered questions from the Advisory Board. Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish also answered questions from the Advisory Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment.

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: None.

Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

#### The marketing results from the November 2024, Fall Festival Event were received and filed.

There was consensus among the Board Members present to direct staff to bring this item back to the March 19 meeting and for Andres to provide more of a plan to drive hotel stays. The Board also suggested bringing in a larger headline band.

#### 2. Central Coast Craft Beer Festival 2025 Event Update

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board receive and file the Central Coast Craft Beer Consortium's event update for the Central Coast Craft Beer Festival to be held on March 22, 2025. [En Fuego Events]

Andres Nuno from En Fuego Events presented the item and answered questions from the Advisory Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment.

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: None.

#### Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

The marketing update of the March 2025, Central Coast Craft Beer Festival were received and filed.

#### 3. <u>Tourism Exchange Lodging Forecast – Atascadero</u>

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board receive and file the Tourism Exchange Lodging Forecast Co-op results for Atascadero and SLO County. [City]

Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish presented the item and answered questions from the Advisory Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment.

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: Kevin Kroeker from Home 2 Suites.

#### Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

## The Board received and filed the Tourism Exchange Lodging Forecast Co-op results for Atascadero and SLO County.

#### 4. ATBID Advisory Board Review Monthly Meeting Times

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board to discuss and provide staff direction to move meeting times on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2:30 -4:30 pm to 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm [City].

Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish presented the item and answered questions from the Advisory Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: None.

#### Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

Board Members present approved moving meeting times on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2:30-4:30 pm to 1:00pm- 3:00pm.

#### 5. Budget Reports and Performance Metrics

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board receive and file the Budget Reports and Performance Metrics. [City]

Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish presented the item and answered questions from the Advisory Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: None.

#### Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

The Board received and filed the Budget Reports and Performance Metrics.

#### C. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### 1. Destination Marketing Services Contract Ad Hoc Committee Report

- Fiscal Impact: Up to \$265,000 Year 1 and up to \$295,000 Year 2.
- <u>Recommendation:</u> ATBID Advisory Board discuss and provide staff direction on next steps following the oral report to the Board [City].

Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish provided a brief recap of the oral report and advised on next steps.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment.

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: None.

#### Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

#### 2. Website Ad Hoc Committee Report Update

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board discuss and provide staff direction on next steps following the oral report to the Board [Verdin Marketing].

Marketing Consultant Ashlee Akers provided a brief recap of the recent Visit Atascadero website refresh meeting, new website will be launching soon and advised on next steps.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment.

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: None.

#### Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

#### 3. Budget Ad Hoc Committee Report Update

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: ATBID Advisory Board discuss and provide staff direction on next steps following the oral report to the Board [City].

Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish provided a brief recap of the oral report and advised on next steps.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### Chairperson Harden opened public comment.

The following citizens provided public comment on this item: None.

#### Chairperson Harden closed public comment.

#### D. UPDATES:

- Visit SLO CAL Board and Marketing Committee Updates Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish, Marketing Consultant Ashlee Akers provided brief updates.
- 2. Marketing Update- None
- 3. City Business and Administrative Update- Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish provided a brief update.

#### E. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

- **F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** (This section set aside for open discussion on future agenda items)
  - 1. Destination Marketing Services RFP Contract Review (March 2025).
  - 2. County update from incoming Supervisor Moreno (March/ April 2025).
  - 3. Jump on the School Bus Fair Transportation Renewal (March 2025).
  - 4. Bring back Vacation Rental/ Short Term Rental discussion for compliance (April 2025).
  - 5. Meet Onsite at the Charles Paddock Zoo & Discuss how revenue coming from the .5% assessment is being used (April 2025)

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Harden adjourned the meeting at 4:20 P.M.

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Ashley Zamora	
Recreation Coordinator	

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:** 



#### **CITY OF ATASCADERO**

#### ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ATASCADERO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Item B1

3/19/25

#### 2025 Atascadero Fall Festival Event Update & Renewal Request

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

ATBID Advisory Board provide staff direction on the sponsorship renewal request for the November 2025 Fall Festival for additional return on investment options and event budget reduction.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Atascadero Fall Festival was held in the Sunken Gardens on November 15 through November 17, 2024, with a variety of musical entertainment, from local community entertainment to local bands like The Molly Ringwald Project. The event included carnival rides, games, food vendors, a craft beer event on Saturday, merchandise vendors, and more. The event created a fantastic backdrop shared among many across social media. Even though the weather was not favorable, this family-fun event still did its magic to create many memories for those who attended.

En Fuego Events was asked to work on improving the event for 2025 that would focus on driving lodging stays in an effort to continue the event sponsorship program with ATBID. In 2024, the event had mixed results from the lodging community as it was too focused on the local community.

The event organizer will provide an oral presentation on a plan to increase overnight stays during the Atascadero Fall Festival. To do this, the festival has invested in the following:

- Saturday Headliner bringing back reggae artist, Pato Banton.
- Working on a second headliner option for Friday night
- Created a Hotel "Stay & Play" Package working with Verdin and Visit SLO Cal to highlight the FREE Pato Banton concert as the focus point of the Fall Fest.

Event sponsorship history: 2021 awarded \$5,000 sponsorship. 2022 awarded \$20,000 sponsorship (\$10,000 request and increased due to a multi-day event). \$10,000 paid 2021/22; \$10,000 paid 2022/23; 2023 awarded \$20,000 sponsorship; 2024 awarded \$20,000 sponsorship.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Up to \$20,000.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Event Support Application – Atascadero Fall Fest 2025



The Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) was established to promote Atascadero as an overnight destination. The mission of the Atascadero TBID is to encourage visitors to discover what makes Atascadero a simply genuine travel destination resulting in increased revenue for the local community.

We appreciate the efforts of community partners to design events that attract visitors to Atascadero and would like to offer our support of those events that align themselves with the Visit Atascadero mission. A portion of the TBID annual budget and regular marketing efforts are set aside each year to help maximize the effect of these efforts. If you would like to be considered for support, please complete the following application. **The application must be received at least 6 months in advance of the funding deadline to request support from the Atascadero TBID.** Unfortunately, we are unable to provide assistance for all events, but please know each request will be considered thoroughly.

**Our Mission:** Encourage overnight travel to experience Atascadero's beautiful and authentic outdoor recreation, culinary adventures, and welcoming hospitality.

In order to qualify for event sponsorship, your organization must meet the following requirements or provide a three-year plan detailing how you will ultimately meet these requirements:

- 1. Support the Visit Atascadero mission
- 2. Attract visitors from outside San Luis Obispo County
- 3. Encourage overnight stays of one night or more
- 4. Obtain the necessary ABC permits, law enforcement approval, city permits, safety guidelines, and any additional documents needed for the event
- 5. Provide a detailed event budget and marketing plan
- 6. Provide post-event metrics which show positive effect on Atascadero tourism

In addition to these requirements, ATBID Board will consider the following factors:

- 1. Does event support Visit Atascadero objectives?
- 2. Will event be held during off-season (January March)?
- 3. Is event new or existing? If existing, how was previously awarded money spent?
- 4. What is the three-year growth plan for the event?
- 5. Is there statistical data on the demographic status of your attendees or targeted attendees?
- 6. Can the organization prove complete fiduciary responsibility of all event expenses?
- 7. Do your event organizers and attendees garner influence and have the ability to promote Atascadero tourism?

Please submit application and all additional documents by email to Hanna Meisinger at hmeis@bigredmktg.com in PDF format. You will receive a confirmation that we have received the application. Typically, we ask that event planners attend a Board Meeting to present their event to the Board which provides an opportunity to ask questions. Atascadero TBID Board Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall. The vote regarding funding often takes place at the meeting following the event presentation.



#### **Event Sponsorship Requirements Checklist**

The following requirements must ALL be met in order to qualify for sponsorship and receive funding. Please be sure to carefully read and submit all necessary documentation and information.

Complete application and submit at least 6 months prior to event
Include requested sponsorship amount in application
Select eligible event tier and describe how your event meets qualification
Provide event budget with line items detailing how sponsorship funding will be used
Provide a detailed marketing plan
Include a financial statement from your organization – applicant must be able to demonstrate financial accountability for event expenses
Describe all sources of event income and additional sponsorships that have been secured
If requested, attend an ATBID Board Meeting to provide event presentation
If awarded event sponsorship funding, plan to attend two ATBID Board Meetings:  o Provide planning progress update at least two months prior to event  o Provide an event recap detailing attendance, marketing efforts and results, impact on Atascadero tourism and future plans.



### **Event Support Application Form**

Requesting Organization:En Fuego Events
Contact:Andres Nuno Phone Number:805-448-7070
Email: _andres@enfuegoevents.com Mailing Address: 1072 Casitas Pass Rd. #232
City, State, Zip:Carpinteria, CA 93013
Name of Event:Atascadero Fall Festival 2025
Event Description: The Atascadero Fall Festival is a 3-day, free admission
event that is "Fun for the Whole Family." It features carnival games and rides, 40+
bands on 2 stages, and over 60 street faire and food vendors.
Event Dates/Times:Friday, Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025Friday: 4-10 pm
/ Saturday & Sunday: 12 pm – 10 pm
Is event located in Atascadero? Yes
Venue Name:Sunken Gardens
Venue Location:Downtown Atascadero
Event Website:www.AtascaderoFallFest.com
Are you receiving in-kind or financial support from the City of Atascadero?
Yes
Total Anticipated Attendees: _20,000 over 3 days
Portion From Outside SLO County:35_%
Is this the first year the event will take place? No

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If this event has taken place previously, please provide historical data including		
attendance numbers:We had our best turnout in 2024 with over 20,000 guests		
over 3 days, including our highest number of vendors. This has quickly become a can't		
miss event in San Luis Obispo County and we are looking forward to exploring NEW		
ways to market this event to make it even bigger in 2025!		
Are tickets sold for your event? If so, please provide the price per ticket and any		
package opportunities.		
This is a free admission event		
Crowd Control Safety Plan Details:We will work with a licensed and insured		
security company that has worked large events in California.		
Will the event require an ABC Permit? Yes		
Has a City permit been issued for your event or contracted the venue for your		
has a City permit been issued for your event or contracted the venue for your		
event date? Yes		

Describe how the event supports Visit Atascadero's mission and goals: The Atascadero Fall Festival is able to attract guests from all over California to join us at a free admission, 3-day event that includes a little bit of something for everyone.

The Atascadero Fall Festival is an event that locals, and travelers, enjoyed and will mark on their calendars for years to come.

Select eligible event tier for your event (eligibility is based on one or more qualifying factors and additional considerations):



- Attracts 1,500+ attendees
- At least 35-40% of target market is out-of-town visitors
- Marketing campaigns reach at least 1,000 subscribers
- Event encourages multi-night stay in Atascadero Page 13 of 84

Total Support = Up to \$10,000

dditional details about eligible event tier qualification:	
In 2024, we topped 20,000 guests and the Atascadero Fall Fest was a mus	st visit

event. The entire community was proud of the Atascadero Fall Festival and the we saw

an increase of local businesses and nonprofit groups participating this year. We believe

that the Atascadero Fall Fest has already left a lasting impression and will continue to

Support Request (desired monetary amount or in-kind marketing support):

grow in popularity.

We have received \$20,000 in funding from ATBID for the past several years and it was a tremendous help in putting the Fall Fest on. In 2024, with the event growing, as well as inflation, our budget increased to over \$150,000. This signature event has already become one of the top events not only in San Luis Obispo County, but throughout the Central Coast.

We were recently named 2024 Best of North SLO County "Best Family-Friendly Event" by the Paso Robles Press, Atascadero News, Paso Robles Magazine and Atascadero Magazine.

We are also hoping to work with Visit SLO Cal to come up with creative ways

With the increase in our budget, and to continue to keep this a free admission event, we would not be able to put on the Atascadero Fall Fest without the \$20,000 funding from ATBID.

We continue to promise to give the City of Atascadero this exclusive event that will not be duplicated by En Fuego Events anywhere in San Luis Obispo County.

Detail how awarded funding will be utilized, include any in-kind or additional support provided by Visit Atascadero (feel free to attach additional sheets as needed).

Event Item	Amount
Ex. Social Media Ads	\$2,000
New Times	\$2,500
Atascadero News / Paso Robles Press	
American General Media	\$2,500
Social Media	\$1,000
Banners & Posters	\$1,000
Television	\$750
Streaming Advertising	\$1,000

Please include all sources of income that have been secured and those that are being solicited to support event (feel free to attach additional sheets as needed).

Income Source	Amount
Visit Atascadero	\$20,000

SpringHill Suites	\$1,500 + Trade
Holiday Inn Express	Trade
The Carlton	Trade
Firestone Walker Brewing Co.	In-Kind Donation
Cali Squeeze Seltzer	In-Kind Donation
Wild Fields Brewhouse	In-Kind Donation
Ruby Cellars	In-Kind Donation
Topa Topa Brewing Co.	In-Kind Donation
Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co.	In-Kind Donation

Please describe your paid advertising and the outlets you plan to utilize. Include the amount you plan to spend with each outlet or provide a copy of your marketing plan.

Media Outlet &	Type & Frequency	Cost of Advertising
Geographic Location of		
advertising		
New Times	Print / Weekly	\$2,000
Atascadero News / Paso	Print / Weekly	\$1,000
Robles Press		
American General Media	2 Weeks	\$1,000
Visit SLO Cal	NA	Sponsorship
Streaming	4 Weeks	\$1,000
Social Media	8 Weeks	\$1,000
Television	4 Weeks	

Please share your intended public relations outreach.			
We will send out several Press Releases that include information about the			
overall event, our entertainment schedule and other happenings.			
How will your organization recognize Visit Atascadero's support (including but			
not limited to promotional materials, website, and at the event)?			
All marketing material will include the Visit Atascadero logo, including posters,			
social media content and we will continue to call our main stage the Visit Atascadero			
Main Stage and have your banner hanging on it. This is the premier banner location that			
the Atascadero Fall Fest has to offer.			
What opportunities do you plan to offer that specifically promote lodging in			
Atascadero?			
We have 3 lodging partners in place for 2025, The Holiday Inn Express,			
SpringHill Suites and The Carlton			
Additional Details:Our footprint will stay the same in 2025 with the same			
amount of rides, vendors and stages. We are excited to work together to increase			
overnight stays.			

#### **Rules and Regulations for Event Coordinators**

- Event coordinators will be held accountable for promoting and advertising the event, including, but not limited to, listing the event on the Visit SLO CAL website (www.slocal.com) within 30 days of Board approval for funding.
- Event coordinators will also be held responsible for ensuring the Visit Atascadero logo and branding is used appropriately on any event materials. This includes ensuring the Visit Atascadero logo is visible on event website and marketing collateral within 30 days of Board approval for funding.
- Event coordinators should ensure every effort is made to promote the entire
  Atascadero destination. On the event website, event coordinators should only link to
  the Visit Atascadero lodging page (www.visitatascadero.com/lodging) and always

pay careful attention to never promote specific lodging properties unless individual agreements with those properties have been arranged outside of ATBID activity.

- Event coordinators should plan to attend an ATBID Board Meeting following the
  event to provide a recap presentation which includes attendee numbers, overnight
  stays, event perception and any other pertinent information for the Board.
- Visit Atascadero must be offered logo promotion opportunity (ex. Visit Atascadero logo included on event marketing materials like glassware) if event support from the ATBID Board totals \$7,500 or more.
- Please also reference the Expectations of Event Organizer by Tier to ensure you are correctly and accurately recognizing Visit Atascadero's support. It is the responsibility of the event organizer to follow up with Visit Atascadero for necessary branding pieces needed to fit the promotion requirements.
- Funding will be invoiced in sections based on promotion compliance and specific event expectations. Funding percentages and invoice timelines will be determined in advance between the Atascadero TBID Board and the event organizer.

\*\*\*Please include a detailed event budget and marketing strategy. Feel free to attach additional information for consideration with application.

\*\*\*You must submit copies of additional required documents two weeks prior to event. The Atascadero TBID Board reserves the right to withdraw funding if the appropriate documents are not obtained for the event.

You must acknowledge and agree to the rules and regulations on Page 10.

**IMPORTANT:** Future ATBID event sponsorship funding requests may be affected should any discrepancies, including, but not limited to, event application, planning, marketing materials or website, be brought to ATBID's attention.

**Cancellation Policy:** Should the event not take place as presented and scheduled; event coordinators are required to reimburse the ATBID for sponsorship support. If the event is cancelled by the Event Coordinator because of sickness, accidents, riots, strikes, epidemics, inclement weather, acts of God, or any other legitimate conditions beyond either party's control, the Event Coordinator agrees to provide a financial report showing the current status of funds used. The ATBID Board will follow the official event cancellation protocol and will determine the fund quantity to either be refunded or rolled forward to future events based on the financial report.

Applicant Signature	Andres Nuño	Date	2/12/25
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#### CITY OF ATASCADERO

#### ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ATASCADERO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Item B2

3/19/25

#### 2025-2027 Budget Preparation

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

ATBID Advisory Board review process for preparation of the budgets for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Atascadero has a comprehensive approach to budget development and adopts a two-year financial budget. Public engagement is an important part of this process. The Advisory Board may make recommendations to staff on the preparation of the two-year budget for the Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District. As the City's elected governing board, the City Council makes the final decisions on adoption of the two-year budget.

The process begins in January when the Council reviews the City's audited financial statements for the most recently closed fiscal year. The Council then holds a Strategic Planning or Goal Setting workshop in February. With input from the community, the Council identifies the goals and priorities for the next two years. These priorities form the basis of the draft budget.

During February and March, detailed budgets are developed, including the budget for the Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District. The budget is reviewed in detail at well-publicized, publicly held Finance Committee meeting in May. The public is encourage to attend this meeting and provide input.

Once all the input is incorporated into the draft citywide budget, the City Council reviews and adopts the budget at their publicly held meeting in June.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

#### ATTACHMENT:

- 1. FY 25-27 Budget Manual for ATBID
- 2. FY 25-27 235 TBID Budget Worksheet

# City of Atascadero Budget Manual



Fiscal Years 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

# BUDGET MANUAL GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **DUE APRIL 17, 2025**

This is general information on the budget worksheets. For specific information, please see additional information in the sections below.

- Budget preparation is done in Excel. To ensure that we have consistency in numbers, all
  portions of your department budgets are completed in Excel, even those with narratives and
  descriptions.
- Blue font means please fill-in/update these cells.
- Red font means that is a formula. Please don't change.
- All expenses in the Operations section will subtotal and total automatically. Please do not enter numbers on the total line because this is a formula.

#### "2024-2025 ESTIMATED"

Please enter what you believe your estimated actual costs will be for the <u>full fiscal year</u> (all 12 months from July 2024 through June 2025). Remember all goods or services that you receive in the current year will be charged to the current year, no matter when we receive and pay the invoice.

#### "2025-2026 REQUESTED" and "2026-2027 REQUESTED"

Please enter the amounts that you are requesting for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years.

## • <u>"2027-2028 PROJECTED", "2028-2029 PROJECTED", "2029-2030 PROJECTED" "2030-2031 PROJECTED", and "2031-2032 PROJECTED".</u>

Please enter the amounts that you are projecting for the 2027-2028 through 2031-2032 fiscal years. **You are not committing to these numbers and they will not be used for the next budget cycle**. They are an extra planning tool to help ensure sustainability. Please be as realistic as possible. Numbers that are overly conservative or overly inflated will not really help us get an idea of what the future holds. If you know of mandatory increases, enter them in the appropriate areas of the worksheet.

• Revenue estimates are toward the bottom of the worksheet and include a formula to determine fund balance amount so you can plan accordingly.

### OTHER FUNDS Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District (ATBID) Fund

FUND	TYPE
235	Special Revenue

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This fund accounts for the revenues and expenses associated with the Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District (ATBID). On June 1, 2013, the City established ATBID for the purpose of funding tourism promotion and increasing stays at the lodging businesses in Atascadero. A two percent (2%) assessment is placed on the nightly rent of all occupied rooms or spaces for all transient occupancies in Atascadero.

#### **ACTIVITY DETAIL**

OBJECT NUMBER	EXPENSE CLASSIFICATION	2022-2023 ACTUAL		2023-2024 ACTUAL		2024-2025 BUDGETED		2024-2025 ESTIMATED		2025-2026 REQUESTED		2026-2027 REQUESTED	
OPERATIONS													
6050000	Office Expense	\$	-	\$	(5)	\$	250						
6070000	Advertising		126,556		142,357		180,000						
6500000	Contract Services		163,051		220,803		175,000						
6600000	Professional Development		-		475		8,000						
6900000	Administration		4,353		4,202		4,220		4,480		5,180		5,340
	Total Operations		293,960		367,832		367,470		4,480		5,180		5,340
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
7805029	Opportunities Fund		-		-		65,000						
	Zoo and Lake Park Projects				-								
	Total Special Projects and Purchases		-		-		65,000		-		-		-
ACTIVITY TOTAL		\$	293,960	\$	367,832	\$	432,470	\$	4,480	\$	5,180	\$	5,340

## OTHER FUNDS Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District (ATBID) Fund

**TYPE** 235 Special Revenue

DETAIL BACKUP									
OBJECT NUMBER	EXPENSE CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	BASIS	2025-2026 AMOUNT		2026-2027 AMOUNT			
6050000	Office Expense	Copies, postage, general supplies	Estimated	\$	-	\$	-		
6070000	Advertising	Brochures, magazines, media and online advertisements, trade show materials	Estimated		-		-		
6500000	Contract Services	Professional services including marketing, promotions, public relations, attendance at trade shows, event transportation of lodging guests, contract administration services	Estimated		-		-		
6600000	Professional Development	Central Coast Tourism Council local chapter dues	Estimated		-		-		
6900000	Administration	Administration of fund by City staff	Estimated		5,180		5,340		
7805029	Opportunities Fund	Funding for the ATBID Board to be able to take swift action when opportunities or emergencies arise, and allows Board to leverage funds, participate in regional programs or solve priority issues	Estimated		-		-		



#### **CITY OF ATASCADERO**

#### ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ATASCADERO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Item B3

3/19/25

# **Destination Marketing Services Contract Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

ATBID Advisory Board to discuss and approve the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Destination Marketing Services Contract to approve the Verdin Ink Marketing proposal.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

In 2013, the lodging businesses in Atascadero requested the establishment of the "Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District" (ATBID) to levy annual assessments under the Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989. Tourism promotions and marketing programs, to promote the City as a tourism destination, are funded by the levied assessments against Lodging Businesses within the ATBID.

In March of 2015, the Council awarded a contract to Verdin Marketing Ink (Verdin), a local marketing company located in San Luis Obispo, for ATBID public relations and marketing services. In December of 2019, the Council awarded the contract again to Verdin to continue marketing and public relations services. At that time, there were no proposals submitted.

On January 27, 2025, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to solicit destination marketing services with a submission deadline of February 10, 2025. The allocated budget in the Request for Proposal was estimated to be up to \$265,000 for the first 12-month contract and not to exceed \$295,000 for each 12-month annual renewal including all services, content creation costs, and hard costs related to advertising. There were seven proposals submitted including Verdin Marketing Ink. An Ad Hoc Committee assigned by the ATBID Board met on February 25<sup>th</sup> to review the following seven proposals:

- 1. Bigtop Collective
- 2. Glint
- 3. JayRay
- 4. Segal Communications
- 5. Stripe theory
- 6. The Foundry
- 7. Verdin Marketing Ink

After thorough review, the Ad Hoc Committee selected two finalists, Verdin Marketing Ink as their number one choice and JayRay as their second choice. JayRay was a second choice given their location out of the area and due to the distance, would be more difficult to work with. Verdin Marketing Ink has a proven track record with Visit Atascadero, plus they are located in the county, provide exceptional customer service, creative ideas and consistent performance results. If the new contract with Verdin was to begin FY 25/26. The contract will have the option for up to four one-year extensions mutually agreed upon by the ATBID Advisory Council, but not extend past June 30, 2030. At that time, the ATBID Advisory Board will go back out for a request for proposal.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$265,000 for FY25/26; and not to exceed up to \$295,000 for each year following the contract timeframe up to five years.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Verdin Marketing Ink proposal







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# Sharing stories, building community. Cheers to the next chapter of Atascadero.



It feels like just yesterday we were sitting down together for the first time, sharing stories and dreams for Atascadero. Ten years and countless memories later, our partnership has blossomed into something truly special. We've watched our Atascadero community grow and thrive, and we're incredibly proud to have played a part in sharing your unique story with the world.

As we look ahead to the next decade, we're filled with excitement for what's to come. We see new opportunities to connect with travelers on a deeper level, inviting them to become part of the Atascadero family. Imagine showcasing the hidden gems that only a local would know, or creating experiences that foster genuine connections between visitors and residents.

Our team is passionate about bringing these ideas to life. We're not just marketers; we're storytellers, community builders, and passionate advocates for the destinations we represent. We believe in the power of genuine connection, and we're committed to sharing the authentic spirit of Atascadero.

We're confident that together, we can make the next 10 years even more extraordinary. Let's continue to build a welcoming neighborhood where visitors feel like they belong, and where memories are made that last a lifetime.

Mary Verdin
President & CEO

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# WELCOME TO OUR FAVORITE CITY WHERE THE FUN NEVER ENDS!

We believe music makes the world go 'round (and brings neighbors together!), so to celebrate the last ten years (and our love for Atascadero!), we've cooked up a catchy little tune. SCAN THE QR CODE to give it a listen and see what we love about this city.



Scan or click here to see the video!





#### Right Next Door to Everything You Love

#### So What's the Story?

Atascadero has created a foundation of authentic connections with visitors through its genuine charm. Together, we'll leverage the power of community to showcase Atascadero as a destination that feels like home, even before travelers arrive.

Forget the typical tourist traps and impersonal itineraries. We're focused on authentic experiences, hidden gems, and the friendly faces that make Atascadero truly special. We'll build a sense of belonging and encourage visitors to embrace the "neighborly" spirit, fostering a deeper connection with the city and its people.

Get ready to discover the heart and soul of Atascadero, where every visitor is treated like a cherished neighbor. Let's roll out the welcome mat and share the magic of this extraordinary community.



#### **Neighborly Networks**

#### Paid Media Recommendations

We've seen great success with our paid media efforts over the past 10 years, and now it's time to amplify our reach and welcome even more visitors to the neighborhood. Here's how we'll do it:

- **Targeted Social Ads:** We'll continue to use platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest to connect with potential visitors who are interested in travel, California destinations, and small-town charm.
- **Influencer Marketing:** We'll partner with travel influencers and bloggers who resonate with our target audience. They'll experience Atascadero firsthand and share their authentic stories.
- **Search Engine Marketing:** We'll stay top of mind by investing in Google Ads, ensuring Atascadero appears prominently in search results for relevant keywords.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** We'll tap into partner programs with SLO CAL, Central Coast Tourism Council and Visit California to extend the reach of our message.

#### New Ideas for Reaching New Audiences:

- **Podcast Opportunities:** Let's partner with travel and lifestyle podcasts that align with our target audience. We can sponsor episodes or create engaging "front porch chats" that highlight the unique stories and experiences Atascadero offers.
- Packages with a punch: With a variety of OTAs offering unique packages this could be an area we explore to build out
  content and test paid media creatives.

#### **Roll Out the Welcome Mat**

#### Owned Media Recommendations

Think of your owned media channels as your home – your website is the inviting doorstep, your social media is the lively living room, and your emails are the thoughtful conversations shared over the backyard fence. By keeping these spaces vibrant and engaging, we'll invite visitors to experience the genuine warmth and spirit of Atascadero.

#### Social Media:

- **Roll the Video:** Video is king in this space so we will direct our efforts to creating more reel content focused on key pillars such as family gatherings, hidden gems, history nods and community events.
- **Nature's Neighbors:** This social media campaign would highlight all the cool outdoorsy activities. Videos could profile favorite hikes, new or rare animals at the zoo, and niche interests like birdwatching at the lake. This campaign could be expanded beyond social media with specific branding, signage at popular trailheads, a fully built-out section on the website and printed collateral like trail maps.
- **History Class:** Recently, "edutainment" content has seen a major surge on social media. This is a perfect opportunity for history-rich Atascadero. We would produce a series of videos diving into local history, potentially partnering with the Historical Society.
- Atascadero Obscura: Atascadero is full of spots that are a little quirky and off the beaten path, in addition to the main highlights like the zoo. Why is that weird monolith statue on top of a local mountain? What do you get at a shop called "Green Omen Apothecary"? Why are open container laws more lenient in Atascadero than elsewhere? This video series would dive deep into the obscure nooks and crannies that set Atascadero apart.

#### **Email Marketing:**

- **Content That Clicks:** Our email newsletters are like those great backyard chats with neighbors, full of the best recs and must-know updates. But the conversation doesn't stop there. With eye-catching visuals and engaging, to-the-point copy, we'll make it effortless to click through and explore more, just like following up on a great tip from a friend next door.
- **Keeping in Touch:** Just like a good neighbor knows when to check in, we'll use automated customer journeys to send the right message at the right time. Whether it's a warm welcome or a thoughtful farewell, we'll keep our subscribers feeling right at home.

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#### **Your Private Tour Guide**

#### Website Recommendations

With a new website launched, it's important to continue weaving in new content that supports strong SEO and gives visitors a taste of what Atascadero has to offer. This next evolution allows for quick updates and efficient landing pages that are perfect stopping points from our paid media platforms.

#### Website:

- **Neighborhood Guide:** Just like swapping weekend plans with a neighbor, we'll make it easier for visitors to map out their perfect trip by adding curated itineraries helping them discover the best of Atascadero.
- **SEO Savvy:** We'll continue to optimize the website content with relevant keywords, ensuring Atascadero remains a top choice in online travel searches. This will build on our existing SEO efforts and drive even more qualified traffic to your site.
- **Blogs:** Sure, every destination in California has similar features but what you can't get is the genuine hospitality you feel right when you arrive to Atascadero. We can use our website blog to share local experiences, hidden gems, historical stories and fun facts that keep the visitor engaged.



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#### **Neighborhood News**

#### Earned Media Recommendations

Just like a backyard bonfire, we'll use public relations to share the stories that make Atascadero special. We'll build on our strong relationships with media and influencers, inviting them to experience the genuine spirit and unique character of our destination firsthand.

- **Neighborly Scoop: Media Relations**: We'll continue to nurture our relationships with travel journalists and publications, sharing compelling stories about Atascadero's hidden gems, friendly locals, and unique experiences.
- **Welcome to the Block Party: Press Trips**: We'll reimagine the existing cornhole tournament into a lively block party for media and influencers. Picture a chili cook-off, cake walk, local music and more.
- **Neighborhood Potluck: Content Partnerships**: We'll collaborate with complementary businesses and organizations to create co-branded content and cross-promote each other, just like sharing a delicious potluck meal with neighbors. This will expand our reach and introduce Atascadero to new audiences.

#### New Ideas for Amplifying Our Voice:

- Community Cookbook: Local Storyteller Program: We'll create a "Community Cookbook" featuring stories from Atascadero residents, business owners, and community leaders. This collection of personal narratives will provide compelling content for media pitches and social media sharing, showcasing the diverse voices that make up our town.
- **Neighborhood Watch: Proactive Media Monitoring**: We'll keep a close eye on media coverage and online conversations about Atascadero, just like a neighborhood watch. This will allow us to proactively address any questions or concerns, and capitalize on opportunities to share positive stories about our community.

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**Case Studies** 



#### **CASE STUDY**

# **Visit Atascadero**

A 10 year partnership that has established a unique brand and increased TOT and RevPar.





#### Visit Atascadero

#### Where We Started

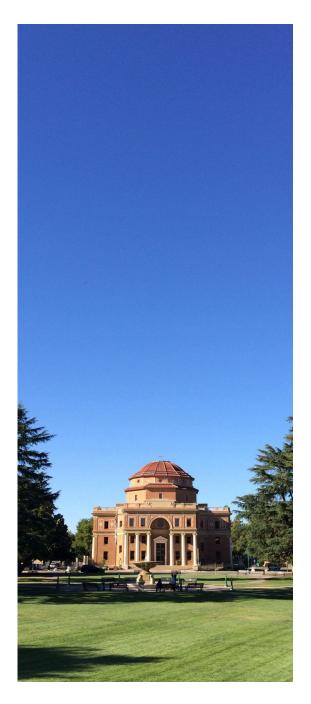
When people think San Luis Obispo County, or SLO CAL as we know it, they think rolling vineyards and crashing waves. They don't think "Atascadero." This inland town needed a refresh to obtain "top of mind" space in comparison to its neighboring communities of Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo. We joined Visit Atascadero in 2015 to solve this issue.

#### What We Did

- Created a new brand and various advertising campaigns
- Deployed paid media to reach new audiences and encourage visitation to the destination
- Collaboration with county and regional partners to extend reach and leverage resources to support the Atascadero brand
- Reactive public relations activities including FAM tours and journalist hosting
- Developed a robust email marketing program and executed social media strategies on multiple platforms
- Ongoing website support and optimizations to increase traffic

#### What Happened

- 133% Increase in Transient
   Occupancy Tax
- 107% increase in social media video views
- 33% increase in average open rate for the monthly e-newsletter
- 127% increase in website sessions
- Earned multiple Awards for various campaigns



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## Visit Atascadero

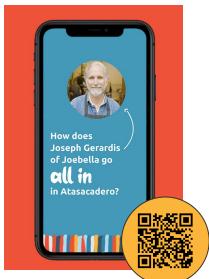
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**SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES -** *Click image to view video* 



**SOCIAL MEDIA TEMPLATES AND REELS** 





DIGITAL ADS - Click image to view video



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#### **CASE STUDY**

# Visit the Santa Ynez Valley

This case study demonstrates our strategic approach within in the social media landscape and ways to leverage that content to support website blogs.





# Visit the Santa Ynez Valley

#### Where We Started

To boost Visit the Santa Ynez Valley's social media presence, we focused on research, creating a brand tone guide and developing a content strategy. We identified key platforms, curated monthly content calendars and grew their asset library using CrowdRiff. Initially, we aimed to maintain a consistent posting schedule, tailor messaging, monitor platforms and increase engagement. Our efforts have expanded to include a monthly blog and California Now Travel Stories for broader social media use.

#### What We Did

- Conducted comprehensive research and created a brand tone guide and strategy for all social media content creation
- Identified the most impactful social platforms and curated monthly content calendars that highlighted the unique charm of each of the destination's six towns
- Leveraging CrowdRiff, we have grown their asset library with user-generated photos and videos
- Expanded services to develop monthly blog and create ongoing California Now Travel Stories for widespread use across all social media platforms

#### What Happened

- 18,654,116 Social Media Impressions
- 24% Increase Social Media Followers
- 11,417 Total Blog Views (Since Jan 2024)



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# Visit the Santa Ynez Valley

**BLOG** 

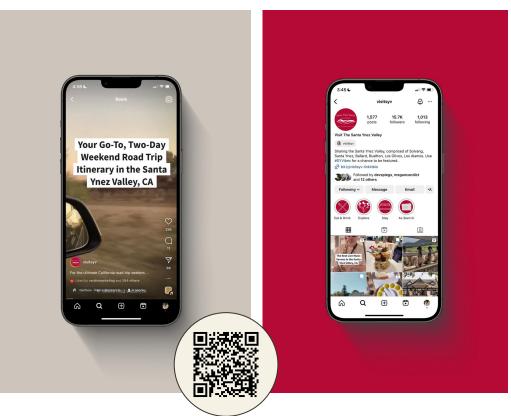


**TONE SHEET** 



SOCIAL STORY - Click image to view video



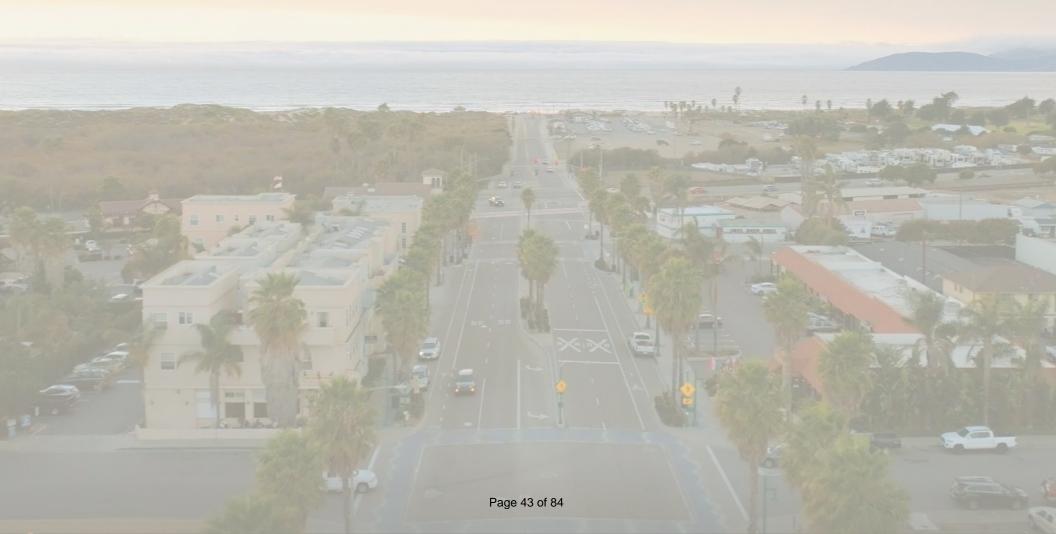


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#### **CASE STUDY**

# Visit Grover Beach

Carving out a unique brand voice and social media presence to set benchmarks and lay sturdy foundations.





### Visit Grover Beach

#### Where We Started

Visit Grover Beach had recently undergone a rebrand, and they were ready to launch that brand onto a larger stage. Since they were still in the infancy of the brands public adoption, we focused on building strong foundational platforms that would carry the destination into the public eye. We focused on asset sourcing and brand voice development, building trust with out audiences, and setting fresh benchmarks for KIPs.

#### What We Did

- Created a brand tone guide and strategy for all social media content creation
- Curated monthly content calendars that highlight the destination's offerings and personality
- Regular website updates
- Blog content

#### What Happened

- 174.7% Increase in Engagements
- 302% Increase in Impressions
- 44.3% Increase in Followers



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## Visit Grover Beach

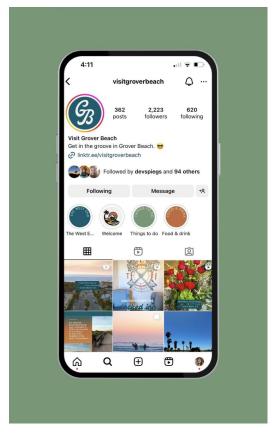
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**TONE SHEET** 



**SOCIAL MEDIA GRID** 



SOCIAL STORY - Click image to view video



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Unpacking

with

SLO CAL

# Visit Atascadero + Verdin: OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rebrand

\$1,337,528

For 10 years, Visit Atascadero and Verdin have been on a path to make Atascadero everyone's favorite neighbor. We've journeyed from a city unsure how to showcase its charms to a destination attracting families, food lovers, and outdoor enthusiasts. **Get ready for a tour of our neighborhood** and some of our most successful marketing collaborations!

2024 TOT: \$2.097.037 Pivoted to Co-op Program with Recovery Plan Launched California Yosemite Magazine as it used to be 2022 Attended IPW TOT: \$2,121,384 2020 Outdoor Social launch Redesigned and 2018 social series of Your TOT: launched the **Favorite** \$1,123,619 2023 new website TOT: Neighbor \$1,376,498 TOT: \$2,026,706 2015 All In. local business TOT: 2019 2021 social series \$900,056 TOT: TOT: \$1,390,972 \$1,368,852 **Travel Now** Collaboration with Created the Brews 2016 Visit California & Burgers Trail All In. Atascadero \$1,242,263 Campaign TOT: Launched

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# In the last year:

(FISCAL YEAR 2024)

13,272,509 Media Impressions

1.5% Average Click-Thru Rate

215,404 Paid Media Website Clicks Up 588% YOY

278,906 Website Sessions Up 127% YOY

14,645 Followers
72,297 Social Engagements
774,375 People Reached
11% Follower Growth

52.7% E-newsletter Average Open Rate *Up 33% YOY* 



8 PHOTO/VIDEO SHOOTS



IO CAMPAIGNS



12 AWARDS



# What Sets Us Apart

#### Integrity-Based Marketing

Integrity is a principle that has guided our agency since its founding. Verdin believes in detailed and transparent reporting, and we will include as much detail on our invoicing as you want to see. We don't feign perfection in situations where improvements can be made. Instead, we make recommendations and constantly improve outreach efforts so results keep getting better.

#### Creative Rooted in Strategy

Research into the lifestyles, behaviors and desires of your target audience guides our creative team to develop advertising messages that resonate. Our team makes strategic recommendations and works with you to craft campaigns that embody the character of Atascadero and what it promises — and you'll have a lot of fun with us along the way.

# Experience & Expertise Working With Clients Who Have Multiple Stakeholders

One of Verdin's strengths as a full-service marketing and advertising firm is positioning organizations as integral members of their communities. We strive to build awareness among a range of audiences through compelling brands. We also enjoy collaborating and building consensus with multiple stakeholders and are dedicated to providing clear communication and information in a way that gets their attention and a positive response.

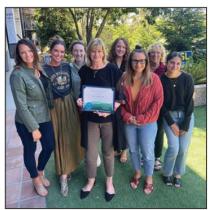












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## **Our Services**

When you hire Verdin, you get access to a team of specialists + a full range of marketing services under one roof. And it's all customized to your goals.

# Marketing & Brand Management

- Research
- Identity & Branding
- Marketing Plans
- Image Perception Assessment
- Customer Relationship Management

#### **Advertising**

- Strategic Campaign Concepting
- Digital, Print & Broadcast Advertising
   Creative Development
- Media Strategies
- Media Buying
- Campaign Monitoring & Reporting

#### **Digital Marketing**

- Social Media Strategies & Content Development
- Social Media Monitoring & Management
- Blogging
- Search Engine Marketing
- Mobile Marketing

# Website Development

- Site Planning
- Writing, Designing & Programming
- Search Engine Optimization
- Ongoing Website Maintenance

#### **Public Relations**

- Public Relations Strategies
- Press Release Writing & Distribution
- White Paper Development
- Trade Show Booth Management
- Crisis Communications

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# **Names We Stand Behind**

















































#### Your Block Party Crew



Mary Verdin

President & Chief Executive Officer

Mary has more than 30 years of marketing experience and an energy that keeps ideas fresh. She participates in discovery and provides ongoing strategic input.



**Allie Rohlfs** 

Account Support

Allie uses her strong communication skills and multitasking abilities to keep client work on track and exceed expectations.



**Devan Spiegel** 

Account Coordinator

Devan supports our accounts team by maintaining detailed communications with our other departments and keeping client work organized.



Jennifer Wright

Content Strategist

With an eclectic background in journalism and retail marketing, Jennifer uses her creativity and writing skills to help tell the stories of Verdin's clients through a range of platforms.



**Ashlee Akers** 

Partner & Chief Strategy Officer

Ashlee participates in strategic planning meetings, oversees and reviews branding and marketing strategies and leads our client work. She will continue to be the main point of contact for Atascadero



**Riley Grim** 

Creative Director

Riley is the helm that steers Verdin's creative team right direction. Her keen eye and strategic mind lead Verdin to produce work that is strikingly distinct.



Katie Kollmann

Art Director

Katie approaches design work through a lens of thoughtfulness and strategy. Her knowledge of what will work means our designs are as smart as they are stunning.

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# **Proposed Budget**

The following proposed sample budget is in draft form based on details from your RFP. The scope is subject to change based on the final marketing strategy to accommodate Visit Atascadero's priorities.

Refreshed Marketing Plan Includes hotelier survey, esearch, strategy development and refinement	\$6,000
Account Management Includes ongoing communication, monthly meetings, reporting, budget updates and timeline management	\$26,000
Creative Development Digital ads, graphics, collateral design, social images, and all visual needs	\$40,000
Asset Development Video and photography	\$20,000
Website Updates Blogs, event content, itineraries and landing page development	\$12,000
Social Media Includes development of social assets, planning, posting and monitoring for three platforms	\$24,000
Email Marketing List management, copywriting, image sourcing, layout and monthly implementation	\$15,000
Public Relations Content submissions, media support and reactive PR efforts	\$8,000
Media Planning Paid media strategy, placement, monitoring and reconciliation	\$6,000
Paid Media Hard Costs	\$108,000
Total	\$265,000

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# **Future Opportunities**

Below are areas of opportunity as additional resources are available.

Additional Asset Curation  Executing quarterly asset gathering to ensure fresh content on all marketing channels	\$5,000
Proactive PR Includes ongoing communication, monthly meetings, reporting, budget updates and timeline management	\$15,000
Extensive Paid Media Coverage Video and photography	\$10,000
Total	\$30,000

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# Don't just take it from us...

The team has been incredible! They have been flexible with changing priorities, always meeting deadlines and delivering top notch work in all situations. They listen to feedback and come back with a solution-minded response. It has been a pleasure to work with the team this year.

—Molly Cano, City of San Luis Obispo Former Tourism & Economic Development Manager

The professionalism, enthusiasm, and attention to detail of the Verdin Team is amazing!

—Jocelyn Brennan, Former South County Chambers CEO & Arroyo Grande Tourism Manager

Verdin has been a great partner for Visit the Santa Ynez Valley. Their understanding of our region and audience, coupled with strategic planning and creative execution, has brought great results for our social media presence. They get results, and they're fun to work with!

—Shelby Sim, President & CEO Visit Santa Ynez Valley We appreciate your team's willingness to always work with us and come at projects creatively. Ashlee Akers has been a godsend this past year especially, and we're so grateful for all that your team does.

—Brittney Hendricks, VP/Marketing & Communications, Visit Oxnard



**4.7** out of five stars



Areas included in rating:
Client Service; Creativity; Effectiveness;
On Time & On Budget; Value

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#### **VERDIN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

# Together, we shape dynamic communities through strategy, consensus and storytelling.



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#### CITY OF ATASCADERO

#### ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ATASCADERO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Item B4

3/19/25

#### **Charles Paddock Zoo Rebranding - Cost-Sharing Proposal**

#### RECOMMENDATION:

ATBID Advisory Board discuss and provide staff direction on the opportunity to share in the cost of the Charles Paddock Zoo's Rebranding Project.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this update is to provide the ATBID Advisory Board with a review of what the Charles Paddock Zoo has been working on including an opportunity to view the initial Zoo logo concepts and draft educational activity book that have been created as part of the Zoo's rebranding project. As part of this process, the ATBID Advisory Board is invited to consider assisting the Charles Paddock Zoo's rebranding efforts.

The Charles Paddock Zoo has been an accredited institution with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) for the past 30 years. AZA is a confirmation of the Zoo's commitment to animal welfare, species protection and conservation-mindedness. At the end of the month, City staff will be meeting with the AZA Commission to learn about the next steps for the Zoo's continued accreditation.

As the Zoo continues to work through the AZA accreditation process, staff is focusing on a solid list of priorities including a robust business plan to grow revenue streams by driving traffic to the Zoo and Atascadero Lake Park location as well as reducing costs. One of the key projects is a comprehensive rebranding initiative designed to enhance environmental awareness, promote sustainable practices and conservation efforts and elevate the Zoo's visibility among the Atascadero community, the county and its visitors. The rebrand will ultimately increase awareness for the Zoo, in conjunction with an aggressive marketing and promotions plan. As the rebranding initiative is launched, the Zoo will be working on revenue streams through corporate sponsorships, a new online ticketing program, animal encounters, educational camps and activities. Expansion of the educational camps will be marketed to all schools in the North County and the expanded ambassador program will increase the number of visits to Northern Santa Barbara County, which will only aid in increasing word of mouth and keeping the Zoo top-of-mind.

The rebranding effort of the Charles Paddock Zoo includes a complete makeover and fresh look with a new name and logo focused on the Zoo's Central Coast location. Brand guidelines will accompany the Zoo's new look and new color palette. The campaign will kick off with the Zoo's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in June and include educational activity books and placemats which will be distributed to all Atascdero's lodging properties and restaurants. In addition, work is being done on a promotional campaign that will offer guests a discount to the Zoo when they book a stay at an Atascadero lodging property. The activity books and placemats will be provided to the guests at local hotels, and the

placemats will be sent to all North County restaurants. The Zoo's rebranded name will provide a larger footprint and regionalize Atascadero in a manner that will help draw more tourism to the area. The rebrand also includes video creation to be used for education, school outreach efforts and advertising, plus a social media launch and website landing page. The robust campaign will help provide regionalization in a way that has not been done before, and visitor traffic will be increased through the marketing campaign efforts to add top-of-mind awareness of the Zoo and the City, locally and outside of the county.

As part of this item presentation, City staff will be providing an oral report that looks at attendance history and where visitors to the area are coming from. In addition, sample rebrand logo versions, activity book and placemats will be shared. Feedback is encouraged as the City works toward making a final decision on the Zoo's new look!

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Up to \$30,000.

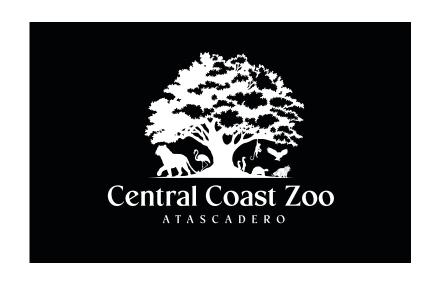
#### ATTACHMENT:

1. Zoo Rebrand Logo Sets



# Central Coast Zoo Logo: Tree (Green)





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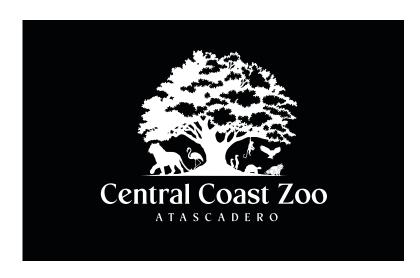






Central Coast Zoo Logo: Tree (Blue)











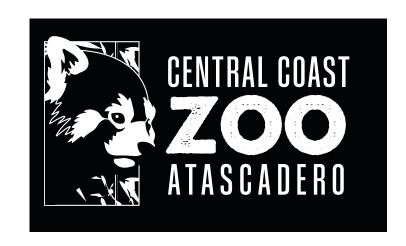




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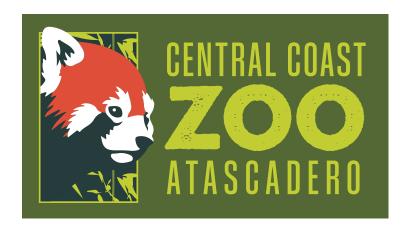






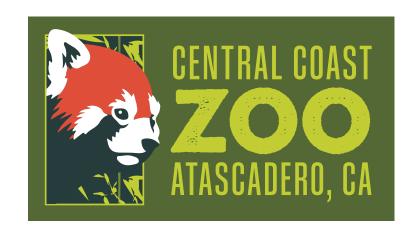


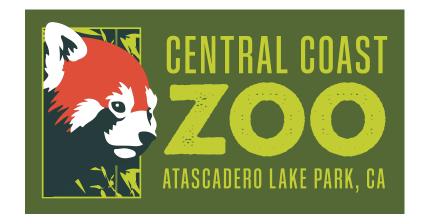




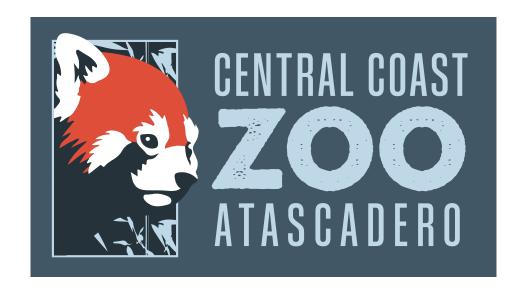
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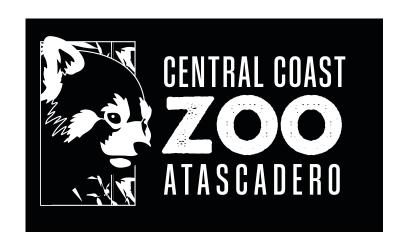






















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#### **CITY OF ATASCADERO**

ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ATASCADERO
TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT

Item B5

3/19/25

#### **Budget Reports and Performance Metrics**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

ATBID Advisory Board receive and file the Budget Reports and Performance Metrics.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The ATBID summary and expenditure reports show the expenditures that have been submitted through January 2025 along with the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). The new TBID Summary for 24-25 along with the 24-25 Expenditure Detail Report have also been included as attachments to this report.

The STR Report is included to review occupancy and other marketing indicators as a benchmark to see how we are performing as a Destination.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. ATBID Expenditure Detail Report (FY 24-25)
- 2. ATBID Summary 24-25
- 3. Tourism TOT report 03-12-2025
- 4. SLOCAL Monthly STR Report January 2025

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Line Description: ATBID Admin Service Fee-July  8/1/2024 je GJ JE25 08-04  Line Description: ATBID Admin Service Fee-August		2,291.67				
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Total Contract Services		142,466.82	142,466.82			
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Total Professional Development	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00
0000.6740000 Business Development						
Total Business Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0000.6900000 Department Service Charges						
0000.6900000 Administration	4,220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,220.00	0.00
Total Department Service Charges	4,220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,220.00	0.00
Total Operating Services and Supplies	367,470.00	270,744.09	270,744.09	148,959.42	-52,233.51	114.21
0000.7000000 Special Purchases, Projects, and Studies						
0000.7800000 Community Funding						
0000.7805029 Opportunities Fund	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.00
Total Special Purchases, Projects, and Studies	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.00
0000.9000000 Debt Service & Other Uses						
0000.9400000 Cash Contributions						
Total Debt Service & Other Uses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Atascadero Tourism Bus Improv Dist	432,470.00	270,744.09	270,744.09	148,959.42	12,766.49	97.05
Grand Total	432,470.00	270,744.09	270,744.09	148,959.42	12,766.49	97.05

#### Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District (ATBID) Fund

**FUND** 235

**TYPE** Special Revenue

			CTUAL 30/2021	 CTUAL 30/2022	-	ACTUAL /30/2023	-	ACTUAL 5/30/2024	202	ACTUAL* 24-2025 01/31/2025	 DGETED 24-2025
<b>REVENUES</b>											
41530.6300	Taxes and Assessments	\$	277,287	\$ 409,652	\$	431,401	\$	419,591	\$	214,243	\$ 422,400
45920.0003	Assessment Penalties		-	933		3,904		657		267	-
46110.0000	Investment Earnings		2,027	 (11,341)	·	2,966		30,734			 19,790
	Total Revenue		279,314	 399,244		438,271		450,982	-	214,510	 442,190
<u>EXPENSES</u>											
6050000	Office Expense		-	264		-		(5)		-	250
6070000	Advertising		43,142	127,366		126,556		142,357		128,277	180,000
6500000	Contract Services **		106,295	143,436		163,051		220,803		151,634	175,000
6600000 I	Professional Development		-	731		-		475		-	8,000
6900000	Administration		2,774	4,106		4,353		4,202		2,145	4,220
7805029	Opportunities Funding***			 _							 65,000
	Total Expenses	-	152,211	 275,903		293,960		367,832		282,056	 432,470
NET INCOME	/(LOSS)		127,103	123,341		144,311		83,150		(67,546)	9,720
BEGINNING A	AVAILABLE BALANCE		273,667	 400,770		524,111		668,422		751,572	 657,990
ENDING AVAI	ILABLE BALANCE	\$	400,770	\$ 524,111	\$	668,422	\$	751,572	\$	684,026	\$ 667,710

<sup>\*</sup>Actual numbers are unaudited, not yet finalized and are subject to change

** Contract Services	
Special Events	
Atascadero Fall Festival Sponsorship 2024	\$ 20,000
Mid-State Fair Transportation	8,640
Spartan Race Co-Sponsorship	5,000
Sunken Garden Lights Sponsorship	10,000
Garagiste Events	7,500
Drive Sponsorship 2025	3,750
Fall Festival Sponsorship	2,000
Web Consulting	7,488
Destination Marketing Services	71,214
Administrative Services Fee	 16,042
	\$ 151,634

City of Atascadero Tourism Report Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues

	Jul-Sep			Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun			
	1ST QTR			2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL		
Fiscal Year 2014	\$	254,557.46	\$	158,389.32	\$ 134,033.44	\$ 232,385.37	\$	779,365.59	
Fiscal Year 2015	\$	262,246.00	\$	171,527.07	\$ 204,920.33	\$ 261,362.41	\$	900,055.81	
Fiscal Year 2016	\$	387,196.75	\$	260,522.61	\$ 234,591.13	\$ 359,952.40	\$	1,242,262.89	
Fiscal Year 2017	\$	441,814.34	\$	259,716.23	\$ 236,432.90	\$ 399,564.75	\$	1,337,528.22	
Fiscal Year 2018	\$	446,835.24	\$	307,035.82	\$ 237,705.86	\$ 384,921.01	\$	1,376,497.93	
Fiscal Year 2019	\$	442,255.82	\$	305,426.85	\$ 236,855.54	\$ 406,434.26	\$	1,390,972.47	
Fiscal Year 2020	\$	454,062.15	\$	325,569.25	\$ 207,088.63	\$ 136,898.64	\$	1,123,618.67	
Fiscal Year 2021	\$	348,012.06	\$	275,644.27	\$ 241,653.81	\$ 503,542.34	\$	1,368,852.48	
Fiscal Year 2022 *	\$	624,858.40	\$	498,385.17	\$ 388,893.34	\$ 609,246.66	\$	2,121,383.57	
Fiscal Year 2023 *	\$	625,917.25	\$	470,541.39	\$ 347,201.52	\$ 583,045.37	\$	2,026,705.53	
Fiscal Year 2024 *	\$	671,002.30	\$	493,566.44	\$ 331,201.07	\$ 601,950.24	\$	2,097,720.05	
Fiscal Year 2025*	\$	630,627.42	\$	454,886.96			\$	1,085,514.38	

<sup>\*</sup> This report includes receipts in the correct quarter earned, not in the quarter received. It will not be the same as the City's financial statements.

January 2025

Arroyo Grande, CA+

Atascadero, CA+

Cambria, CA+

Morro Bav. CA+

Paso Robles, CA+

Pismo Beach, CA+

San Simeon, CA+

Five Cities+

North Coast+

North County+

South County+

San Luis Obispo, CA+

San Luis Obispo County

Occ %

2024

46.2

47.9

49.9

50.8

2025

49.9

45.3

52.1

49.9

53.0

54.7

62.4

42.0

ADR

2024

96.77

153.41

113.32

155.27

162.18

140.24

103.97

2025

100.78

105.26

168.17

114.88

176.76

114.92

Room

0.0

0.0

0.0

0.0

1.9

-3.5

1.4

Room

Sold

6.3

Percent Change from YTD 2024

Rev

12.6

19.7

14.3

18.6

15.2

RevPAR

19.2

17.4

50.8	47.7	143.31	141.85		67.62	6.5	1.0	7.6	7.6	0.0	6.5	50.8	47.7	143.31	141.85	72.74	67.62	6.5
57.8	51.9	159.12	150.39	91.92	78.12	11.2	5.8	17.7	16.6	-0.9	10.2	57.8	51.9		150.39	91.92	78.12	11.2
54.1	49.1	149.05	142.09	80.64	69.71	10.3	4.9	15.7	15.2	-0.4	9.8	541	491	149.05	142.09	80.64	69.71	10.3
	54.1 49.1 149.05 142.09 80.64 69.71 10.3 4.9 15.7 15.2 -0.4 9.8 54.1 49.1 149.05 142.09 80.64 69.71 10.3 Page 84 of 84																	

48.5	44.2	143.37	131.41	69.50	58.03	9.8	9.1	19.8	19.8	0.0	9.8	48.5	44.2	143.37	131.41	69.50	58.03
50.8	47.7	143.31	141.85	72.74	67.62	6.5	1.0	7.6	7.6	0.0	6.5	50.8	47.7	143.31	141.85	72.74	67.62
57.8	51.9	159.12	150.39	91.92	78.12	11.2	5.8	17.7	16.6	-0.9	10.2	57.8	51.9	159.12	150.39	91.92	78.12
54.1	49.1	149.05	142.09	80.64	69.71	10.3	4.9	15.7	15.2	-0.4	9.8	54.1	49.1	149.05	142.09	80.64	69.71
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105.26

168.17

114.88

158.02

176.76

144.12

Current Month - January 2025 vs January 2024

2024

44.68

45.63

73.55

49.98

77.46

82.32

76.00

39.93

Occ

8.1

6.3

8.7

13.1

6.3

15.2

ADR

9.6

9.0

RevPAR

2025

50.31

47.66

87.68

57.32

83.82

96.67

89.99

48.32

Year to Date - January 2025 vs January 2024

2024

44.68

45.63

73.55

49.98

77.46

82.32

76.00

39.93

Occ

6.3

8.7

13.1

6.3

7.7

15.2

RevPAR

2025

50.31

47.66

87.68

57.32

83.82

96.67

89.99

48.32

9.8

Properties

Sample

Census

Participation

Census

438

617

750

969

1465

2112

2432

601

2954

1518

2109

5368

10223

Rooms

Sample

371

575

467

1092

1657

1675

348

2221

815

1667

3896