

# Tourism Business Improvement District Board AGENDA

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m. City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pearce will call the Regular Meeting of the Tourism Business Improvement District Board to order.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, people may address the Committee about items not on the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Items raised at this time are generally referred to staff and, if action by the Committee is necessary, may be scheduled for a future meeting.

#### 3. CONSENT

3.a	MINUTES OF TBID REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2024.	5
3.b	SMITH TRAVEL REPORT (STR)	9
3.c	TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) REPORT	11
3.d	SLO CHAMBER PUBLIC RELATIONS MONTHLY REPORT	13
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3.f	NOBLE STUDIOS & DCI MARKETING MONTHLY REPORT	17
3.a	BADGER BRANDING ORGANIC SOCIAL REPORT	27

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

#### 4.a BRAND SENTIMENT STUDY RESULTS (25 MIN)

Representatives from Noble Studios will present the results from the recently deployed brand sentiment survey.

#### 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

## 5.a SLO TBID FUND BALANCE & BUDGET UPDATE (20 MIN)

Staff will present the SLO TBID Fund Balance for the Board's review and allocation.

## 5.b PUBLIC RELATIONS MEDIA MISSION (20 MIN)

Representatives from DCI will present a consideration for the board to allocate budget towards a public relations media mission in Southern California.

#### 5.c EMAIL MARKETING STRATEGY UPDATE (30 MIN)

Representatives from Noble Studios will present an update on Visit San Luis Obispo's email marketing strategy.

#### 6. TBID LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

- 6.a HOTELIER UPDATE LIAISON REPORTS
- 6.b PCC UPDATE LIAISON REPORT
- 6.c VISIT SLO CAL UPDATE LIAISON REPORT
- 6.d TOURISM PROGRAM UPDATE STAFF REPORT

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

The next Special Meeting of the Tourism Business Improvement District Board is scheduled for February 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

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#### **Tourism Business Improvement District Board Minutes**

January 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

TBID Board Present: Member Lori Keller, Member Winston Newland, Member Nipool

Patel, Member Prashant Patel, Member Sandy Sandoval, Vice

Chair Lydia Bates, Chair Clint Pearce

City Staff Present: Economic Development & Tourism Manager Molly Cano,

Tourism & Community Promotions Manager Jacqui Clark-

Charlesworth, City Clerk Teresa Purrington

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Tourism Business Improvement District Board was called to order on January 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Chair Pearce.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

#### **Public Comment:**

Kristen Carlson, Visit SLO CAL made an introduction.

Representative from Petit Soleil made an introduction.

Representative from Quality Suites made an introduction.

Member of the public.

Shea Hanson, Wayfarer made an introduction.

#### 3. CONSENT

**Motion By** Member Nipool Patel **Second By** Member Prashant Patel

To approve Consent Items 3a through 3g.

Ayes (7): Member Keller, Member Newland, Member Nipool Patel, Member Patel, Member Sandoval, Vice Chair Bates, and Chair Pearce

CARRIED (7 to 0)

- 3.a MINUTES OF TBID SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 2023
- 3.b SMITH TRAVEL REPORT (STR)
- 3.c TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) REPORT
- 3.d SLO CHAMBER PUBLIC RELATIONS MONTHLY REPORT
- 3.e SLO CHAMBER GUEST SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT
- 3.f NOBLE STUDIOS & DCI MARKETING MONTHLY REPORT
- 3.g BADGER BRANDING ORGANIC SOCIAL REPORT

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a PUBLIC RELATIONS & GUEST SERVICES QUARTER REPORT

Jim Dantona, SLO Chamber presented Guest Services activities and Hollie West, SLO Chamber presented the second quarter report on Public Relations.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

--End of Public Comment--

Action: No action taken on this item.

#### 4.b CONTENT MARKETING QUARTER REPORT

Katy McGrath and Molly Burchett, Badger Branding presented the second quarter report on content marketing and organic social media activities, and responded to inquiries.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

--End of Public Comment--

Action: No action taken on this item.

#### 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.a MARKETING SERVICES QUARTER REPORT + Q3 MEDIA PLAN REVIEW & APPROVAL

Hayley Corbett, Gabbi Hall and Danni Winter, Noble Studios and Siobhan Chretien, DCI presented the staff report and responded to inquiries.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

-- End of Public Comment--

Action: No action taken on this item.

#### 5.b MIDWEEKEND ASSETS & PLAN APPROVAL

Gabbi Hall and Hayley Corbett, Noble Studios presented the staff report and responded to inquiries.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

-- End of Public Comment--

Action: No action taken on this item.

#### 5.c ETOURISM CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Economic Development & Tourism Manager Molly Cano presented the staff report and responded to inquiries.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

-- End of Public Comment--

Motion By Vice Chair Bates Second By Member Sandoval

To approve up to \$3,500 from the TBID tradeshow budget for the eTourism Summit

Ayes (7): Member Keller, Member Newland, Member Nipool Patel, Member Patel, Member Sandoval, Vice Chair Bates, and Chair Pearce

CARRIED (7 to 0)

#### 6. TBID LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

#### 6.a HOTELIER UPDATE - LIAISON REPORTS

Vice Chair Bate provided an update from Hotel SLO.

#### 6.b PCC UPDATE - LIAISON REPORT

Economic Development and Tourism Manager Molly Cano provided a brief update on PCC activities.

#### 6.c VISIT SLO CAL UPDATE - LIAISON REPORT

Economic Development & Tourism Manager Molly Cano provided a brief update on Visit SLO CAL activities.

#### 6.d TOURISM PROGRAM UPDATE - STAFF REPORT

Tourism & Community Promotions Manager Jacqui Clark-Charlesworth provided a brief update on the tourism programs.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. The next Special Meeting of the Tourism Business Improvement District Board was cancelled and the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD: XX/XX/202X

				Curre	nt Week T	otals							Pe	rcent Cha	nge			
For the Week of December 31,		Od	ccupancy	(	AD	R		Re	vPar		Oc	cupancy	(	Al	DR .		Re	evPar
2023 to January 06, 2024	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total
California	51.91	55.20	52.85	176.36	168.81	174.10	91.54	93.19	92.01	6.57	-0.93	4.21	9.71	-2.51	5.74	16.92	-3.43	10.20
City of Paso Robles	51.52	48.36	50.62	141.55	157.44	145.89	72.93	76.14	73.85	10.06	-11.74	3.11	12.79	4.44	9.24	24.14	-7.82	12.64
City of Pismo Beach	64.63	60.75	63.52	185.43	194.51	187.91	119.84	118.16	119.36	39.21	26.11	35.36	8.19	-1.56	4.93	50.60	24.14	42.04
City of San Luis Obispo	54.30	56.49	54.93	140.01	149.59	142.83	76.03	84.50	78.45	22.25	7.63	17.56	7.13	-3.71	3.04	30.96	3.64	21.14
City of Morro Bay	51.19	50.99	51.13	114.83	120.46	116.43	58.79	61.42	59.54	20.86	8.94	17.20	11.19	-1.73	6.64	34.39	7.06	24.98
				Curre	nt Week T	otals							Pe	rcent Cha	nge			
For the Week of January 07, 2024		00	ccupancy		AD	R		Re	vPar		Oc	cupancy		Al	OR		Re	evPar
to January 13, 2024	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total
California	55.30	63.26	57.57	229.66	181.22	214.45	127.00	114.64	123.47	-5.31	4.01	-2.57	-1.04	4.06	-0.27	-6.29	8.24	-2.83
City of Paso Robles	46.75	61.27	50.90	130.16	176.37	146.06	60.85	108.07	74.34	-13.79	11.18	-6.57	3.96	3.90	5.77	-10.38	15.52	-1.18
City of Pismo Beach	42.90	65.88	49.47	142.77	195.67	162.90	61.25	128.91	80.58	32.13	83.63	47.92	2.95	-0.99	3.93	36.04	81.82	53.73
City of San Luis Obispo	49.58	68.27	54.92	127.59	162.24	139.90	63.27	110.76	76.83	14.22	46.41	23.89	7.06	9.80	9.50	22.29	60.76	35.66
City of Morro Bay	40.81	60.07	46.31	105.12	136.59	116.78	42.90	82.05	54.09	-4.70	32.57	6.38	1.17	8.94	5.89	-3.58	44.42	12.64
				Curre	nt Week T	otals							Pe	rcent Cha	nge			
For the Week of January 14, 2024	0	ccupancy (	(%)		ADR			RevPar		00	cupancy (	%)		ADR			RevPar	
to January 20, 2024	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total
California	55.76	58.95	56.67	167.26	168.97	167.77	93.27	99.60	95.08	-0.60	-7.23	-2.66	1.59	-2.93	0.11	0.98	-9.94	-2.56
City of Paso Robles	54.68	57.41	55.46	133.89	164.23	142.86	73.21	94.29	79.23	1.75	-22.34	-6.80	4.89	2.78	2.74	6.73	6.73	-4.24
City of Pismo Beach	48.76	57.38	51.22	168.03	182.97	172.81	81.93	104.99	88.52	42.89	-2.96	24.12	10.66	-7.18	1.43	58.12	58.12	25.89
City of San Luis Obispo	51.54	58.69	53.58	131.48	155.72	139.07	67.77	91.39	74.52	0.51	-4.27	-1.04	0.57	-3.36	-1.07	1.08	1.08	-2.09
City of Morro Bay	46.23	52.80	48.11	106.50	134.36	115.24	49.24	70.95	55.44	3.58	-5.63	0.51	0.77	5.08	1.89	4.38	4.38	2.41
				Curre	nt Week T	otals							Pe	rcent Cha	nge			
For the Week of January 21, 2024	0	ccupancy (	(%)		ADR			RevPar		00	cupancy (	%)		ADR			RevPar	
to January 27, 2024	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total
California	59.71	64.94	61.20	176.36	175.87	176.21	105.30	114.21	107.85	-4.41	0.57	-2.95	2.18	1.26	1.90	-2.33	1.83	-1.10
City of Paso Robles	48.40	62.12	52.32	138.70	183.57	153.92	67.12	114.03	80.52	-20.99	-11.12	-17.90	0.67	-1.59	0.57	-20.46	-12.53	-17.43
City of Pismo Beach	47.46	70.73	54.11	140.92	195.61	161.35	66.88	138.35	87.30	-5.96	3.58	-2.61	-6.21	-0.91	-3.28	-11.80	2.63	-5.80
City of San Luis Obispo	54.45	67.26	58.11	135.84	162.83	144.76	73.96	109.51	84.12	1.84	-2.53	0.35	4.57	2.41	3.54	6.49	-0.18	3.91
City of Morro Bay	39.67	55.87	44.30	106.35	127.21	113.87	42.19	71.07	50.44	-15.34	-5.02	-11.89	0.66	-0.76	0.60	-14.78	-5.74	-11.36
				Curre	nt Week T	otals							Pe	rcent Cha	nge			
For the Week of January 28, 2024	0	ccupancy (	(%)		ADR			RevPar		Oc	cupancy (	%)		ADR			RevPar	
to February 03, 2024	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total	WD	WE	Total
California	59.68	62.77	60.56	177.15	180.60	178.17	105.72	113.36	107.90	-0.64	-6.16	-2.34	1.82	-1.13	0.86	1.17	-7.22	-1.50
City of Paso Robles	48.10	60.14	51.54	142.27	191.72	158.76	68.43	115.29	81.82	-15.96	-14.68	-15.54	2.58	2.95	2.84	-13.79	-12.16	-13.14
City of Pismo Beach	44.02	56.36	47.55	150.59	211.86	171.33	66.29	119.39	81.46	-4.04	-21.87	-10.93	2.19	0.24	-0.43	-1.94	-21.69	-11.31
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#### **TOT Comparison**

	2009-1	,	2010-11	2011-12		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	20	022-23		Change +/- to previous FY	
July	\$ 508,1	95	\$ 541,806	\$ 591,18	34 :	\$ 636,778	\$ 699,845	\$ 761,346	\$ 844,845	\$ 877,391	\$ 861,241	\$ 884,317	\$ 913,019	\$ 530,064	\$ 1,214,080	\$	1,300,061	\$ 1,244,066	-4.3%	1
August	\$ 511,5	64 \$	\$ 542,194	\$ 574,39	95 :	\$ 623,655	\$ 674,244	\$ 732,271	\$ 774,501	\$ 765,232	\$ 728,932	\$ 775,513	\$ 826,465	\$ 623,523	\$ 992,620	\$	1,089,326	\$ 1,035,032	-5.0%	1
September	\$ 400,0	23 \$	\$ 437,543	\$ 490,52	24 :	\$ 508,583	\$ 505,954	\$ 557,002	\$ 643,127	\$ 650,117	\$ 693,704	\$ 682,810	\$ 720,414	\$ 660,405	\$ 965,595	\$	1,040,391	\$ 1,024,818	-1.5%	
October	\$ 414,8	70 \$	\$ 442,586	\$ 437,80	)5 :	\$ 469,977	\$ 509,435	\$ 594,032	\$ 642,221	\$ 628,049	\$ 601,208	\$ 650,101	\$ 711,393	\$ 632,733	\$ 889,485	\$	986,882	\$ 986,381	-0.1%	
November	\$ 280,9	13 \$	\$ 330,924	\$ 347,43	37 :	\$ 359,163	\$ 425,769	\$ 475,360	\$ 468,016	\$ 497,162	\$ 513,487	\$ 556,885	\$ 593,403	\$ 422,488	\$ 722,487	\$	772,110	\$ 753,195	-2.4%	
December	\$ 246,6	84 \$	\$ 274,417	\$ 314,78	34 :	\$ 319,451	\$ 355,315	\$ 391,132	\$ 429,600	\$ 434,836	\$ 473,701	\$ 488,296	\$ 488,757	\$ 236,391	\$ 638,253	\$	630,527	\$ 623,248	-1.2%	missir
January	\$ 230,2	79 \$	\$ 256,351	\$ 276,16	55 :	\$ 302,153	\$ 331,853	\$ 400,239	\$ 387,304	\$ 396,559	\$ 415,690	\$ 465,547	\$ 520,813	\$ 302,621	\$ 557,369	\$	526,691			
February	\$ 273,3	73	\$ 302,246	\$ 323,35	9 :	\$ 344,160	\$ 366,980	\$ 431,510	\$ 466,915	\$ 439,735	\$ 503,451	\$ 524,327	\$ 596,021	\$ 426,144	\$ 716,045	\$	718,467			
March	\$ 326,0	99 \$	\$ 333,783	\$ 392,26	66	\$ 426,879	\$ 448,103	\$ 520,795	\$ 559,235	\$ 549,642	\$ 577,285	\$ 602,781	\$ 268,458	\$ 614,973	\$ 820,473	\$	805,947			1
April	\$ 423,1	58 \$	\$ 451,133	\$ 475,91	13	\$ 486,850	\$ 564,617	\$ 610,894	\$ 609,439	\$ 708,724	\$ 641,919	\$ 741,364	\$ 69,184	\$ 742,477	\$ 1,068,408	\$ :	1,057,701			
May	\$ 372,9	97 \$	\$ 433,874	\$ 447,11	16	\$ 489,862	\$ 546,916	\$ 601,614	\$ 598,093	\$ 645,114	\$ 630,820	\$ 665,603	\$ 174,982	\$ 760,006	\$ 919,831	\$	910,444			1
June	\$ 490,3	26 \$	\$ 512,543	\$ 578,23	34 :	\$ 610,948	\$ 630,729	\$ 727,028	\$ 731,038	\$ 765,362	\$ 796,899	\$ 835,727	\$ 409,945	\$ 973,975	\$ 1,100,000	\$ :	1,147,826			
Total/Average	\$ 4,478,4	81 \$	\$ 4,859,400	\$ 5,249,18	31 :	\$ 5,578,460	\$ 6,059,758	\$ 6,803,224	\$ 7,154,334	\$ 7,357,923	\$ 7,438,338	\$ 7,873,272	\$ 6,292,853	\$ 6,925,799	\$ 10,604,646	\$ 10	0,986,373	\$ 5,666,741		

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*Figures from Smith Travel		Occupancy			ADR			RevPAR	
Research Report	2022-23	2023-24	Change +/-	2022-23	2023-24	Change +/-	2022-23	2023-24	Change +/-
July	82.6	83.5	1.1%	206.04	199.85	-3.0%	170.2	166.97	-1.9%
August	75.8	74	-2.4%	191.58	190.04	-0.8%	145.18	140.59	-3.2%
September	72.7	71.2	-2.1%	192.94	194.69	0.9%	140.26	138.57	-1.2%
October	69.9	70.1	0.3%	182.95	184.24	0.7%	127.88	129.19	1.0%
November	61.6	62.7	1.8%	168.42	164.58	-2.3%	103.79	103.23	-0.5%
December	54.1	56.5	4.4%	151.40	149.65	-1.2%	81.88	84.56	3.3%
January	50.4			136.70			68.90		
February	66			157.11			103.64		
March	64.1			159.05			101.91		
April	74.0			188.24			141.32		
May	67.5			181.38			122.36		
June	74.2	·		206.77	·		153.52		
Total/Average	67.74		0.01	\$ 176.88		-0.01	\$ 121.74		0.00

Updated: 02/09/2024



Report to City of SLO – TBID and PCC **Public Relations Contract**January 2024

#### PR ACTIVITY

#### Implementation/Proactive Work

Hosted travel writer E'Louise Ondash

Continued planning for travel writer Alexa Mellardo's upcoming visit

Implemented communications/PR copy and strategy for SLO Restaurant Week

Implemented communications/PR copy and strategy for Eat Local Bonus

Implemented communications/PR copy and strategy for Lunar New Year Palm Street Block Party

Continued working with the City and Noble Studios/DCI on overall tourism marketing campaign

#### Responsive leads

Pitched "Will You Be My Valentine?", "All Things Golden" and "Golfer's Paradise" story ideas to Visit California

#### Partnerships

Continued planning for SoCal Spring Media Mission with DCI

Continued planning for group FAM during the Film Festival with DCI and SLO International Film Festival

Began planning for Mdiweekend in partnership with the City

PUBLICATION	PLACEMENTS	UVPM	AD VALUE	PILLARS	RESULT OF
WESTWAYS	San Luis Obispo, much more than a college town	4,900,000.00		Cultural	MEDIA HOSTING IN PARTNERSHIP W/DCI
BACKPACKER	The Best Hiking Destinations for Every Month in 2024	666,000.00	\$144.82	Outdoor	MEDIA HOSTING IN PARTNERSHIP W/DCI
A-TOWN DAILY NEWS	Spend \$100, get \$25 at local restaurants with city of SLO's bonus program	1,000.00		Support Local	PROACTIVE PITCHING
PASO ROBLES DAILY NEWS	Spend \$100, get \$25 at local restaurants with City of SLO's bonus program	85,000.00	\$6.39	Support Local	PROACTIVE PITCHING
KSBY	<u>Dine out and get gift cards back: SLO launches Eat Local Bonus program</u>	478,000.00	\$39.54	Support Local	PROACTIVE PITCHING
PASO ROBLES DAILY NEWS	Diverse cultural offerings revealed in San Luis Obispo's event lineup	85,000.00	\$6.39	Cultural	PROACTIVE PITCHING
PATCH	Local Event: SLO Restaurant Week 2024: San Luis Obispo	13,350,000	\$1,370.29	Support Local	PROACTIVE PITCHING
KSBY	<u>Dozens of San Luis Obispo restaurants offering deals for SLO Restaurant Week</u>	478,000.00	\$39.54	Support Local	PROACTIVE PITCHING
YAHOO NEWS	Go out to eat in SLO, earn a gift card. Dining bonus is back and here's how it works	180,340,000	\$156,947.30	Support Local	PROACTIVE PITCHING
THE TRIBUNE	Go out to eat in SLO, earn a gift card. Dining bonus is back and here's how it works Read more at: https://www.sar	21,000.00	\$2,668.27	Support Local	PROACTIVE PITCHING
PASO ROBLES DAILY NEWS	<u>Diverse cultural offerings revealed in San Luis Obispo's event lineup</u>	85,000.00	\$6.39	Cultural	PROACTIVE PITCHING
PASO ROBLES DAILY NEWS	<u>Lunar New Year celebration planned this February in San Luis Obispo</u>	85,000.00	\$6.39	Cultural	PROACTIVE PITCHING
A-TOWN DAILY NEWS	<u>Lunar New Year celebration planned this February in San Luis Obispo</u>	1,000.00		Cultural	PROACTIVE PITCHING
YAHOO NEWS	SLO to celebrate 150th birthday of Ah Louis Store with a block party and drone show	180,340,000	\$156,947.30	Cultural	PROACTIVE PITCHING
THE TRIBUNE	SLO to celebrate 150th birthday of Ah Louis Store with a block party and drone show	21,000.00	\$2,668.27	Cultural	PROACTIVE PITCHING
KSBY	How SLO's Buy Local Bonus program brought nearly \$950,000 to local retailers in just 30 days	478,000.00	\$39.54	Support Local	PROACTIVE PITCHING
TRAVEL DREAMS MAGAZINE	California Town Pays Homage to its Chinese Settlers during Lunar New Year Block Party	4,000.00	\$0.22	Cultural	PROACTIVE PITCHING
TIMES OF INDIA	California's guide to the best culinary and drink trails	31,130,000.00	\$2,007.65	Beer/Wine	RESPONSIVE PITCHING
WORLD ATLAS	6 Best Towns in Southern California to Visit in 2024	5,080,000.00	\$305.33	Cultural	
BON TRAVELER	The Best Family-Friendly Hotels in California	70,000.00	\$6.19	Family	
VISIT CALIFORNIA	<u>6 Secret California Bars</u>	230,243.00		Beer/Wine	
INSIDE THE TRAVEL LAB	How to Plan Your San Francisco to Santa Barbara Road Trip	39,000.00	\$1.34	Cultural	
CALIFORNIA UNPUBLISHED	Things to Do in Central California: A Guide to the Best Activities and Attractions	14,000.00	\$0.68	Cultural	
EXPLORE	This Vintage-Charmed Inn Is Sure To Leave You Swooning On Valentine's Day	632,000.00	\$0.12	Cultural	
TOTALS					
	25	418,613,243.00	\$323,211.96		
	TOTAL YTD	876,737,678.00	\$513,300.83		
	109	1,295,350,921.00	\$836,512.79		

# REPORT TO CITY OF SLO - TBID & PCC GUEST SERVICES CONTRACT JANUARY 2024

VISITOR INTERACTION						
	Jan	Dec	Jan			
	2023	2023	2024			
Walk-ins	9,551	14,148	10,931			
Phone Calls	826	563	616			
Emails & Digital	1,385	2,073	1,587			

CALLS TO 877-SLO-TOWN								
	Jan	Dec	Jan					
	2023	2023	2024					
Calls	72	20	46					

HOTEL REFERRALS							
	Jan	Dec	Jan				
	2023	2023	2024				
Referrals	1,157	39	42				

HOTEL AVAILABILITY TRACKER							
	Jan	Dec	Jan				
	2023	2023	2024				
Email	81	81	94				
Phone Calls	257	101	82				

INFORMATION REQUESTS									
	Jan	Jan							
	2023	2024							
Fulfilled	N/A	22							

DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT						
Internation	al Travelers					
Asia	0%					
Europe	33%					
Australia/NZ	0%					
UK	22%					
N. America	33%					
C. America	0%					
S. America	11%					
Domestic Travelers						
West Coast	22%					
Southwest	0%					
Midwest	39%					
South	6%					
East Coast	33%					
California	Travelers					
Northern CA	12%					
Central Coast	77%					
Central Valley	1%					
Desert	1%					
Southern CA	9%					

EVENTS SHARED							
	Jan						
	2024	YTD					
VisitSLO.com	17	17					

VISITOR CENTER ACTIVATIONS
No external activations

VISITOR CENTER HIGHLIGHTS
1) Eat Local Bonus Program - full tilt!
2) Getting those next set of gift cards
3) Supporting Restaurant week



Agency Report · January 2024

# **SLO-TBID**



# **Agency Report**

# January Activity & Performance

#### What's Ahead:

Quarterly Marketing Plan FY23-24:

■ Visit SLO - 30/60/90 Marketing Plan - FY23-24

#### **Paid Media**

#### Paid Search

In January, paid search drove 26,175 impressions (+13% YoY), 3,955 clicks (+41% YoY), 15% CTR (+24% YoY), a 53% conversion rate (+53% YoY), a \$3.99 average CPC (-6% YoY) and 5,152 sessions (+61% YoY) while driving 1,595 hotel referrals (+106% YoY), 170 homestay referrals (+89% YoY), and 187 things to do referrals (+167% YoY) at a 33% increase in cost YoY.

#### Campaigns - PoP Campaign Campaign t... **CTR** %Δ Conv. rate 🔻 %Δ Conversions %Δ 1.. Hotels | Generic Search Only 12.82% 53.4% # 86.79% 56.1% # 396.64 659.0% \$ 2.. Pet Friendly Hotels Search Only 28.44% 9.1% : 77.65% -14.7% • 234.5 17.1% : 28.9% : 3.. Downtown Hotels Search Only 20.08% 72.2% 42.1% 1 220.21 218.6% : 4.. Discount Hotels Search Only 23.0% : 70.07% 120.6%... 68.67 222.6% : 13.78% 5... Best Hotels Search Only 12.79% 9.7% : 62.12% 39.8% : 127.35 82.6% : 6.. Boutique Hotels Search Only 12.67% 15.3% : 58.75% 6.8% : 127.48 363.6% : 7.. DSA - Landing Page Search Only 10.05% 38.9% : 58.43% -4.8% | 197.5 195.2% :

11.04%

15.11%

Search Only

Grand total

34.4% :

18.5% :

This graph shows PoP data as YoY comparisons within the GA4 dashboard are not available, as GA4 was implemented less than one year ago.



8. Motels

130.9% :

119.51

2,094.78 131.3% #

-20.8% #

17.2% :

56.91%

52.97%

#### Paid Social

Paid social drove **2,712,697 impressions** (**+145**% **YoY**), **826,856 users reached**, and **37,519** clicks (**+161**% **YoY**) across Facebook and Instagram with a **1.38% CTR** for FB/Instagram (**+7% YoY**) for 14,436 sessions (**+144**% **YoY**) while driving **8 hotel referrals** (**+33% YoY**), **1 Homestay referrals** (**-67% YoY**), and **1 things to do referral** (**+100% YoY**) at a 101% increase in cost YoY.

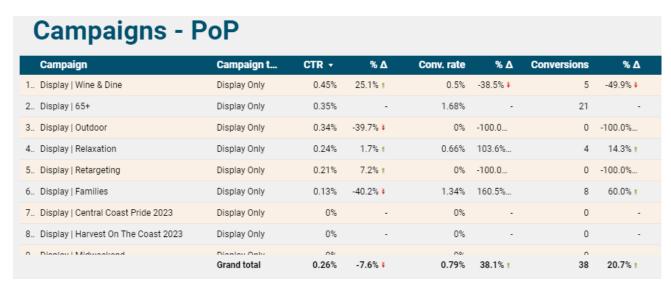
# **Top Campaigns by Impressions**

	Campaign name	Impressions *	CTR (all)	CPC (all)
1.	Hello SLO Life   Outdoor	781,054	1.01%	0.41
2.	Hello SLO Life   65+	506,667	1.71%	0.28
3.	Hello SLO Life   Relaxation	481,769	1.24%	0.45
4.	Hello SLO Life   Wine & Dine	434,218	1.82%	0.39
5.	Hello SLO Life   Families	382,893	1.22%	0.45
6.	Hello SLO Life   Remarketing	126,096	1.9%	0.83

## Display

Display drove 1,807,969 impressions (-6% YoY), 4,780 clicks (-13% YoY), a 0.26% CTR (-8% YoY), and 3,252 sessions (-41% YoY) while driving 22 hotel referrals (+57% YoY), 2 homestay referrals (-75% YoY), and 1 things to do referral (-67% YoY), at a 4% decrease in cost YoY.





This graph shows PoP data as YoY comparisons within the GA4 dashboard are not available, as GA4 was implemented less than one year ago.

Impressions 1,807,969  4-5.6% from previous year	Paid Clicks 4,780 # -12.8% from previous year	Paid CTR 0.26%  -7.6% from previous year	\$3,567.98	Avg. CPC \$0.75  • 9.6% from previous year	Cost / conv. \$93.89 # -20.8% from previous year
■ -5.6% from previous year  ■ -5.6% from previous year	■ -12.8% from previous year  ■ -12.8% from previous year	■ -7.6% from previous year  ■ -7.6% from previous year	• -4.4% from previous year		# -20.8% from previous year

#### Video

Video campaigns drove 433,290 impressions (+163% YoY), 6,168 clicks (+549% YoY), a 1.42% CTR (+147% YoY), and 4,241 sessions (+1,488% YoY) while driving 4 hotel referrals, 3 things to do referral, and 1 newsletter signups, at an 18% increase in cost YoY.

Campa	igns - Po	οР						
Campaign		Campaign t	CTR ▼	% △	Conv. rate	% ∆	Conversions	% ∆
1 Video   Remarketing	)	Video	2.01%	54.7% :	0.17%	1,198.8	3	400.0% :
2 Video   Wine & Dine		Video	1.8%	271.9% :	0.04%	-	1	-
3 Video   Outdoor		Video	1.24%	54.7% :	0.11%	688.6%	2	100.0% #
4 Video   Families		Video	1.22%	236.9% :	0.09%	11.1% :	2	0.0%
5 Video   Relaxation		Video	1.1%	144.5% :	0.06%	-	1	-
Impressions 433,290 t 162.8% from previous year	Paid Clicks 6,168 ± 549.3% from previous year	Paid CTR 1.42% + 147.1% from pr	evious year	\$1,757.21 t 17.5% from previous y	Avg. C \$0.		Cost / conv. \$195.2 rear # -53.0% from	25 m previous year

Proactively monitored and optimized paid media placements (\$38,434 spend).



### **Email Marketing**

#### Monthly Newsletter

In January, we sent a monthly newsletter to all subscribers that highlighted the return of The MidWeekend deal. This email also featured a link to vote for Mission Plaza in USA Today's "10 Best Rankings", ways to be well in the new year, and kid-friendly fun. We also tested adding a new SLO Life Tip block to the bottom of the page. The MidWeekend link significantly drove the most clicks at 71% of total clicks. While we saw slight decreases in total website sessions, average session duration, and engagement rate, we saw a significant increase in total partner referrals PoP.

#### January Newsletter Snapshot

• Email Campaigns Sent: 1

• Audience Reached: All Newsletters Subscribers

Recipients: 22,737Open Rate: 40.2%Click Rate: 1.1%

Number of Website Sessions: 420 (-6% PoP)
 Average Session Duration: 2:14 (-5% PoP)

Pages / Session: 2.43 (+23% PoP)
Engagement Rate: 54.76% (-1% PoP)
Total Partner Referrals: 114 (+256% PoP)
Total Lodging Referrals: 35 (+40% PoP)

## **Search Engine Optimization (SEO) & Content Creation**

Organic search traffic increased 25% period-over-period and increased 47% year-over-year. Year-over-year organic hotel partner referrals increased 205%, homestay partner referrals increased 166%, and things to do referrals increased 58%. YoY Average Session Duration decreased 2% and pages per session increased 14%.

Page 1 keywords decreased by 6% PoP, and total keywords decreased by 4%. This slight decrease for the month of January could be in part from a shift in focus during the month of December. In December, we audited the website's images and SERP appearance for Google's Search Generative Experience (SGE) queries and identified opportunities to improve our ranking potential for SGE queries in the future. We are continuing to monitor SEO performance across all of our pages since our new website launched in July, and are seeing good organic improvements across the board.

SEO Optimizations completed

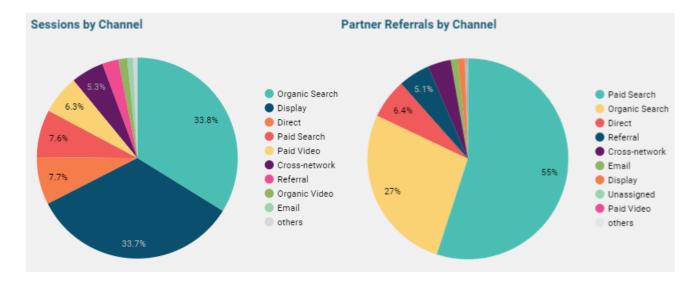




- Cal Poly
- Golf Courses
- Things To Do
- Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa
- Technical SEO: Audit the caching, server response time, and JS execution time to ensure fast load of content

#### Website

In January, the website saw 69,908 total sessions (+86% YoY). The engagement rate averaged 43% (+66% YoY), with the highest engagement coming from paid social, organic search, display, and paid search. January saw an average of 2.22 pages per session (+17% YoY) and an average session duration of 1:39 (+68% YoY). In January we saw 2,864 Hotel Referrals (+123% YoY), 344 Homestay referrals (+97% YoY), and 2,363 Things to Do referrals (+50% YoY).



#### MRO Updates:

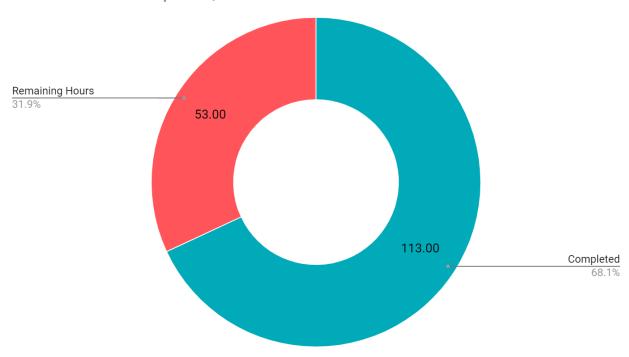
- Plugin Updates
- Fixed SLO Life Tips display in backend (eyebrows and CTAs rendered with wrong styles, and eyebrows were not always readable)
- New CTA edit control, this one finally makes sense and is simple
- Disabled WP core patterns so that patterns list is cleaner. This makes patterns more usable as a "starter template" tool
- Some code cleanup



#### **Web Retainer**

Includes the injection of 10 hours for the approved SLO International Film Festival and Harvest on the Coast campaign support.

SLO Web Retainer | 2023/2024 - 166 Total Hours

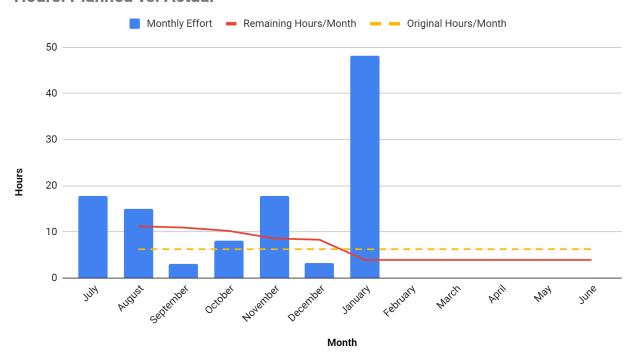


# **Monthly Progress**

Task	Hours	Accomplishments
Monthly Maintenance, Coordination, and Management	48.25	New filter listing for stakeholders/hotels, homepage and event updates, partner blog posts implemented, updates to new neighborhood pattern

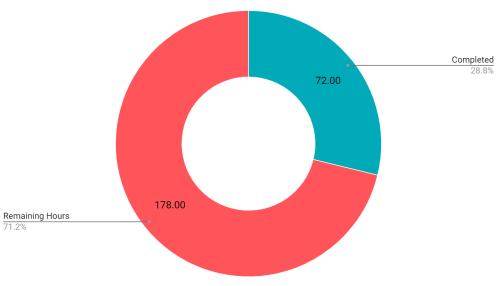


#### Hours: Planned vs. Actual



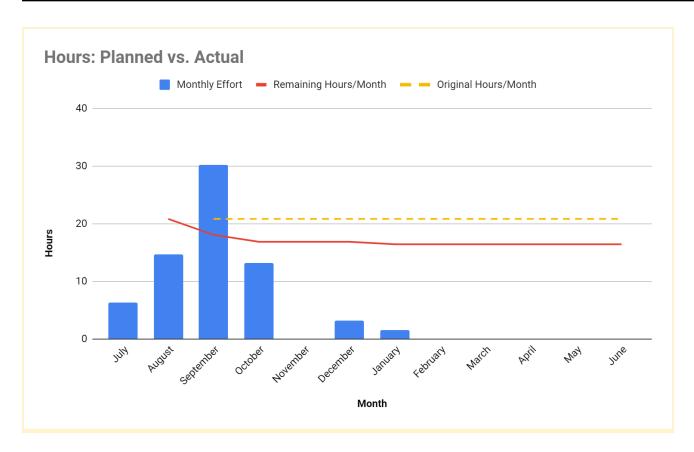
### **Creative Services**

#### SLO Creative Services | 2023/2024 - 250 Total Hours



# **Monthly Progress**

Task	Hours	Accomplishments
Monthly Maintenance, Coordination, and Management	1.5	IHeart radio scripts



# PR, Media, And Influencer Relations

#### **Proactive Pitch Development:**

- One Town, Many Flavors (Wine, Farmers' Market, Public Market) In Progress
- SLOMA After Dark Monitoring for Coverage
- SLO Named an 'A List City' by the Carbon Disclosure Project Monitoring for Coverage
- Lunar Year Block Party Monitoring for Coverage

#### **Proactive/Reactive Pitching and Outreach:**

Farley Elliott, SF Gate, Car-Free Dining



- Janet O' Grady, Architectural Digest
- Josh Jackson, Paste Magazine, Wine and Wellness
- Linda Laban, NY Post
- Steve Drake, Drift Travel, Lunar Year Block Party
- Tim Controneo, Travel Dreams Magazine, Lunar Year Block Party (story ran)
- USA Today's 10 Best, Wine Country Hotels, Tamara Gane
- Sucheta Rawal, Thrillist, Under-the-Radar Romantic Destinations

#### Hosted Media Visit or Influencer Partnerships (3-5 visits/partnerships in 2023-24)

- Individual Media Visits 4 Complete
  - Lina Lecara, LA Weekly, August 2-4
  - o Eileen Ognitz & Andrew Yemma, Taking the Kids, August 9-11
  - Susan Lanier-Graham, North Peoria Lifestyle, October 26
  - Erica Zazo, Backpacker Magazine, December 6-9
- Upcoming Individual Media Visits (Confirmed)
  - Alexa Mellardo, Eat This, Not That, March 6-9
  - Matt Meltzer, Fifty Grand, December 20 (Canceled)

#### DCI's All Client Pitch Initiative

Proposed: (4-6 pitches throughout 2023-24)

**Progress:** 

5 Complete: What's New in 2024 (July 2023), Hispanic Heritage Month (August 2023), Foodie Destinations (September 2023), Babymoons (October 2023), Accessibility (November 2023)

#### DCI 2023-24 SLO Coverage Grid:

 https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1X5vv8eqMyV4HSLq4nod-fio\_XtbqSyap54Hau1w V7yY/edit?usp=sharing



# ORGANIC SOCIAL REPORT

January 2024



# **INSTAGRAM**

In January, we gained over 600 new followers, keeping our average monthly increase intact. We saw an increase in impressions with more users seeing our content come across their page. We did see a decrease in engagements and engagement rate due to a monumental influx during the comparison period with the viral reel.

#### TOP POSTS:

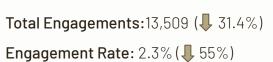








Total stories: 207





# **FACEBOOK**

In January, we saw an increase in analytics across the board due to running paid advertising which extends our reach across the platform. The best performing posts remain local experiences and what's new in San Luis Obispo.

#### TOP POSTS:







**Page Followers:** 98,219 ( **⇒** 0%)

Total Net Audience Growth: 36

Total Posts: 28

**Total Impressions:** 3,059,943 (♠944%)

**Total Organic:** 47,182 ( **1**5.3%)

**Total Engagements:** 51,222 ( **1** 1,402%)

**Engagement Rate:** 1.67 % ( 43.9%)



# **PINTEREST**

In January, we saw an increase in followers, total audience, and engaged audience. This means our content is reaching more new users and engaging returning users. We also saw an increase in impressions which again shows our extension in reach across this platform.

#### TOP POSTS:



Hike SLO 1.31k 28 Pins Impressions



How to SLO 754 47 Pins Impressions

Followers: 60

Total Net Growth: 3

Total Impressions: 2.3k( 130%)

**Total Saves:** 34 ( **▶**0%)

Engagements: 118 ( ♠ 24%)

Total Audience: 1.51k ( 43%)

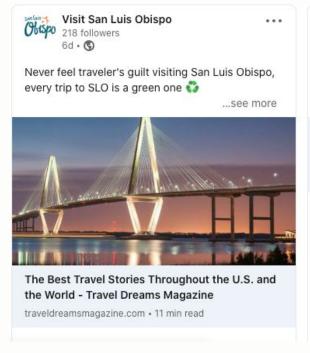
Engaged Audience: 71( 133%)

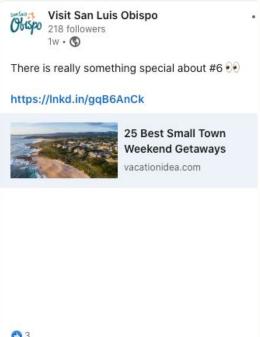


# LINKEDIN

In January, we stayed far above the industry standard in engagement rate. We saw an increase in audience growth and impressions, keeping the viewership of existing followers and gaining new ones with our content.

#### TOP POSTS:





Total Audience: 214

Total Net Growth: 13

Total Posts: 4

Impressions: 402 (**↑** 20%)

Engagements:  $31( \Rightarrow 0\%)$ 

**Engagement Rate**: 7.7% ( ♣ 19.5%)



# **CA Travel Stories - Crowdriff**

In January, we saw an increase in story views, impressions, and completion rate. This means more users are seeing our content and watching the entirety of the story when viewed. Interaction rate slightly decreased, but stays right near the standard. These stories are entirely exposure-based and depend on high quality images, clear content focusing on SEO, and short duration.

#### POSTS THIS MONTH:



Total Posts: 2

Story Views: 94 (♠ 5.6%)

Story Impressions: 7.3k (1.4%)

Interaction Rate: 66% ( ♣2%)

(Average Rate: 67%)

**Completion Rate**: 53% ( **1** 5.5%)

(Average Rate: 52%)



# WHAT WE WORKED ON THIS MONTH:

- Eat Local Bonus
  - -Intro Reel, Food/Bev Related Posts (Brunch in SLO, Mocktails in SLO)
- SLO Restaurant Week
  - -Intro Reel, 3 Perfect Pairing Reels w/ Adam Montiel
- New in SLO Content / Cutting Edge
  - 4 New Murals in SLO, New Businesses in SLO
- -National Plan Your Vacation Day
- -Quick Tips for Sustainable SLO Travel
- Video Content Focus
  - POV: You're A Dog in SLO (18k+ impressions)
  - "We're in SLO" Viral Reel Still Growing (207k+ impressions)
- -Ticket Tuesday Giveaways
  - -Through Eyes of Glass W.S., The Center Yoga Membership





# **FEBRUARY'S FOCUS:**

- -Black History Month
  - -Black-Owned Businesses
- -MidWeekend Campaign
  - -Intro Reel, 3 Related Posts
- -Lunar New Year Palm Street Block Party
  - -Basket Giveaway, 3 Related Posts
- Galentine's Event Giveaway w/ @thepenny
- Food / Bev Features
  - -Pizza in SLO, New Sips in SLO
- SLO Fun Facts Feature, SLO Nightlife Feature
- -Sustainable Travel in SLO, Farmers' Market
- -SLO Direct Flight (Dallas) Feature
- -Arts and Culture
  - -Live Shows in SLO (Fremont Theatre, SLO Rep Theatre, etc.)

