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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
CALIFORNIA®

# YEAR IN REVIEW



FY 2017/18

# WHY TOURISM MATTERS

## TRAVEL SPENDING

**\$1.75B**

UP 4.3% OVER 2016

## DIRECT SPENDING FROM EACH SECTOR



Food service

**\$482M**



Accommodations

**\$467M**



Retail

**\$254M**



Arts, entertainment & Recreation

**\$210M**

## VISITOR SPENDING

**\$1.68B**

UP 3.9% OVER 2016

## VISITOR SPENDING BY ACCOMMODATION TYPE

Hotels and Motels



**\$1.05B**

Day Travel



**\$344M**

Campgrounds



**\$145M**

Private Homes



**\$98M**

Vacation Homes



**\$42M**

## DIRECT SPENDING BY DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS AVERAGED:

**\$4.8M**  
A DAY

**\$200K**  
AN HOUR

**\$3.3K**  
A MINUTE



**\$56**  
A SECOND

**83% OF TRAVEL COMPANIES ARE CONSIDERED SMALL BUSINESSES**

Source: US Travel Association



**1 OUT OF 7 SLO COUNTY JOBS DEPEND ON TRAVEL AND TOURISM**

Source: California Economic Development Department

**20,250**  
TOTAL JOBS

**\$645M**  
IN INDUSTRY EARNINGS

Accommodations & Food Service

**12,400**  
JOBS

**\$433M**

Arts, Entertainment & Recreation

**5,620**  
JOBS

**\$123M**

Retail

**1,520**  
JOBS

**\$52M**

Ground Transportation

**480**  
JOBS

**\$23M**

Visitor Air Transportation

**70**  
JOBS

**\$5M**

Other Travel

**160**  
JOBS

**\$9M**



IMPERATIVE: DEMONSTRATE VALUE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES

## LOCAL TAX REVENUE \$75.2M

WHICH COULD COVER EXPENSES FOR:



**751** Police Officers' Salaries

**120** Miles of 2-lane resurfaced roads



**1,018** Firefighters' salaries



**104** Parks

Sources: Dean Runyan, Bureau of Labor Statistics

EACH SLO CAL HOUSEHOLD WOULD PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$720<sup>28</sup> IN TAXES WITHOUT THE TAX REVENUE GENERATED BY TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Sources: Dean Runyan, U.S. Census Bureau

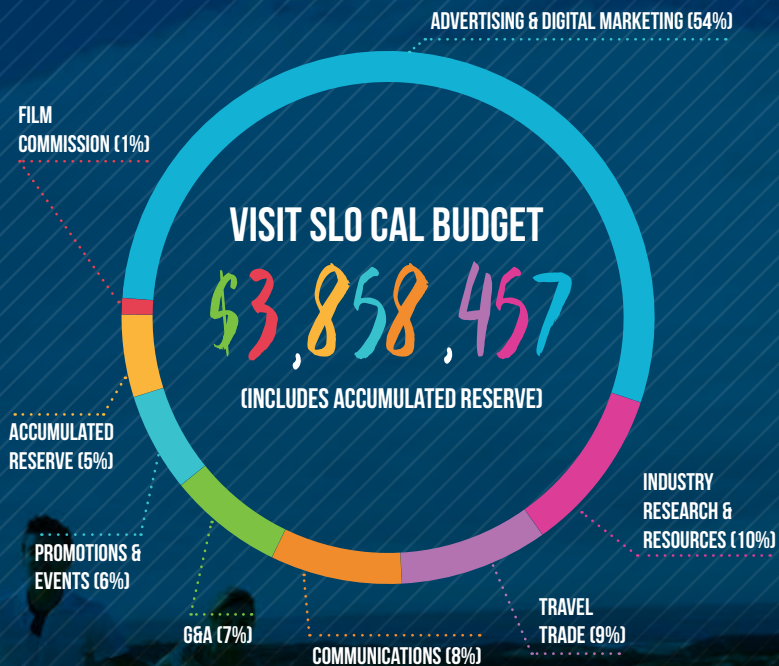
VISITOR TAX RECEIPTS

**\$56M**

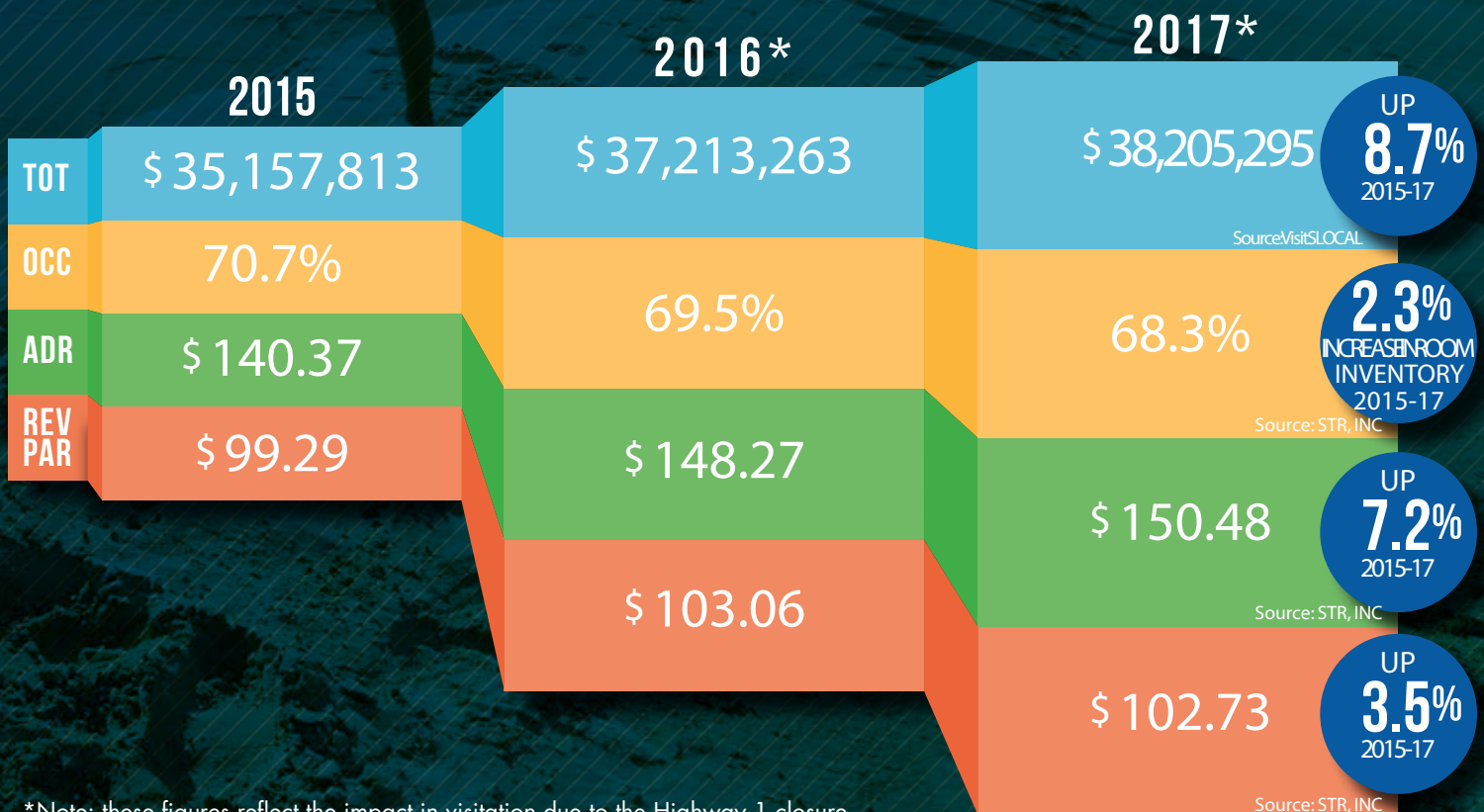
VS. BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS

**\$19M**

IMPERATIVE: OPTIMIZE OUR ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY



IMPERATIVE: DEMONSTRATE VALUE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES



\*Note: these figures reflect the impact in visitation due to the Highway 1 closure

Source: STR, INC

IMPERATIVE: ESTABLISH BRAND CLARITY AND INCREASED AWARENESS THROUGH UNIFIED EFFORTS

## NEW WEBSITE: SLOCAL.COM



## YOY CHANGE IN WEBSITE METRICS

SESSIONS  
+27.3%

USERS  
+35.9%

PAGEVIEWS  
+19.6%

AVG. SESSION  
DURATION  
+7.0%

BOUNCE  
RATE  
-6.8%

NOTE: figures from April 2017 to March 2018

## SOCIAL MEDIA



32KFOLLOWERS  
54% increase YOY



19.5KFOLLOWERS  
56% increase YOY

NOTE: figures as of March, 2018

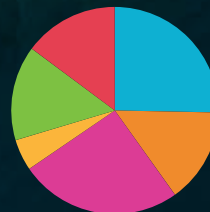
## PUBLIC RELATIONS

- New National PR Agency TURNER PR
- 136 Media Articles
- 65 Media Professionals hosted
- 118M U.S. Press Circulation
- 55M U.K.(BlackDiamond) Press Circulation

## ADVERTISING

### CHANNELS

23% DISPLAY | 11% MOBILE | 31% SEM  
25% SOCIAL | 10% VIDEO



### TOTAL MEDIA BUY: \$1.2M

- 25.3% LOS ANGELES
- 14.8% DENVER
- 25.3% SAN FRANCISCO
- 5.0% LAS VEGAS
- 14.8% SEATTLE
- 14.8% PHOENIX

NOTE: projected allocation, final figures may vary

IMPERATIVE: BUILD AND EXPAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

visit  
California



Poppy Award for Best Digital Marketing Campaign

## CO-OP MEDIA

\$170K

JOINT CAMPAIGN SPEND



DMO PARTNERS

SOCIAL & NATIVE  
ADVERTISING

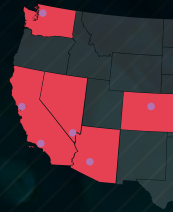




## BRAND AWARENESS



6 MARKETS



BRAND LIFT STUDY WAVE 2

1,838

Completed surveys

FAMILIARITY WITH SLO CAL

39% HAVE VISITED

61% HAVE NOT VISITED

## AD EFFECTIVENESS

SOMEWWHAT LIKELY OR VERY LIKELY TO VISIT SLO CAL IN THE NEXT 24 MONTHS

PRE-EXPOSURE

77%

POST-EXPOSURE

85%

+8%

## WAVE 2 VS. WAVE 1 BRAND LIFT

CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN ADS ABOUT SLO CAL IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS: 29% vs 25% (+4pp)

VISITED AND WOULD VISIT AGAIN: 92% vs 90% (+2pp)

HAVE NOT VISITED BUT INTERESTED: 68% vs 66% (+2pp)

## TRAVEL TRADE

8 FAMS - 44 ATTENDEES • 5 TRADESHOWS - 89 LEADS - 58 PROSPECTS  
4 SALES MISSIONS - 7 CITIES - 8 AGENCY TRAININGS - 66 LEADS - 50 PROSPECTS

3 CONSUMER EVENTS

RVIA

REACH  
38,000

SAVOR

12,000

IMPERATIVE: ADVOCATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

## DESTINATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

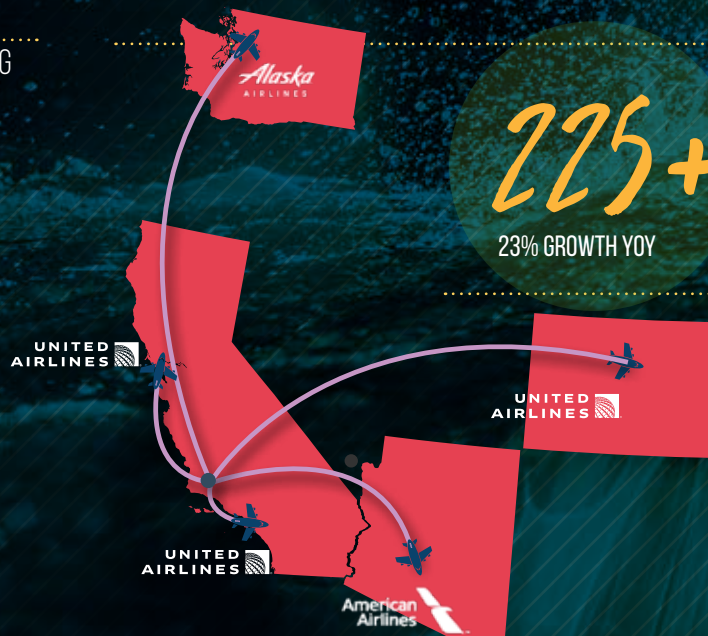
GOAL: TO OUTLINE THE EVOLUTION, MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT OF OUR DESTINATION 20-30 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE



\$250K INVESTMENT

9-12 MONTH PROCESS

## AIR SERVICE SUPPORT



225+

23% GROWTH YOY

NEW SEATS ADDED

ADDITIONAL DAILY DENVER FLIGHT

+

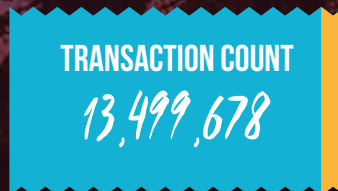
ENHANCED CAPACITY ON EXISTING FLIGHTS



## 2017 VISAVUE DOMESTIC TOURISM REPORT

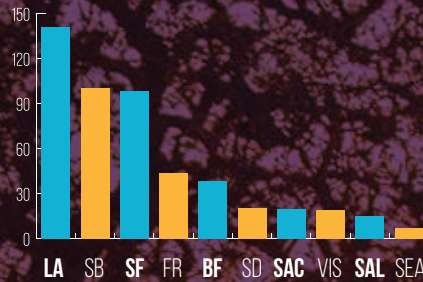


**CONSUMER** \$596,238,220 | **COMMERCIAL** \$ 57,928,096 | **YOY CHANGE** 10.4%

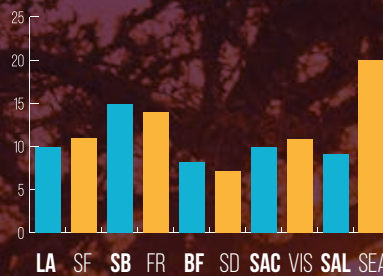


**CONSUMER** 12,734,094 | **COMMERCIAL** 765,584 | **YOY CHANGE** 7.9%

### TOP ORIGINATING MSA<sub>s</sub> BY SPEND AMOUNT (\$M)



### TOP ORIGINATING MSA<sub>s</sub> YOY \$ GROWTH (PERCENTS)



#### KEY

LA = LA/ORANGE COUNTY/RIVERSIDE

SB = SANTA BARBARA/SANTA MARIA

SF = SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND/SAN JOSE

FR = FRESNO

BF = BAKERSFIELD

SD = SAN DIEGO

SAC = SACRAMENTO/YOLO

VIS = VISALIA/TUL./PVILLE

SAL = SALINAS

SEA = SEATTLE/TAC/BREM.

Source: VVT/Visa

## 2017 VISAVUE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM REPORT

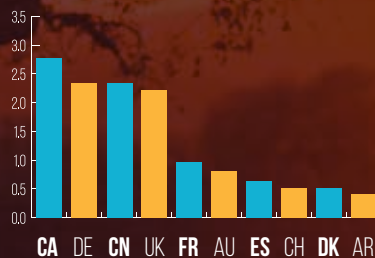


**CONSUMER** \$17,521,357 | **COMMERCIAL** \$1,131,558 | **YOY CHANGE** -9.6%



**CONSUMER** 234,677 | **COMMERCIAL** 8,411 | **YOY CHANGE** -3.2%

### TOP ORIGINATING COUNTRIES BY SPEND AMOUNT (\$M)



#### KEY

CA = CANADA

DE = GERMANY

CN = CHINA

UK = UNITED KINGDOM

FR = FRANCE

AU = AUSTRALIA

ES = SPAIN

CH = SWITZERLAND

DK = DENMARK

AR = ARGENTINA

### TOP MARKET SEGMENTS BY SPEND AMOUNT (\$M)



Source: VVT/Visa