

BOARD AND JPA MEETING Friday, June 27, 2025

GRAND HYATT°

INDIAN WELLS RESORT & VILLAS

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CALL TO ORDER



"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

ROLL CALL



CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA (NO VOTE REQUIRED)



PUBLIC COMMENT



APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ALL VOTE)

a. JPA-VGPS Board of Directors Joint Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2025

CONSENT CALENDAR (JPA ONLY VOTES)

a. Warrants and Demands Dated March 2025b. Warrants and Demands Dated April 2025c. Warrants and Demands Dated May 2025

CEO / PRESIDENT'S REPORT





TOM SCARAMELLINO

We are grateful for all you have contributed to support and lead our industry during your time in our destination and for your many years of leadership on our Board of Directors!

You will be missed!



COACHELLA VALLEY FOR CLEAN AIR

Formed in May 2025 by Dr. Toper Taylor, Indian Wells Council Member

Coachella Valley for Clean Air **brings together cities** and leading institutions to tackle the region's worsening air pollution crisis.

Key Partners:

Indian Wells, Eisenhower Health, Grand Hyatt, Renaissance Esmeralda, Desert Valleys Builders Association, USC Schwarzenegger

CURRENT BOARD LIAISONS

Thank you!

- Marketing/Brand
- Convention Sales
- Public Relations
- Destination Experiences
- Tourism Development
- Finance
- Partnership
- Tourism Foundation
- Community Engagement

Bob Schneider, Liz Ostoich, Celeste Brackley Tom Scaramellino, Rob Hampton Tim Pyne, Greg Purdy, Kate Anderson Barb Smith Peggy Trott, Patrick Klein Aftab Dada John Bolton David Feltman, Tim Ellis Doug Watson, Joseph Tormey

PLACE MAKING COMMITTEE



We are suggesting the creation of a **Place Making Committee** that will focus on developing attractions, activities, and experiences that will drive demand for summer and key need periods. The committee would work with the VGPS team and will assist in reviewing potential consultants to assist with the process.

The term will be for **12-18 months** with a maximum of 10 board and/or JPA members.

Please e-mail your interest to **scott@visitgreaterps.com**

AIR SERVICE

ONBOARDS ARE UP BY 26% FROM 2019 TO 2025*

PSP ONBOARD TRENDS

Number of one-way onboards: 2016 to 2025*



Note: March-April 2025 are derived from PSP enplanement report to encompass international airlines and 2025 = YE April 2025 Sources: Cirium T-100 & schedule data via Diio Mi; PSP enplanement report; Ailevon Pacific Aviation Consulting analysis

ARRIVALS FROM CANADA AT PSP





January – April Comparison of Canadian Airlines

<u>2025</u>: **108,439 passengers arrived** on Air Canada, WestJet, Porter, and Flair

• Porter (new airline for PSP) from Toronto added over 4K additional passengers

<u>2024</u>: **102,921 passengers arrived** on Air Canada, WestJet, and Flair

NEW & EXTENDED SERVICE

PSP SEASONAL FALL ROUTES					
AIRLINE	DESTINATION	RESUMPTION DATE			
United	Los Angeles (LAX)	19-Aug			
Sun Country	Minneapolis-Saint Paul (MSP)	11-Sep			
United	Chicago (ORD)	25-Sep			
Allegiant	Bellingham (BLI)	2-Oct			
Southwest	San Jose (SJC)	2-Oct			
WestJet	Edmondton (YEG)	5-Oct			
Delta	Minneapolis-Saint Paul (MSP)	6-Oct			
American	Chicago (ORD)	6-Oct			
Air Canada	Vancouver (YVR)	26-Oct			
Alaska	New York (JFK)	26-Oct			
Alaska	Seattle/Everett (PAE)	26-Oct			
United	Houston (IAH)	26-Oct			
Air Canada	Toronto (YYZ)	27-Oct			
WestJet	Winnipeg (YWG)	28-Oct			
Delta	Seattle (SEA)	10-Nov			
Delta	Atlanta (ATL)	1-Nov			
New Delta	Austin (AUS)	15-Nov			
Delta	(New York) JFK	8-Nov			
New Southwest	Chicago (MDW)	22-Nov			
Porter	Toronto (YYZ)	11-Dec			
United	Washington, D.C. (IAD)	18-Dec			

RESEARCH & REPORTS

Total Economic Impact of Tourism in Greater Palm Springs

> SOURCE: TOURISM ECONOMICS REPORT 2024

	2019	2023	2024	% CHANGE FROM 2023
283 TOTAL VISITORS	14.1M	14.4M	14.5M	0.97%
STATE & LOCAL TAXES	\$687M	\$851M	\$897M	1 5.40%
HOUSEHOLD TAXES SAVED	\$4,031	\$5,500	\$5,800	1 5.45%
JOBS SUSTAINED	53,572	50,936	51,045	10.21%
⑤ 丘古日 TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$7.5B	\$9.0B	\$9.1B	1.12%

GPS TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM (BILLIONS)



SOURCE: TOURISM ECONOMICS REPORT 2024

Methodology

Data Collection:

877 visitors were interviewed in person at various locations across the valley.

Interviews were conducted at the airport, a hotel, museums, public exhibits, downtown areas, special events, and other public spaces.

SOURCE: DOWNS & ST. GERMAIN RESEARCH Note: The sampling error for a sample size of 877 is ±3.31% points given a 95% confidence level. That is, we are very certain (95%) that the results in our Visitor Tracking Study are within 3.31% points of the "true" value on a quarterly basis.

Top Origin Markets	Percent
Los Angeles	16%
Seattle-Tacoma	6%
San Franciso-Oakland-San Jose	5%
Chicago	4%
New York	4%
Portland, OR	4%
San Diego	4%
Minneapolis-Saint Paul	3%
Denver	3%

Visitor Profile



Travel Party Composition



Lodging Preferences

- Over 2 in 5 visitors stayed in a hotel/motel/resort during their trip to the Greater Palm Springs area
- Over 1 in 5 visitors stayed in a vacation rental
- 15% of visitors stayed with friends/relatives



Top Activities in the Area



Visitor Satisfaction



SOURCE: DOWNS & ST. GERMAIN RESEARCH

Top Reasons for Being Very Satisfied



Needs Support*



*Multiple responses permitted.

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW



TED CONFERENCE: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP







Visit Greater Palm Springs had one of 5 exclusive spots as an Exclusive **Strategic Travel Partner** at **TED2025**, **which included**:

Brand presence + networking touchpoints - High-visibility placements throughout TED2025, reaching a high-profile audience.

Curated TED dinner - 50% of attendees at C-level, President, or Founder levels. Dinner Topic – "Bonds that Build."

Professional Development and networking touchpoint as added value in the form of invitation to join dedicated **CMO Track**

Panel inclusion speaking alongside TED speaker and podcast host Debbie Millman to share VGPS's commitment to being a thoughtfully sustainable destination.

LinkedIn Live discussion on "How to Create a Workplace Where Everyone Feels Valued," featuring Lauren Bruggemans in conversation with TED Curator Chee Pearlman, with over 280 live attendees and over 43K total views.

Expanded program for 2026 to include content and targeted media.

TED CONFERENCE: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Audience

1,600+

Attendees

26% From outside the US

15 Industry

Sectors

81% Ages 31-64

Countries represented

13.4%

53

NGO+

50% Previous Attendees

> Tech/Electronics NGO/Nonprofit Professional services Education

> Top industries represented

47%

Nonprofits

Senior leaders + decision makers



AMATEUR INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY

Synergy Sports Analysis

- Facility size for Greater Palm Springs would be approximately **200,000 S.F.**
- 10 full-sized courts allowing for 10 basketball, 20 volleyball, 30 pickleball courts
- Wide variety of uses
- Over 560,000 estimated annual attendees
- Incorporate **accessibility and sustainability** into design and operations
 - \$75M estimated project cost



GROUPS/MEETINGS SALES

SALES PRODUCTION - YTD



*NUMBERS REPRESENT BOOKINGS THOUGH VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS AS OF 6/26/25

FUTURE PACE 2025-2028

Year	OTB	Pace Targets	Variance	Variance %	Tentatives
2025	255,839	196,953	58,886	30%	29,187
2026	137,979	122,941	15,038	12%	147,178
2027	66,630	72,152	-5,552	-8 %	144,689
2028	26,332	42,882	-16,550	- 39 %	85,451

OFF-PEAK BOOKINGS BY PERIOD & YEAR (2025-2028)



NUMBERS REPRESENT BOOKINGS THOUGH VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS AS OF 5/31/25
APRIL – MAY TRAVEL/ TRADESHOWS RECAP

13 sales trips/tradeshows through end of May

Traveled to **17 cities**, from Los Angeles to Dallas, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Washington, D.C., and many more pcma

Visionary Awards and Fashion Show

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Diversity Conference

CalS∧E→ Elevate California

Roadshow in Atlanta & Washington D.C.



Sales missions in: Southern California Arizona Cleveland Kansas City Minneapolis Pittsburg Prestige Global Annual Partner Conference



Southern Supper & Sales calls



1:1 Planner appointments

IPW 2025

- **186** pre-scheduled appointments
- **5,000+** attendees
- **60+** countries represented

BOOTH PARTNERS

Grand Hyatt Indian Wells, Renaissance Esmeralda, JW Marriott Desert Springs, Riviera Resort & Spa Palm Springs, Ridgecrest CVB, Desert Regional Tourism Agency, (California Welcome Center – Yucca Valley)

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UPCOMING TRAVEL / JUNE - AUGUST

The sales team has **22 sales trips/tradeshows** scheduled from June - August.



pcma	HELMSBRISCOE	FICP
EduCon CEMA	Annual Conference	Education Forum
Есропсяталя виммит	CDX	INSTITUTE Engage Conference
Maritz [•]	Xasae ®	CANADIAN MEETINGS + EVENTS EXPO
Elevate Conference Activate Conference	Annual Conference	Annual Conference

MEETINGS ADVERTISING & STRATEGIC PARTNERS



TOURISM DEVELOPMENT Q3 PROGRAMMING





Sales calls in **Boston** ASTA gala in **New York** U.S. Travel's ESTO in **Phoenix** Brand USA & JATA webinars in Japan ACTA trade show in **Toronto** Visit California India Sales Mission Airport Roundtable in Tulsa ASTA Great Lakes trade show Sales calls in Chicago IFTM Top Resa in **Paris** Adventure Travel webinar - virtual









NEW SPORTS-FOCUSED SALES POSITION



Emily Heggernes National Sports Sales Manager

Joined the Convention Sales team June 2025

MATT

Congratulations!

ON HIS RETIREMENT.

May this next chapter be filled with new adventures!



DESTINATION MARKETING

SUMMER PROGRAMS

\$1.9M Summer Media Plan



NEW TV SPOT - :30 ADULT



NEW TV SPOT - :30 FAMILY



SUMMER LANDING PAGE



Sunshine. Palm trees. Pool days on repeat. If you were born to chill, you're summer is a vibe, with plenty of ways to lean into your own kind of escape friendly water parks, unwind with a spa day, or groove the night away, th

Feed a giraffe or meet a rhino at The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens, take in Aerial Tramway, or sip your way through the season with a local favorite chilled date shake is a must.

2025 SUMMER GETAWAY GUIDE X



Explore the nine cities of Greater Palm Springs with this guide to the ultimate summer getaway in our Southern California oasi Chat with us!

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SUMMER DIGITAL OUTDOOR BILLBOARDS



Expanded Summer Markets: Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Denver, Seattle, Portland

SUMMER DIGITAL DISPLAY ADS









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NO MATTER HOW YOU

SUMMER CAMPAIGN - SOCIAL MEDIA







SUMMER 2025 CO-OP TELEVISION

GRAND HYATT

INDIAN WELLS **RESORT & VILLAS**









JW MARRIOTT DESERT SPRINGS PALM DESERT THE RITZ-CARLTON

RANCHO MIRAGE



RANCHO MIRAGE **GOLF RESORT & SPA**

















SUMMER TV CO-OP: GRAND HYATT



SUMMER TV CO-OP: RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA



SUMMER TV CO-OP: VISIT PALM SPRINGS



SUMMER TV CO-OP: WESTIN RANCHO MIRAGE



SUMMER TV CO-OP: FANTASY SPRINGS



SUMMER TV CO-OP: BMW PERFORMANCE CENTER



VRBO SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Summer **VRBO** campaign will launch in July in partnership with global content agency Beautiful Destinations.

- Updated custom landing page outlining different pool floatie "personas" with corresponding itinerary suggestions
- Display ads promoting the landing page
- Custom influencer videos and header video content for each persona, filmed in Greater Palm Springs
- Collaborative social post featured on Beautiful Destinations' channel (25M+ followers)



VRBO SUMMER CAMPAIGN





What's your floatie personality?

Your poolside style says it all. Find your perfect Greater Palm Springs getaway



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Reveal your Greater Palm Springs travel style

Pick a floatie





LGBTQ+ SUMMER CAMPAIGN





LGBTQ+ SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Social campaign **geofencing** throughout the summer including Provincetown, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington D.C., and San Diego.

Attendees are served **geotargeted and retargeted ads** across digital and social platforms throughout the summer, aligning with Pride celebrations and LGBTQ+ events in these destinations.

SUMMER SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Deliverables to Launch Early July

- 1 main campaign video (30-sec & 60-sec versions)
- 9 total supporting social posts
- 4 influencers collaborating on posts and serving as video talent
- Custom travel itinerary created



@drew_tillman 57.1K followers



@janetgunngratefulgardenia 162K followers



@the.real.la.mama 88.2K followers



@lewildexploer
67.7K followers



SUMMER SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN



INFLUENCER STRATEGY

VGPS launched a social media **influencer strategy** in Q1 and Q2 of 2025.

This creates authentic partnerships with select influencers who align with the target demographics, **destination pillars** and organizational goals.

VGPS has amplified the destination's **brand presence** and engaged a wider audience.







Nicholette & Brian 1 Reel 1 Carousel Post 40.2K Total Post Views



@voyageswithval 3 Reels 1 Carousel Post 49.5K Total Post Views

SUMMER DIGITAL CONTENT



Summer Blogs

- Summer Travel Tips for Greater Palm Springs
- Find Your Summer Chill: Summer Events in Greater Palm Springs
- Chill Out in Style: Your Summer Vacation Itinerary in Greater Palm Springs
- Eight Reasons to Visit Greater Palm Springs This Summer
- Your Guide to Family Fun in Greater Palm Springs
- 56 blogs updated from March May

ADDITIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS: TV / OOH

To further promote destination hotels and vacation rentals to visitors during off-peak season, additional summer tactics were added including:



 Television – Addition of one-stop markets for summer including New York, Minneapolis, Washington DC, Chicago, and Austin

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 Out-Of-Home – New markets added including Denver, Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco



 Lifestyle TV Segments – Upcoming dedicated local TV segments promoting summer travel in LA, San Diego, Seattle, Portland, Austin, DC, Chicago, and Dallas.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS: DIGITAL



- Mobile-first OTA program with price prediction model focusing on deals for travelers, with a strong Millennial and Gen Z presence.
- Hopper funds platform-wide discounts to the destination, meaning hotels don't need to directly offer discounts that impact ADR.
- Campaign includes **destination microsite**, **mobile push notifications**, and **video ads**.
- Partnership with Capital One allows ads to be served on Capital One's travel booking platform.



- **Tiki (formely Clicktripz)** serves digital programmatic ad units across their network of over 200+ sites.
- Ad units have a native AI chatbot feature, allowing users to interact with the ad unit and ask questions, directing to more information on our Visit Greater Palm Springs website.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS: EXPEDIA

- Expedia Soccer World Championship Co-Op campaign promotes bookings to participating Southern California destinations around June soccer events.
- As Expedia's primary sponsor of the program, Greater Palm Springs receives top placement on the custom landing page along with digital and social ads promoting the campaign.
- Results as of June show nearly 11.5K room nights booked at Greater Palm Springs hotels.

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Score big in Southern California

The FIFA Club World Cup 2025 is bringing the world's best clubs to Pasadena's iconic Rose Bowl Stadium—but why stop there? Southern California isn't just about world-class soccer; it's a vibrant destination packed with adventure, culture, and unforgettable experiences.

Before, during and after the action-packed matches, take your trip to the next level by exploring three of SoCal's must-visit destinations.

Kick it in Greater Palm Springs, Buena Park, and Santa Ana-SoCal's ultimate travel lineup. Pass, shoot, and score an epic getaway beyond the game.



Greater Palm Springs Escape your ordinary

Discover Greater Paim Springs, where adventure awaits at every turn — and where your stay is as unforgetable as your surroundings. Whether you're exploring surreal landscapes, floating the day away in a sparkling pool, dining at world-class restaurants, relaxing in hot mineral springs, or immersing yourself in rich culture and heritage, this Southern California osais Orfers something extraordinary for everyone.



Santa Ana

Discover a city of originality

Santa Ana's energy is unmatched! Enjoy vibrant nightlife, a funky-meets-folk art scene, featuring 200+ murals, year-cound celebrations, and natural plant wellness, along with authentic cuisine reflective of its diversity. Home to family-friendly attractions including Bowers Museum, Discovery Cube, and the Santa Ana Zoo. A unique OC destination!

See more



Buena Park, CA

SoCAL's Fun City

Just 20 miles from the Rose Bowl, 5 miles from Disneyland and in the middle of all the action is the lively city of Buena Park! Enjoy corkscrew coasters at Knott's Berry Fam, knights in tights, waterslide wedgies, cotton candy cocktails, speakeasy dueling piano bar, award-winning dining, and affordable hotels. Say Yes and download a free guide today.



LOCAL STAYCATION CAMPAIGN

A local-targeted **Staycation campaign** is launching to encourage residents in the Coachella Valley and nearby Riverside and San Bernadino counties to experience a summer "staycation" at destination hotels and vacation rentals utilizing our Born to Chill summer creative, including targeted display ads, streaming audio, and **social media**.



30% OFF YOUR 7 NIGHT STAY

ACME House Company Vacation Rentals Sun-Soaked Summer Savings Book Any 7+ Night Stay & Get 30% Off Valid for Stays ...

READ MORE .

GET 10% OFF YOUR STAY OF 7-NIGHTS

Endless Summer House Indio -Family Friendly Paradise! Get 10% off your stay when you book a week at Endless Summer House! We offer direct



25% OFF & WAIVED AMENITY FEE

The Saguaro Hotel & Pool Summer of Color Yes to the sun and the splash at Saguaro Palm Springs. This summer...

READ MORE .



THE GROWN-UP GETAWAY

Thompson Palm Springs Treat yourself to a stay in Upper Stories, their 21 and over retreat designed for ...

READ MORE .



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SEE ALL GETAWAY OFFERS ▶

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

Continuing ongoing efforts in the **UK and Ireland** in FY '25/26 with an increased focus on optimizing campaigns towards consideration and conversions, along with potential addition of advertising efforts in the **German** market.

International campaigns are planned to continue in FY '25/26 in partnership with **Brand USA / Visit California** across platforms like Expedia, TripAdvisor, and Sojern.

Optimized audience programs, which utilize Brand USA's first party data to reach travelers in markets like the UK, Mexico, Germany, France, and Canada, will also be reviewed for continuation starting this new FY.


WHERE YOU SHINE CAMPAIGN



A new international brand campaign, **"Where You Shine"** is in the development process, focusing on our destination's inclusive, welcoming, and inviting reputation, where individuals can "shine" as their authentic self.



ARRIVALIST

Arrivalist was added at the beginning of 2025 to **measure advertising effectiveness** by comparing exposed visitors to unexposed visitors. Arrivalist campaign measurement offers insights that power media planning decisions, connecting the dots between digital advertising and real visitation to destinations.



How Arrivalist Works

- Pixeled ads are served for Greater Palm Springs via mobile or desktop, across websites, apps, or streaming platforms **tracking exposed consumers** and **arrivals to the destination**.
- This is compared to a control group that are not exposed to advertising media to calculate the **incremental lift impact advertising has on arrivals**.
- Both groups (target and control) are part of the Arrivalist network and have consented to share information via app usage. It is anonymous and privacy compliant.



ARRIVALIST

Visit Greater Palm Springs Attribution Benchmarks

Arrival Window: January-May 2025

770K Unique Panelists

664

Arrival Sample

41.6% Arrival Lift (Benchmark 24%)

52%

Stay Lift (Benchmark 9-10%) 87.5%

Out of State Arrival Lift 54% Out of State Stay Lift

ARRIVALIST - VISITORS FROM FLY MARKETS

2025 Highlight: Fly Market Performance

Media Attribution:

Arrival Lift vs. Fly Market



Market

Key fly markets showcased strong performance against their control group, including regional and longhaul markets.

Both paid and owned media show
their effectiveness in driving impact to the Greater Palm Springs region.

Markets ordered by volume of visitation

ARRIVALIST - VISITORS FROM CALIFORNIA

2025 Highlight: In-State Market Performance

Media Attribution:



Markets ordered by volume of visitation

When organic visitation is strong, achieving incremental lift becomes challenging. However, California residents who have seen an ad show increased likelihood of visiting.

- The impact of ads is showcased with San Francisco DMA visitors, as longer distance illustrates how placements can change traveler behavior.
- California visitors exposed to ads in 2025 outpace Arrivalist companywide benchmarks.

RESTAURANT WEEK + SUMMER EATS PASS

RESTAURANT WEEK - MARKETING

The **2025 Restaurant Week** media plan included local and drive market promotion across digital, social media, print, radio/streaming audio, and television.

Programs included the Desert Sun, Palm Springs Life, La Prenza, KMIR & KESQ local radio, Spectrum Cable and KTLA television airings, digital outdoor billboards, Locale Magazine, Nativo native advertising, and AdTheorent rich media digital ads.

In total, the media plan delivered over **3.2M impressions** in April and May.







RESTAURANT WEEK - MARKETING



RESTAURANT WEEK WEBSITE



FOODIE FAM – MAY 4-8, 2025





Damisha Collins @mish_critiques 28.3K followers



Jen Zhang @jenz_losangeles 133K followers



Vince Lymburn @marvelousmuncher 80.1K followers



Jas Grover @jas_thefoodie 25.6K followers



Melissa Curtin Freelance, LaLaScoop

30 Partners

Hosted 8 Media Guests

Over 5 Days



Nicole Robison @glutenfreesocialite 17.7K followers



Katie Sterling Valley News Group 5 newspapers 40K Circ./35K UMV



Samuel Baek @califoodventure 87.8K followers

RESTAURANT WEEK SOCIAL MEDIA



RW BROADCAST COVERAGE

Media Preview/Kickoff Event May 28, 2025 Ritz Carlton, Rancho Mirage 4 live broadcast segments 35 media in attendance



KESQ Eye on the Desert NBC Palm Springs **KESQ** Palm Springs **KDFX** Palm Springs KPSP Palm Springs KNBC Los Angeles KNSD San Diego KDGL Eagle 106.9 KCLB The Rock 93.7 KPSI Mix 100.5 KDES The Bull 98.5 KCLB The Rock KKUU U-92.7 FM MOD 107.3 FM KPLM Big 106 SoCal Restaurant Show on Sports Radio AM 830 KLAA



SUMMER EATS PASS



Summer Eats Pass Bronze SUMMER EATS PASS BRONZE Waldo's Ristorante & Bar 4970 Country Club Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92260 \oplus Q 75 N Palm Canyon Dr suite 160, Palm Springs, CA 92262 (+)73833 CA-111, Palm Desert, CA 92260 (+) Q Mi Cultura Peruvian Cuisine

Runs from **June 9-September 1** via the Visit Greater Palm Springs app.

Users redeem offers and/or check in at local restaurants to enter a weekly drawing for a \$50 gift card. For each check-in, VGPS will also **donate \$1 to FIND Food Bank**.

The pass is promoted in LA, San Diego, and the Coachella Valley with a **dedicated media plan**, including digital display, email blasts, content articles, native content, and social media.

SummerEatsGPS.com

DINE GPS CHEF SERIES

New **dineGPS Chef Series** features interview with Greater Palm Springs restaurant owners sharing their favorite dishes.

First series of social videos will feature:

- Katherine Gonzalez The Blushing Peony
- Susan Feniger + Mary Sue Milliken Alice B.
- Vince Costa Johnny Costa's
- Andie Hubka Cork & Fork



PR/COMMUNICATIONS

SUMMER MEDIA PUSH



PR campaign promotes <u>GPSGetaway.com</u> and the Summer Eats program across major drive markets. Segments showcase family-friendly staycations, culinary offerings, and wellness-focused escapes.

PR AGENCY IMMERSION FAM



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

Madison Morgan

Media Relations Manager

Joins the Communications team July 7, 2025



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GPS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BRANDING

GREATER PALM SPRINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thrive and Shine

Finalizing



Economic Development Website



Media & Marketing Plan

GPS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE

WELCOME TO GREATER PALM 1 SPRINGS Chat with us! 💥 WHERE INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY, AND QUALITY OF LIFE CONVERGE



TRADESHOWS & CONFERENCES



ICSC WESTERN - 2025



September 28-30, 2025 Palm Springs Convention Center

- Regional conference focused on development
- 2,700+ attendees included cities, counties, retailers, hotels, brokers, developers, lenders, and consultants
- Coordinating activation with partners to best showcase opportunities to attendees



PARTNERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Strengthen the pipeline between education & industry Provide training opportunities for growth & development within the industry

Encourage youth to explore career pathways & provide work experience

Grow our leaders locally

STUDENT HOSPITALITY DAY 2025









100 High School Sophomores & 30 Industry Partners at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa on April 1, 2025



PASSPORT TO LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

6-WEEK SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

- Gain exposure to the various pathways in the hospitality & tourism industry
- Develop essential employability & leadership skills through hands-on workshops
- Build a professional network and learn to showcase their abilities



 1 day in the classroom learning career skills, activities related to hospitality, and hearing professional journey
 1 day they take a tour of hospitality attractions throughout the Coachella Valley



2025 COHORT

10 Rising Seniors from every Coachella Valley School District

SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE



\$184K raised in 24/25 FY!

181 Applications10 Students Studying Hospitality

\$40,000 in college scholarships for 2025/2026

FOUNDATION REBRANDING

- Reflects our new economic development lens
- Allows us to provide leadership training for workforce
 from other sectors
- Act as a conduit between education (K-12 school districts/higher education) and industries throughout the Coachella Valley

NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Name approved at TF Board Meeting on 6/24
- 2. Create new assets (logo, etc.) and talking points July
- 3. Grow the board to include voices from different industries July/August/September
- 4. Strategic planning session with an external consultant
 - Whereabout (Matthew Landkamer) in the Fall

Greater Palm Springs Foundation for Leadership & Advancement

Coachella Valley Hospitality Training Program



✓ 760.776.7420
 ✓ codepace@collegeofthedesert.edu

www.collegeofthedesert.edu/pace
 72840 Hwy 111, Suite C-101, Palm Desert, CA 92260

WORKFORCE TRAINING

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM OUR TOURISM FOUNDATION

TEAM GPS Champions Course

Online • In-person

Fostering Inclusion

Practical Strategies • Identity & Bias

Leadership Institute

Level 1 | Essential Leaders

Employee Engagement • Leadership Essentials • Authentic Leadership Emotional Intelligence Values & Ethics Challenges of Leadership • Project Management

Level 2 | Visionary Leaders

Executive Level (in development, pilot program this Fall)

goTEAMgps.com

RESTAURANT WEEK KICKOFF EVENT

The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage, May 28, 2025

121 Participating Restaurants12 Restaurants Showcased at the Restaurant Week Kickoff Event



Thank You, Sponsors!



RANCHO MIRAGE



\$6,913 Donation



SPA MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025



Stay & Spa Packages



Special Treatment Offers



Day Passes & Events

Registered Spas:

- Aqua Soliel Hotel and Mineral Water Spa
- Azure Palm Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa Oasis
- Good Vibes Sound Bath
- Miracle Springs Resort & Spa
- Palm Springs Yacht Club at Parker Palm Springs



- Spa Esmeralda at Renaissance Esmeralda
- Spa Las Palmas at Omni Rancho Las Palmas
- Spa Rosa at Tommy Bahama Miramonte
- The Spring A Natural Hot Mineral Spring Resort & Spa
- Two Bunch Palmas Resort & Spa

STAFFING UPDATES

LAURA HUNT LITTLE

Community Engagement Manager



ERICA ABARCA

Community Development Manager



BUDGET REVIEW

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair - Aftab Dada

Rolf Hoehn Tom Scaramellino Sejal Bhakta Robert Schneider Eddy Estrada Peggy Trott Nusrat Mirza Barb Smith Brad Poncher Tim Ellis FY 25/26 TBID HOTEL FORECAST Visit Greater Palm Springs TBID Hotel Revenue Forecast Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Total

Forecast FY 25/26

Tourism Economics CBRE-Hotel Horizons CV Hotel Sample

Recommendation

\$ 22,764,075
\$ 22,927,589
\$ 21,546,183

\$ 22,764,075

Occupancy - 2025 Occupancy - 2026 Average Daily Rate - 2025 Average Daily Rate - 2026

CBRE
Hotel Horizons
1.0%
0.4%
2.0%
2.1%

FUNDING COMPARISON FY 24/25 vs. FY 25/26

		2024/2025	2024/2025	2025/2026	Proposed
		Forecast	Approved	Proposed	% of Current
	Description	Projection	Budget	Budget	Forecast
	<u>Funding</u>				
1)	TBID - Hotels	\$ 23,154,292	\$ 22,273,677	\$ 22,764,075	98.3%
2)	TBID - Vacation Rentals	3,098,282	2,929,990	3,079,822	99.4%
3)	JPA Funding	2,802,134	2,854,821	2,848,884	101.7%
4)	City Marketing Partnerships	340,079	380,000	385,533	113.4%
5)	Tribal Voluntary	193,697	192,907	195,305	100.8%
6)	Partnership Fees	150,000	150,000	180,000	120.0%
7)	Advertising & Website Revenues	340,546	336,000	381,000	111.9%
8)	Joint Share Partnerships	405,162	148,690	176,400	43.5%
9)	Grants	597,767	531,500	140,000	23.4%
10)	Investment Income	1,665,480	1,627,825	1,300,041	78.1%
11)	Prior Year Rollover Funds	-	1,189,143	1,002,929	0.0%
12)	Reserve Usage - Strategic S&M	1,148,000	1,148,000	750,000	65.3%
13)	Reserve Usage - Capital Asset	213,817		127,000	59.4%
	TOTAL	\$ 34,109,256	\$ 33,762,552	\$ 33,330,989	97.7%

EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT



EXPENSES COMPARISON FY 24/25 vs. FY 25/26

	2024/2025 Forecast	2024/2025 Approved	2025/2026 Proposed	Proposed % of Current
Ref Description	Projection	Budget	Budget	Forecast
<u>Expenses</u>				
14) Labor - Wages	\$ 8,208,168	\$ 7,935,583	\$ 8,116,548	98.9%
15) Labor - Taxes & Benefits	3,610,295	3,216,648	3,585,779	99.3%
16) Marketing Production	681,719	883,400	816,000	119.7%
 Media Placement & Digital Marketing 	8,991,498	9,236,390	9,548,887	106.2%
18) Collateral Material	43,700	87,750	91,260	208.8%
19) Familiarization Trips	1,208,429	1,192,250	1,169,000	96.7%
20) Tradeshows / Sales Missions	1,631,566	1,857,030	2,081,550	127.6%
21) Travel & Lodging	76,035	131,000	108,800	143.1%
22) Special Promotions & Representation	4,149,046	4,129,295	2,569,245	61.9%
23) Event Hosting	1,689,838	1,754,800	1,932,800	114.4%
24) Research & Development	436,151	738,550	644,926	147.9%
25) IT - Information Technology	140,965	169,500	176,000	124.9%
26) Professional Fees	566,130	651,340	639,880	113.0%
27) Capital Outlay	213,837	153,000	127,000	59.4%
28) Overhead-Supplies-Utilities-Fees	1,458,950	1,626,015	1,723,314	118.1%
ΤΟΤΑΙ	<u>\$ 33,106,327</u>	\$ 33,762,552	\$ 33,330,989	100.7%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,002,929	0	0	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS

(BOARD ONLY VOTES)

- a. Approve the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget
- b. TBID Annual Report (by Civitas) Required by the State of California
- c. Resolution No. BOD 2025-001 Capital Asset Reserve
- d. Approve Ebony Stinson with DoubleTree Golf Resort for a Board of Directors seat

JPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

(JPA ONLY VOTES)

- a. Approve the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget
- b. TBID Annual Report (by Civitas) Required by the State of California
- c. Resolution No. JPA 2025-005 Carrying Over Funds to FY 2025/2026
- d. Resolution No. JPA 2025-006 Revising Authorized Signatories & Trustees to the Defined Benefit Pension plan
- e. Resolution No. JPA 2025-007 Capital Asset Reserve

JPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY





NEXT BOARD MEETING Friday, September 26, 2025

Location: Hilton Palm Springs