THE VISIT TRI-VALLEY TIMES



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JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

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TEN MORE YEARS!



MEMBERS OF THE VISIT TRI-VALLEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS PICTURED AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE 10 YEAR TMD RENEWAL, LEFT TO RIGHT: JENNIFER KOIDAL, CHRIS CARTER, JIM MCDONNELL, RHONDA WOOD AND DEBBIE LOGE

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MESSAGE THOM THE EDITOR

TRACY FARHAD PRESIDENT & CEO

A resounding "thank you" is owed the hospitality industry for the renewal of the Tri-Valley Tourism Marketing District for ten more years. FY2021-22 brought travel back to the Tri-Valley with increasing overnight stays and spending power, lifting us beyond mere recovery. That meant jobs could come back, services improved, outlooks brightened, and the beacon shone on all things Tri-Valley year-round, once again. With this vote of confidence, and as your partners, we will not only "hit on all sixes," we'll meet these roaring 20s with downright "on the level" bee's knees zest. See you on the dance floor.



VISIT TRI-VALLEY STAFF LEFT TO RIGHT: TODD DIBS, ROBIN FAHR, AMBER HALEY, TRACY FARHAD, SUSAN BOLT, AND JUSTIN BOWER

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TRACY FARHAD President & CEO

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JUSTIN BOWER
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Director of Sports Development

SUSAN BOLT Office Manager













PARTNER SUPPORT PUTS FAMILY FIRST AGAI

supports our family of 40 hotels and hundreds of hospitality industry partners through advocacy, media platforms, $^\prime$ communications, educational opportunities, sponsorships, and business referrals that elevate our region as a visitor destination. Our visitors' #1 resource - VisitTriValley.com - drives customer click-throughs directly to the source: your front door. The value of our commitment to local endeavors serving up responsible, sustainable travel? Priceless.



MEMBERS OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE EXQUISITE BLACKHAWK MUSEUM IN DANVILLE

CULTUN€ IS THE CAT'S MEOU

Tri-Valley cultural arts commissions, venues, and artists gathered for a second straight year of collaboration for show-stopping results. Arts & Humanities Month with featured October events, three committee meetings, refreshed website presence, shared calendars and lead-up to a mega summer paid advertising campaign rounded up joint regional successes.

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THANKS TO SPONSORS, CHEFS & THOUSANDS OF ATTENDEES!



RESTAURANT WEEK 2022 CHEF COLLABORATION KICK-OFF DINNER: SABIO ON MAIN. SALT CRAFT. POSADA & LOCANDA RESTAURANTS



VTV STAFF AND PARTNERS AT LAKE DEL VALLE

I AM THI-VALLEY

THIRTY-FIVE FRONT-LINE LODGING PARTNERS ATTENDED THREE HALF-DAY VTV EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS ON AREA ATTRACTIONS SECURING "AMBASSADOR" STATUS FOR ENHANCED GUEST EXPERIENCES.

IN THE NEWS

Industry partners are kept "in the know" through weekly "What's Happening" and monthly "VTV News" updates, both for guest awareness and continuing education all year long. Email Justin@ visittrivalley.com to join the buzz.

GM BREAKFAST

VTV hosted two networking breakfasts for hotel General Managers at **Inklings in Pleasanton and Wingen** Bakery in Livermore eliciting valuable updates, input and connections.

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VTV Film Liaison, Justin Bower, personally welcomes producers and film scouts, placing the Tri-Valley on "must-see" lists for this lucrative awareness and revenue-generating industry.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

HERE'S THE KICKER

2021-2022 saw an abbreviated year for sports events with restrictions not fully lifting until Spring 2022. VTV Sports Director, Todd Dibs, was able to work his magic to host five events between September and December of 2021. Dibs booked and hosted nine events for the months of March-May of 2022, along with two groups that actualized from previous years' retention, making this a tremendously successful conclusion of the fiscal year. Lead-generating for the State Association market continued to make an impact for hotel partners as they recover to pre-pandemic levels.

HOSTED COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

NEW SPORTS GROUPS

11,150+ attendees & 4,200+ room nights

RETAINED SPORTS GROUPS

(ACTUALIZED IN 2021-2022)

5,000+ attendees & 2,100+ room nights

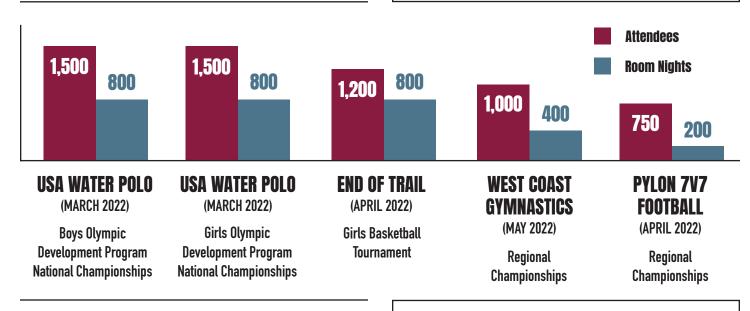
INDUSTRY TRADE SHOWS & MEETINGS

6 trade shows & 3 hosted sales advisory meetings

LEAD GENERATION

(FOR NON-SPORTS)

50+ leads generated for hotel partners



DRIVING HOME DATA

VTV utilizes annual research to drive data home in a big way. CBRE/PKF forecasts are available for hotel partners, along with STR reports on monthly hotel occupancy, ADR and RevPar, while Travel Impacts provide VTV with annual visitor tax receipts and spending stats. With one full year completed, VTV can now also pin-point advertising effectiveness and opportunities through geo-location data capture of visiting mobile devices. With 187 points of interest, including all hotels, major sports facilities, attractions, and downtowns, marketing efforts can target new and existing regions com-



COLLABORATION



In collaboration with Visit Concord and representing the Mount Diablo Region, VTV launched a series of digital banner ads targeting association executives.

PLANNING OI



To promote the Tri-Valley even further, VTV launched a series of informational banner ads targeted at meeting planners, specifically those associated with MPI.

KEEPING THE PEOPLE INSPIRED & ENGAGED

COMEBACK Of THE DECADE

VTV's marketing department put on a nifty performance, making a huge comeback while still in the throes of the great pandemic. With a limited budget, these cats entertained dozens of media, ran 11 campaigns, hosted the 2nd annual Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week, welcomed the return of an eight-member FAM of travel writers, and averaged nearly 28,000 website visitors per month, far surpassing the illustrious numbers of the great year of 2019. And they said it couldn't be done! Atta girls and boys!

SPLASH HIT

VTV HITS HOMERUN IN CENTRAL VALLEY

After VTV's geo-location study revealed Stockton residents spending the night in the Tri-Valley, they partnered with the Stockton Ports, sponsoring "Ports Predicitions" with an in-market activation in the 209.





YOY

DUB THIS PUP

238 ENTRIES & 714 NAME SUGGESTIONS

As one of the most dog-friendly destinations in Northern California, it was about time to adopt a new mascot. VTV held a contest entitled "Dub This Pup" to name their new pal. They promoted the new mascot on their website and across social channels.



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+15%

YOY

In collaboration with Simon and the San Francisco Premium Outlets, VTV installed a weekend-staffed Visitor Information Kiosk from June 11, 2022 — Labor Day. Business referrals, collateral handouts and an incentivized visitor perception survey gives VTV a leg-up on extending stays and building brand awareness.

333,885

Website Sessions

18,203

Organic Newsletter Subscribers

18,708,154

Total Media Impressions

8,625 Website Referrals from Social Media

Digital Views of Inspiration Guide Total Media Results

Campaigns

Inspiration Guide Requests from Website **Journalists** Hosted

HIGH SOCIETY

continued its regional outreach with neighboring partner destinations to extend visitation state-wide. First up, two San Francisco Business Times Special Supplements to showcase signature Tri-Valley hotel properties and alternative meeting spaces that entice planners to Northern California. Simultaneously, the Mount Diablo Region Co-op with SF Travel, Visit California, Visit Oakland and Mt. Diablo neighbors (Concord, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek) drew upon year-one success with Booking.com, United Airlines and Expedia delivering stellar room-night revenues and awareness in two six-week campaigns in FY21-22 (see results in sidebar). VTV retained top placement in SF Travel's Meeting Planner Guide and Visitor Guide outlets as well.



MT. DIABLO REGION AS FEATURED IN SF TRAVEL FACEBOOK CAMPAIGN

REGIONAL MARKETING

ADDITIONAL ROOM NIGHTS

(53% of MDR)

18.000

HOTEL REVENUE

(53% of MDR)

\$2,600,000

WEB PAGE VIEWS

(MtDiabloRegion.com)

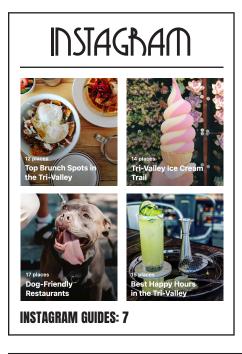
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The VTV Tourism Cares "give-back-to-the-community" initiative donated and sponsored more than \$30,000 to multiple agencies in FY21-22 putting visitor dollars to work for a more responsible and sustainable future in the Tri-Valley. Recipients included Culinary Angels, Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Conservancy, Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association. Innovation Fair. Pleasanton Downtown Association & Livermore/Pleasanton Chambers of Commerce. VTV CEO Tracy Farhad attended the "Love Our Cities" event in Modesto and National Tourism Cares Conference in Lake Tahoe, while a press release featured our local hotels' best practices in sustainability for an Earth Day roundup in April.

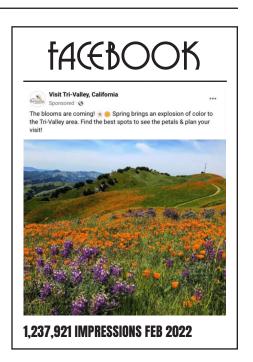
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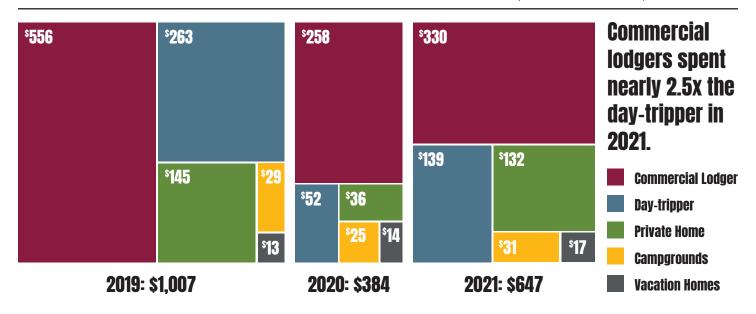


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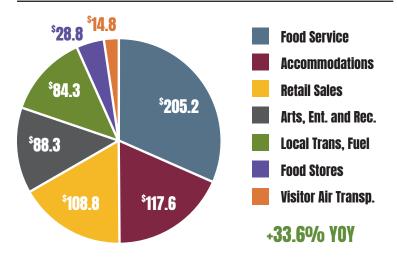
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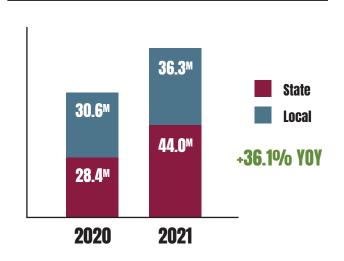
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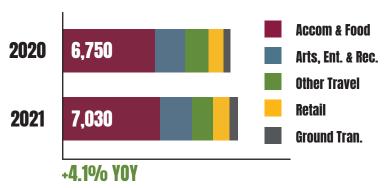
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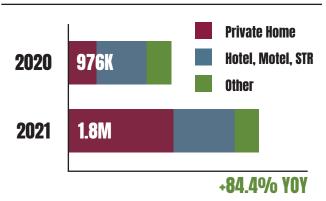
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* Includes the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and the Town of Danville. Dean Runyan Associates, Portland, OR www.deanrunyan.com

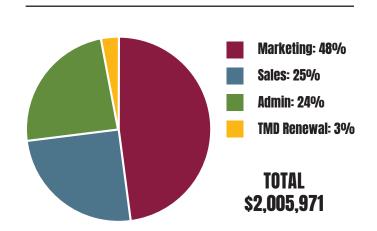
2021-2022

VISIT TRI-VALLEY BUDGET OVERVIEW

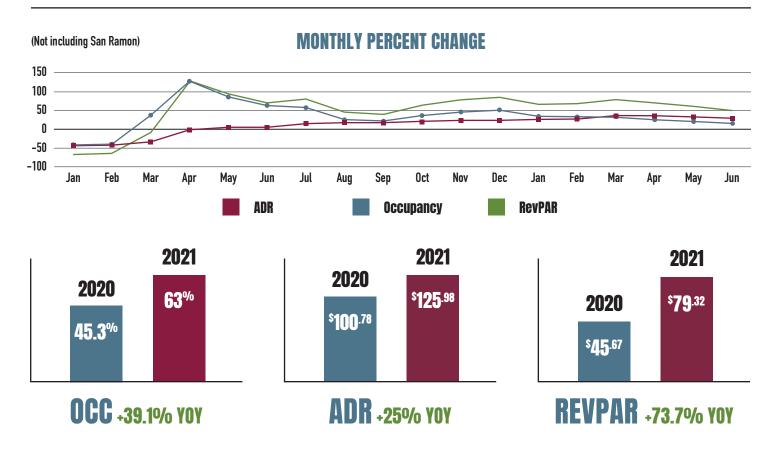
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TMD Funds: \$1,920,863 **Reserves: \$0** Grants/Credits: \$34,111 Partner Co-ops: \$19.500 Other: \$64.478 TOTAL \$2,038,952 +22_.8% YOY

EXPENDITURES



STR REPORT



SUMMARY

Travel in Tri-Valley showed positive signs of recovery in 2021 despite a lingering pandemic and other economic indicators. Visitor spending increased 69% YOY, while local and state tax receipts increased at a similar rate (+68%) in 2021, still 36% below its peak in 2019. Travelers to the Tri-Valley Region spent the most on food service and accommodations (+28%) followed by retail. Visitor spending supported a total of 7,020 tourism-related jobs, 55% of which were in Accommodations & Food Service. Visitor volume for the Tri-Valley Region increased to 1.83 million with those staying in Hotels, Motels, and Short-Term Vacation Rentals spending substantially more at \$204 per person per day (65% of all overnight visitor spending). Two new hotels broke ground on Johnson Drive in Pleasanton (ETA Fall 2023), the downtown Livermore hotel project garnered final council approval (ETA 2025), and other projects remained stagnant. Business travel trickled back mid-week with weekend leisure still on the upside, including a healthy return of city-wide sporting events. Visit Tri-Valley's operating budget regained ground increasing marketing spend by 22.8% in FY21-22.

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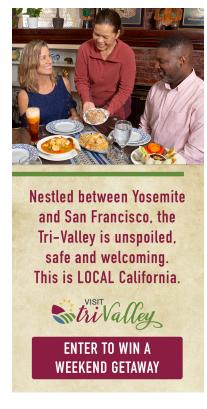


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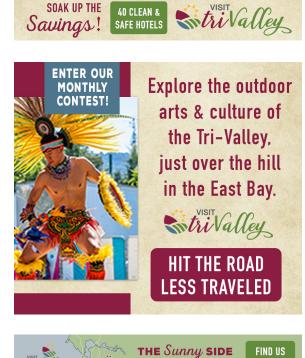














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