

California Welcome Center - El Dorado Hills

Funding Agreement Presentation Contract Services 2023-2024

Overview of CA Welcome Centers



Visit California Overview

California Welcome Center = Value



VISION: To be the recognized resource center for destination, community and statewide information by local residents and travelers alike.



ABOUT: California
Welcome Centers are
informational hubs that
promote the community's
authentic experiences and
offerings. They are part of
an official statewide
network partnering with
Visit California's global
efforts to market California
as the nation's premier
travel destination



MISSION: California Welcome Centers offer unique & authentic customized visitor services for explorers interested in all that California has to offer. As a network of information hubs, the CWCs, and their friendly employees, provide visitors and residents alike with informed suggestions on how to take advantage of a variety of experiences. CWCs also serve as brand ambassadors for California tourism and benefit not only each individual visitor, but also through influence over visitor spending – our local communities, the state and all associated stakeholders.



CWC – EDH Operations

- Open 362 days a year, 7 days a week
- Staffed by 2 part-time employees and 4 volunteers
- Chamber staff of 4 supplement when needed*



^{*}El Dorado Hills Chamber President & CEO has not received a salary for the operation of the CWC since its inception in 2010.

Regional Merchandise in CWC







Community & County-Wide Benefit: El Dorado County Vote Center







February, March 2024 - The California Welcome Center was proud again to serve as a voting center for El Dorado County Residents for the March 2024 primary election. 295 individuals cast votes in-person at the California Welcome Center and 896 individuals dropped off ballots.

"The California Welcome Center is one of El Dorado County's highest used Vote Center and Drop Box locations. It is centrally located in one of the highest density areas of El Dorado County and is well known among residents as the place to vote. We always appreciate the use of the Welcome Center as Vote Center and the incredible support of the staff there."

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CWC – EDH Guests

Month	2023/2024	2022/2023
July	601	752
August	1 390	370
September	1 432	291
October	1 953	887
November	384	1,432
December	1 6,354	5,719
January	214	241
February	1 546	259
March	1,266	346
April	398	485
May	491	571
June	513	522
Year Total	UP 6% - 12,542	11,875
	Note: November is lower due to no elections; December +/-3500 guests for Santa photos.	Note: December +/-3385 guests for Santa photos. 25-0187 E Page 7 of 1



Guests: Places of Origin

Total Guests

12,542

Local (Sacramento Region)

80%

CA

7.5%

USA

9.5%

International

3%

Visit CA Promotes El Dorado County



The EDH CWC has **further exposure** on Visit CA's website, social media platforms, and in these publications.

VisitCalifornia.com
1.8 million
monthly
unique viewers







California Official State Map \$49,000 CWC exposure value

California Road Trips
1 million printed
\$26,000 CWC
exposure value

California Official State Visitor's Guide & Travel Planner

- 500,000 printed
- 425,000 digital downloads
- **\$200,000** CA Welcome Center exposure ad value

How Does CWC Promote El Dorado County?

Distributes thousands of local tourism attractions

El Dorado Farm Trails & Visitor Guide

- El Dorado Winery Guide
- Apple Hill "Cider Press"
- Gold Bug Park & Mine
- Christmas Tree Farms
- Sly Park Recreation Area
- MANY MORE

 Prepares Guest Bags for guests visiting El Dorado County with abovementioned brochures

 Refers (recommendations) hundreds of El Dorado County's tourism attractions to guests

 Receives hundreds of phone calls inquiring about El Dorado County's tourism assets







CWC = A Smart Investment

County Annual Investment	$(TOT)^1 =$	\$110,320
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Additional Revenue Generated from Guests ²	\$337,568
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Sales Tax from Gift Store¹ \$833

Additional Value from Collateral Visit CA pieces³

CA Official Guide & Travel Planner	\$200,000

CA Road Trips \$ 26,000

CA Official Map \$49,000

Return on Investment/Revenue from Guests³ = \$613,401

¹July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

²Visit California's data on guest spending for CWC's is by party size of 3 adults spending \$112 daily ³July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 _{25-0187 E Page 11 of 13}

Expenditures

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	\$ over budget
Salaries:			
CEO			
> Travel Concierge	\$39,941	\$40,000	\$(59)
Part-time Staff			
Volunteer hours equivalent			
Benefits:			
> Rent	\$47,370	\$47,370	\$-
> Common Area Maintenance	\$240	\$240	\$-
Insurance - Property	\$-	\$-	\$-
Insurance - Workers Compensation	\$-	\$-	\$-
> State Annual Fee	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$-
> Equipment/Payment processing (Lightspeed)	\$1,162	\$1,400	\$(238)
> Phone & Internet	\$2,224	\$1,000	\$1,224
Marketing	\$941	\$3,000	\$(2,059)
Janitorial Services	\$3,154	\$2,600	\$554
> PG&E /Gas & Electric	\$5,412	\$4,500	\$912
> Travel & Mileage	\$-	\$1,000	\$(1,000)
> Alarm Monitoring	\$456	\$500	\$(44)
> Office Supplies	\$-	\$250	\$(250)
Signage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Panel Design & Printing	\$-	\$ -	\$ -
Event Sponsorship - Mktg & Adv	\$5,500	\$4,600	\$900
Total Operating Expenses:	\$111,400	\$111,460	<u>\$(60)</u>
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INCOME / REVENUE	Actual	Budget	
County of El Dorado	\$110,320	\$110,320	\$-
\$27,580.00 per qtr			
Total Income/Revenue	\$110,320	\$110,320	\$-

over/under

\$(1,080)

\$(1,140)

13

\$60

12









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https://www.visitcalifornia.com/experience/california-welcome-center-el-dorado-hills/ https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeCenterEDH