

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report**

MEETING DATE July 18, 2017	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors
FROM: Jackie Mickelson, Executive Assistant
Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager
ISSUE: **Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Semi-Annual Report**

SUMMARY:

The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Coos Bay work together to support local businesses and to improve the economy. Having open and regular communication between the two entities is important in maintaining our partnership.

ACTION REQUESTED:

No action is required by the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) was established in 1980. It is a non-profit, professional organization made up of the Coos Bay, North Bend, and Charleston business communities. They work together to create a strong business voice, promote businesses, and improve the economy of the Bay Area. The BACC continues to be recognized as a vital link between the cities, State, and regional parties of leadership, and act as the promoting entity for community spirit within the Bay Area.

The Chamber's strength lies in the number and diversity of its membership. The activities of the BACC vary by the needs of the business community. Much of the Chamber's work is accomplished through the volunteered time and efforts of its members, primarily through committees, providing community leadership in the areas of economic development, government affairs, leadership development, natural resources, tourism and transportation.