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## **Adding Its Voice: Coast Southwest Joins the Chemical Industry Council of California**

**Placentia, CA (September 14, 2017)** - Coast Southwest, Inc., a leading full-service chemical distribution and ingredient technology company headquartered in Orange County, has joined the Chemical Industry Council of California (CICC), adding another chapter to the company's history of industry and community involvement.

As Joseph C. Cimo, president of Coast Southwest, said, "It is an honor to be part of CICC, an association that does so much to support member businesses and give a voice to the people behind them."

In its 30-plus years of operation, Coast Southwest has been a recognized leader in advocating for the broader chemical industry. The firm has been a longtime active member of the National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD).

CICC is a trade group made up of chemical manufacturers, distributors, and allied businesses throughout California. It advocates on their behalf to the Office of the Governor, the state legislature, and various state agencies. Beyond advocacy, CICC provides a forum for members to review and discuss public policy developments that may affect them and their communities. Moreover, it acts as a source of reliable and accurate information on the chemical industry for the media and public.

"Right now, it is a challenging time for our industry," Mr. Cimo said, "and it is important to make certain that legislators, regulators, and the public understand just how much CICC members really accomplish on behalf of the state economy, industry safety, and environmental protection. The CICC absolutely does that, so we're happy to be a member."

John R. Ulrich, executive director of CICC, welcomed Coast Southwest to the fold. "We're proud to have Coast Southwest as a new member, because we know the amount of focus and dedication the team there puts into advancing best practices and being a contributor to both the industry and the California community," he said.

It is a level of commitment CICC can attest to, based on their experiences with Coast Southwest. "We've seen it firsthand when we had the chance to visit their outstanding facility in Placentia," Mr. Ulrich said, "and by seeing their unvarying commitment to the California You Be the Chemist® Challenge program. So, we're glad to have them on board."



### **About Coast Southwest**

Based in Placentia, CA, Coast Southwest is a leading full-service chemical distribution and ingredient technology company with six national locations, including an Innovation Center for the creation and development of unique ingredient concepts and formulas. Coast Southwest services manufacturers and formulators of personal care and household products throughout the United States. For more information, please visit [coastsouthwest.com](http://coastsouthwest.com).

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### **About CICC**

The Chemical Industry Council of California (CICC) is a voluntary trade association comprised of large and small chemical manufacturers, distributors, and allied businesses throughout California representing 105 facilities, including 43 manufacturing plants, 5 research laboratories, and 67 sales, service and distribution centers. Its members account for annual sales of over \$3 billion and directly employ more than 5,700 workers, with annual payrolls amounting to \$283 million. An additional 11,000 indirect jobs are attributable to CICC member companies, with combined annual payrolls of \$360 million.