

Post Event Report for The Mateel Community Center's Summer Arts and Music Festival 2023



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Total attendance for Saturday = 1942
Total attendance for Sunday = 1440
Total cars parked on Saturday = 802
Total cars parked in Sunday = 428

Introduction

This document is the Post-Event Report for the annual Summer Arts and Music Festival festival. As required by the Conditional Use Permit it documents various aspects of the event, presents the monitoring data that was collected, evaluates the efficacy of the mitigation measures that were implemented, and identifies refinements to the event's operations plan needed to resolve issues that surfaced in 2023.

This document is organized around the Conditions of Approval (COA). The text of the COA are identified and in italics. The Mateel Community Center's documentation, commentary, and plans for the 2024 event are presented after each Condition.

The Mateel Community Center will not be holding the Summer Arts and Music Festival at County Line Ranch or within Cooks Valley in 2024. Reggae on the River is proposed for August 2nd-4th 2024.

A. Conditions of Approval

1. The project shall be conducted in accordance with the approved 2023-27 Operations Plan and event mapping (found under Attachments 4A and 2B of the approved permit).

The project was conducted in accordance with the approved Operational Plan.

2. The applicant shall obtain approval of a special events permit from the County Department of Public Works, if required by that Department. The applicant shall submit a letter from the Department of Public Works stating they have no objections to the event being held that year

All Appropriate permits were obtained for the production of the Summer Arts and Music Festival.

3. By May 1st of each year, the applicant shall provide written factual evidence demonstrating that Fire Protection Services for each event has been secured through Garberville, Redway, Briceland Fire Protection District, or Piercy or Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Department or a similarly capable outfit, and that the proposed fire prevention equipment and personnel to be provided on-site throughout the event are sufficient for fire protection according to CalFire.

Fire prevention services were contracted through Pete Genolio with Redway Fire.

4. For each year of the event, vehicle parking throughout the event, including off-site parking, shall adhere to the approved mitigation plan and the minimum requirements of CDFW provided below, which involves screening vehicles for leaking oil, parking suspect vehicles off the river bar and placing oil absorbing pads under the vehicles. CDFW shall be allowed to inspect all the parking areas after the event, and additional mitigation measures may be required pending the findings of the post event report. Additional mitigation

may include relocating all parking from the active gravel bars for all future events. Other alternatives may be approved by the Planning Commission if the finding can be made that the alternative mitigation will have the same efficacy toward protecting the river from petrochemical contaminants from vehicles.

All vehicles were screened for leaking oil during the admission process by Traffic and Parking crews. Any suspect vehicles were parked in a location furthest from active gravel bars and supplied with oil absorbing pads to place under the vehicle. No public vehicles were permitted to park in active gravel bars. All parking remained in major lots identified in event maps.

Post event, all lots were inspected and no oil leaks were found.

Reggae on the River 2024 will have a more similar footprint to other events held at County Line Ranch, which will include very limited parking on some gravel bars; all setbacks will be maintained by Mateel staff and volunteers. All mitigation measures will be observed.

5. A trash management strategy shall be implemented within all on and off-site parking areas. The food and trash management strategy shall be operated to the satisfaction of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and describe how all garbage from the event will be kept in covered containers that prevent access by corvids, or contained in predator-proof trash receptacles that prevent access by corvids; and that the entire site is cleaned of garbage and food immediately after the event. Any approved food and trash management strategy shall become part of the required Plan of Operation for the event each year.

See: Mitigation Measure BIO-4 (Waste Management)

6. Whenever the applicant requests an increase in attendance levels as part of their annual report, the report submitted by the applicant must include additional focused analysis of the efficacy of the parking plan for the previous year and include factual documentation that supports a finding that the requested increase in attendance levels will not lead to insufficient on-site parking.

No attendance level increase will be requested for 2024.

In 2023 Summer Arts saw a drop in attendance for weekend and day passes.

7. Within five (5) working days of the effective date of this permit approval, the applicant shall submit a check to the Planning Division payable to the Humboldt County Recorder in the amount of \$2,764.00. Pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, the amount includes the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) fee plus a \$50 document handling fee. This fee is effective through December 31, 2023 at such time the fee will be adjusted pursuant to Section 713 of the Fish and Game Code. Alternatively, the applicant may contact DFG by phone at (916) 651-0603 or through the CDFW website at www.dfg.ca.gov for a determination stating the project will have no effect on fish and wildlife. If CDFW concurs, a form will be provided exempting the project from the \$2,764.00 fee payment requirement. In this instance, only a copy of the DFG form and the \$50.00 handling fee is required. Note: If a required filing fee is not paid for the project, the project will not be operative, vested or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid (Section 711.4(c)(3) of the State Fish and Game Code).

All required permit fees were submitted.

8. A Notice of Determination (NOD) will be prepared and filed with the County Clerk for this project in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines. Within three days of the effective date of permit approval the Planning and Building Department will file the NOD and will charge this cost to the project.

All required fees were submitted.

9. Pursuant to Public Resources Code §21089, the applicant is subject to cost reimbursement to the lead agency for expenses associated with the preparation of environmental review documentation, mitigation assessment, and monitoring program reports.

All required fees were submitted.

10. The Applicant is responsible for costs for post-approval review for determining project conformance with conditions prior to release of building permit or initiation of use and at time of annual inspection. In order to demonstrate that all conditions have been satisfied, applicant is required to pay the conformance review deposit as set forth in the schedule of fees and charges as adopted by ordinance of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (currently \$750) within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the permit or upon filing of the Compliance Agreement (where applicable), whichever occurs first. Payment shall be made to the Humboldt County Planning Division, 3015 "H" Street, Eureka.

All required fees were submitted.

11. Each year of the event, the applicant shall include in the annual report an analysis of the performance of each off-site parking area (if used), describing the number of vehicles using the site, shuttle service, and movement of people between the off-site parking areas and the event site. The Planning Commission may disallow the use of any of the off-site parking areas based on the recommendations of the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

In 2023 the main site held more than adequate parking spaces, and no additional off site lots were activated during the event. A shuttle program was developed for the event and ran successfully. The Southern Humboldt School District provided school buses and passenger vans. The drivers reported an approximate total of 1500 riders over the weekend.

12. The applicant shall coordinate with law enforcement personnel from the Humboldt County or Mendocino County Sheriff's office. This includes providing financial compensation for services rendered during any oversight and management of the event.

Humboldt County Sheriffs were contracted and paid for the 2023 event.

13. All executed contracts ensuring public health and safety shall be provided to the Planning Department at least two weeks prior to each event, including contracts for portable toilets, fire suppression equipment and personnel and law enforcement. Failure to present these executed contracts shall be grounds for the County to cancel the events.

All necessary public health and safety contracts were executed.

14. All equipment necessary for public health and safety shall be on-site at least one day prior to each event. This equipment includes all the required portable toilets, fire suppression equipment and traffic safety assets.

All Toilets, Traffic Assets, and Fire Suppression equipment were placed at least one day prior to the event.

15. Where required, on or before May 1 of each year of the event, the applicant shall obtain a Special Event Permit from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR). The applicant shall coordinate with visitor services staff from the North Coast Redwoods District. This requirement includes providing financial compensation for services rendered, facilities or land rented, and/or personnel overtime required during oversight and management of the event. A section regarding the CDPR Special Event Permit shall be included in all future post event reports, to document compliance with the conditions of the permit and identify any refinements needed to the event's operations plan to resolve issues with permit conditions that were noted the prior event year.

Not applicable to this event.

16. Post Event Reports and Operations Plans shall include a section in the report with a comprehensive list of all other permits required by various agencies, and their status. Agencies include but are not limited to: The Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, CalTrans, Cal-FIRE, California Highway Patrol, Humboldt County Public Works, Humboldt County Environmental Health, and California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Cal-Trans	Encroachment	completed
CHP	Service Contract	Completed
Public Works Humboldt	Encroachment	Completed
Public Works Mendocino	Encroachment	Completed
Environmental Health Hum	Inspection	Completed
Cal-Fire	Inspection	Completed

CDFW	LSAA	In progress 2024
Humboldt County	Business Permit	Completed
ABC	Daily On-Sale Gen.	Completed

17. On or before May 1 of each year of the event, the applicant shall provide evidence that all of the the following agencies have been notified of events for that year and shall provide feedback from these agencies where received:

- Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health
 - Humboldt County or Mendocino County Sheriff
 - CalTrans
 - California Highway Patrol
 - Cal-FIRE
 - Department of Fish and Game (CDFW), and
 - Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - California Department of Parks and Recreation - North Coast Redwoods District
- This information shall also be included in the annual report.*

All applicable agencies were notified in a timely manner. No additional feedback was received after the event.

18. At least two weeks prior to each event, submit a water quality testing plan for sampling the South Fork Eel River at the site before, during and after the event. The report shall be prepared by a registered professional. Water quality sampling and testing shall be conducted by a qualified professional.

Water quality tests were not performed for SAMF as the event did not exceed the 2 day threshold set for water quality testing measures to be implemented. See: Mitigation Measure WQ-5 (Water Quality Sampling) below

19. If the Mateel Community Center ceases to be the organization with primary responsibility for the event, the conditional use permit shall expire automatically, unless the new partner or party is operating in conjunction with and under the express written consent of the Mateel Community Center, the entity that holds the festival permit and is party to the site lease. The Planning Director shall have the authority to determine if the use permit has expired by operation of this paragraph. The Planning Director's determination shall be appealable to the Board of Supervisors.

The Mateel plans to remain the responsible party through the duration of the permit term.

20. To provide for adaptive management of the event, including control of unique issues which arise or are observed, the applicant shall perform and implement the following actions and protocols, which are designed to help ensure the event is conducted in a way that avoids becoming a nuisance to neighboring land uses and residents.

- A. The following measures shall be completed at least two weeks prior to the event:
- i. The applicant shall establish a number of channels for soliciting community feedback before and during operation of the festival, including but not limited to:
 - a. a dedicated local landline with voicemail, answering machine, or equivalent messaging service for receiving feedback, concerns, suggestions, and complaints.
 - b. a dedicated email address for receiving feedback, concerns, suggestions, and complaints.
 - c. A dedicated staff person or team shall be designated and tasked with regularly monitoring communication received through these channels including:
 - 1. responding to contacting reporting parties to acknowledge receipt of communication as well as discussion and development of ways to effectively address the issue; and
 - 2. coordinating implementation of adaptive measures to reduce, minimize, or resolve the issue(s) identified.
 - ii. Notification shall be provided to community members (including neighboring property owners/residents, and others). The notice shall include the festival dates and daily hours of operation and list the phone/email hotline where community members may ask questions, express concerns, or provide feedback related to the event. Notice shall be provided at minimum through the following means:
 - a. Flyers shall be posted and handbills left at community message boards and similarly appropriate locations in the Piercy, Cooks Valley, Benbow, and Garberville areas. Flyers should explain that the hotline will be monitored and used to respond to event-related questions and concerns from local residents.
 - b. Hotline information shall be included within event-related PSA's or paid announcements on local radio stations
 - iii. The email account and phone number shall be monitored during the festival as well as the 2-week period leading up to the event. At a minimum, monitoring of these channels shall be performed hourly during the festival and on a daily basis during the period preceding the first day of the event. \
- B. The following measures shall be implemented during the event:
- i. To characterize and better understand noise levels from the event, a noise meter shall be used to measure and monitor noise levels at the boundaries of the event properties during each night of an event (between 7pm and 2am). Noise measurements shall be collected at the property lines nearest each of the cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) from the center of the event.
 - ii. The applicant agrees to adaptively manage concert noise throughout the course of each event, striving to incorporate measures which reduce, minimize, or resolve noise-related issues or similar concerns should complaints or other constructive feedback be received from community members during the festival. This includes but is not limited to: speaker or stage positioning, amplification levels, or other measures to limit or control noise.
- C. The following measures shall be implemented following the event:
- i. Each post-event report shall include information discussing compliance with the requirements of this condition, including public outreach and input received, noise level measurements, and adaptive management measures taken.

See Below: Mitigation Measure NOI-1 (Adaptive Management):

21. Fire Department personnel shall patrol the Piercy Community immediately prior to and following the event, as well as during the event, as needed. Patrols shall inspect for evidence of hazardous activities, fires, or potential sources of ignition.

Fire services and patrols were contracted through Redway Fire. No incidents were reported in the Piercy Community.

22. The pond located on the Arthur Property (French's Camp) shall be completely drained annually (40° 0'29.76"N, 123°47'2.02"W). Draining of the pond must be completed by September 1st of each year. Before draining may occur, a plan for discharge of stored water from the pond shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and approval. The plan shall identify the timing, volume, and areas where release of water is proposed. Water from the pond shall not be discharged directly into the South Fork of the Eel River, or its tributaries.

**Where authorized by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW), during years with extreme fire danger, water from the pond may be drained at a later date, to preserve it remaining available for use as water for fire protection (*added by the Planning Commission)*

See Below: Mitigation Measure BIO-2 (Bullfrog Management - Arthur Pond)

B. Operational Restrictions/Ongoing Requirements Which Must Be Satisfied For The Life Of The Project:

1. The project is subject to the following annual reporting and review requirements:

a. By December 31st of each year, the applicant shall prepare and submit a post-event annual report discussing that year's events. The annual report shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission or their Designee, and shall include comment letters from the CHP, CalTrans, California State Parks, and other relevant agencies commenting or reporting on the efficacy of the mitigation measures, identifying any refinements to the mitigation needed for the event the following year, and setting the attendance levels approved under the permit. All costs to the County for the review of the annual report shall be paid by the applicant prior to May 1st of each year.

b. Within 120 days of its receipt, the Planning Division shall complete review of the annual report. Requests for increases to the attendance levels from the previous year shall require explicit Planning Commission approval.

c. To address area concerns that may arise, the applicant shall hold a minimum of one (1) community meeting in the Garberville, Redway, Cooks Valley, or Piercy area within 90 days of the last event. This meeting may be waived by the Planning Director if no significant community issues have been reported.

The annual report has been completed, no attendance increase will be requested. A post event community meeting was held August 4, 2023 at the Richardson's Grove RV Park. The meeting was advertised locally through flyers, social media, and the Mateel website.

2. The Applicant (Mateel Community Center) is exclusively responsible for ensuring annual compliance with Mitigation Measure BIO-2, included in the most recent environmental document prepared for the project (SCH #2023040570). Compliance can occur in a number of ways including but not limited to: use of the stored water in the pond for irrigation and dust control by the property owner, use of stored water in the pond for irrigation and dust control associated with future concert events or similar temporary uses, or draining of the pond by the Applicant into an authorized area with the consent of the property owner and CDFW.

Mitigation Measure BIO-2 (Bullfrog Management - Arthur Pond): The pond located on the Arthur Property (French's Camp) shall be completely drained annually. Draining of the pond must be completed by September 1st of each year. Before draining may occur, a plan for discharge of stored water from the pond shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) for review and approval. The plan shall identify

the timing, volume, and areas where release of water is proposed. Water from the pond shall not be discharged directly into the South Fork of the Eel River, or its tributaries.

See Below: Mitigation Measure BIO-2 (Bullfrog Management - Arthur Pond)

C. Information Notes:

1. All storage, handling, and disposal of hazardous materials, solid waste, and recyclable materials must conform to applicable laws and regulations. Contact the Humboldt County Department of Public Health - Division of Environmental for additional information.

2. The project involves site access and occupation along and across a public right-of-way and subject to regulatory authority by various state agencies including: the California Department of Transportation (state highways), California Department of Fish and Game (streambed alterations). The applicant is responsible for obtaining and securing all required permits and authorizations from these agencies prior to conducting each event.

3. Though the project site is not located near or within an area where known cultural resources have been located, there remains the possibility that undiscovered cultural resources may be encountered during ground disturbing activities, the following mitigation measures are required under state and federal law: If cultural resources are encountered during construction activities, the contractor on site shall cease all work in the immediate area and within a 50-foot buffer of the discovery location. A qualified archaeologist as well as the appropriate Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s) are to be contacted to evaluate the discovery and, in consultation with the applicant and lead agency, develop a treatment plan in any instance where significant impacts cannot be avoided.

Prehistoric materials may include obsidian or chert flakes, tools, locally darkened midden soils, groundstone artifacts, shellfish or faunal remains, and human burials. If human remains are found, California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 requires that the County Coroner be contacted immediately at 707-445-7242. If the Coroner determines the remains to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission will then be contacted by the Coroner to determine appropriate treatment of the remains pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. Violators shall be prosecuted in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 5097.99.

MITIGATION MEASURES, MONITORING, AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP)

All of the following mitigation measures are required to mitigate impacts from the proposal to conduct four temporary events in the Cooks Valley area on an annual basis:

Mitigation Measure BIO-1 (Floating Boom):

A boom shall be positioned downstream of the event and used to capture rafts and other flotation devices that are inadvertently carried off during events. Netting or similar materials which can entrap wildlife, are prohibited from use.

A floating Boom was created and installed Friday prior to the event. This event does not have the history of the giant float party in the river seen at other events in this location. It was not anticipated that there would be a heavy presence of neglected flotation devices. Thus, the boom was constructed from rope and pool noodles, tied off to each side of the wetted channel. It stayed in place until Monday with no incidents of malfunction. No flotation devices were collected, and very few swimmers accessed the river during the event.



Mitigation Measure BIO-2 (Bullfrog Management - Arthur Pond):

The pond located on the Arthur Property (French's Camp) shall be completely drained annually. Draining of the pond must be completed by September 1st of each year. Before draining may occur, a plan for discharge of stored water from the pond shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and approval. The plan shall identify the timing, volume, and areas where release of water is proposed. Water from the pond shall not be discharged directly into the South Fork of the Eel River, or its tributaries.

A team from the Mateel Community Center met with a representative from CDFW, Kathryn, to assess the status of the pond on the Arthur Property, and create a plan to drain it. It was determined that bullfrogs were present and the pond required draining. MCC proceeded to drain the pond under the direction of CDFW.

MCC returned to the pond one week later to re-check after some rain, that the pond did not require additional draining. MCC representative, Nate Miller, determined it necessary to drain the pond one final time for 2023.

MCC remains in contact with CDFW to set a clear plan moving forward. MCC plans to make this a part of their clean-up process for ROTR 2024 and beyond, and CDFW agrees this timing works well. Additionally, CDFW instructs: "...to drain on a hot day, beginning in the morning so the frogs are forced to leave the pond at the hottest part of the day, when they are more vulnerable to predation and dehydration." Should ROTR not occur in any particular year, MCC will have the pond drained by September 1. MCC is committed to managing the pond on the Arthur property.

Mitigation Measure BIO-3 (Event Lighting):

Elements of the lightshow (such as lasers, projections, and similar lighting) shall be directed in a way that ensures they remain contained within the boundaries of the property and event footprint (i.e. directed at the dance floor and stages, venues, etc, and not onto adjacent forested slopes throughout the river canyon).

All lasers and lighting were kept within the property boundaries and off any tree lines or forested slopes.

Mitigation Measure BIO-4 (Waste Management):

To prevent the overflow spread of litter and access by corvids and other wildlife, trash cans shall be regularly emptied throughout the day. All dumpsters shall be animal proof, or at a minimum, covered. All areas shall be cleaned of all litter within two (2) weeks following the end of each event. Cleanup includes snorkeling and diving of the river to detect and remove litter and lost objects that could be deleterious to fish, wildlife, or other beneficial uses.

The trash plan was outlined in the approved Operation Plan and followed during the event. The plan was developed by MCC Site Managers and executed by MCC Recycle Crew Coordinators and Volunteers. All trash was picked up promptly each day of the event. Final clean ups were complete within 10 days of the event. Snorkel and beach clean ups occurred June 26th and 27th. Small amounts of trash were collected and disposed of properly.

Mitigation Measure BIO-5 (Riparian Setbacks):

The following riparian setbacks from the river's wetted edge shall be maintained during all events:

Walk-in campsites: 30'

Car campsites/parking on the gravel bar: 100'

Stages: 50' minimum

Porta-potties: 50' minimum. Must be placed on a stable surface

Generators supplying power to event infrastructure: 100 feet. All generators within 200 feet of the wetted edge shall include secondary containment. Fully-stocked spill kits must be available onsite at all times.

A buffer of no less than thirty (30) feet shall be maintained between all project activities and the wetted channel of South Fork Eel River. A one hundred (100) foot buffer shall be maintained between all vehicles and the wetted channel of the South Fork Eel River.

All setbacks were maintained throughout the weekend.



Mitigation Measure BIO-6 (Foothill Yellow-legged Frog):

During all events featuring camping and other use of the riverbar, the applicant shall plan, and implement outreach, announcements, and signage to educate attendees and event staff about foothill yellow-legged frogs (FYLF) at the event site, including ways for attendees to avoid impacting frogs during events. At minimum, these efforts shall include:

Conspicuously posted signage at each vehicle entry point and at 50-foot intervals along the 30-foot setback from the river bank and 100-foot setback for vehicle parking areas. At minimum, the signage shall be 11" x 17", be posted between 4-5 feet above the ground, include an image of the FYLF and shall indicate "No Camping Beyond This Point" and "No Parking Beyond This Point," respectively. The sign shall also include additional pertinent information to educate attendees on ways to avoid impacts to the FYLF for the duration of the event.

Education of event staff and security to ensure attendees are not camping or parking in prohibited areas where impacts to the FYLF are most likely to occur.

Announcements from the Main Stage and River Stage once each morning, afternoon and evening on each day of the event to inform attendees on ways to avoid impacts to the FYLF for the duration of the event.

County and CDFW staff may conduct inspections during the event to ensure compliance with this and all Biological Resource conditions.

Signage was posted the full length of the camping area in the north beach location. Signage stated, "No Camping Beyond This Point," with a picture of the FYLF. Additional information was located at the info booth in the event. Stage announcements were made each day. MCC is committed to educating their audiences about all species impacted in the area.

Mitigation Measure BIO-7 (Nesting Birds)

*Nesting birds or occupied nests shall not be disturbed or disrupted by project activities. Some bird species such as killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*) are cryptic ground nesters known to utilize gravel bars for nesting activities. Riparian vegetation provides suitable habitat for a variety of nesting birds. In order to avoid potential take of the nest or eggs of any bird (prohibited pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 3503 and 3503.5), nest surveys shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within 14 days prior to the start of project-related activities, and within 14 days prior to the start of the earliest event. (If all activities will take place within a two-week period, a single survey is acceptable.) The detailed survey results shall be submitted to the County and CDFW for review prior to commencement of site preparation activities and/or the Northern Nights Music Festival. CDFW will provide review and comment within five (5) business days of report submittal. Depending on site-specific conditions, CDFW may recommend buffers of 50 or more feet between identified nests and project activities, and/or other measures to avoid disturbance or take of nests.*

A survey was not performed for this event. A limited number of camping passes were sold and staff felt camping would be limited to areas already impacted by vehicle access. During the event staff was able to manage the small number of campers and keep them from any vegetation along the gravel bars. Camping was only permitted on the area of the northern gravel bar that had previously seen vehicle passings.

A full survey will be performed for ROTR 2024.

Mitigation Measure BIO-8 (Stage Orientation)

To minimize potential noise disturbance all performance stages shall be constructed and positioned in such a way that, to the extent feasible, noise will be projected away from designated critical habitat for the Marbled Murrelet and from Richardson Grove State Park.

All stages were pointed in a southerly direction away from Richardson's Grove State Park.

Mitigation Measure GHG-1 (GHG Reduction):

Each event shall include and implement select measures to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions generated by the event. Measures include all of the VMT reduction techniques found in Mitigation Measure TRANS-1. Additional measures designed to discourage and reduce generator use, include but are not limited to:

Providing convenient locations for charging phones and other small portable electronic devices

Prohibiting use of private generators within all river bar camping areas

Offering discounts to attendees who bring portable battery power generators

Promoting use of solar charging and/or other alternative energy generators by attendees

Using and developing new grid power infrastructure to reduce reliance on generators to power event infrastructure.

Generators were not permitted in any public camping zones. Summer Arts and Music Festival has always highlighted an element of renewable resources. A solar charging station and solar generator were provided by Greenwired Renewable Energy Solutions. The charging station was available to all for free. The solar generator helped to provide power to our admission area that normally runs on a diesel generator.

MCC is committed to expanding their use of solar generators and other power sources. An incentive plan will be designed for ROTR 2024 regarding public generator use.

Mitigation Measure WQ-1 (Monitoring Water Usage):

Water use on both the County Line Ranch and Cooks Valley Campground properties shall be monitored throughout the event season (May through October) including prior to, during, and after each event. Daily readings of water use shall be collected from the water meters during each day an event occurs. This information shall be recorded and tabulated and provided in the post event report.

MCC event staff contributed to monitoring water usage throughout most of the month of June.

Date	Time	Gallons
6/12	5:03 PM	3073900
6/14	12:54 PM	3075200
6/20	8:00 PM	3079300
6/21	11:45 AM	3079500
6/22	2:00 PM	3080200
6/22	5:33 PM	3080300
6/22	11:34 PM	3080300
6/23	10:39 AM	3080400
6/24	8:18 AM	3081700
6/24	11:17 PM	3086000
6/25	1:47 PM	3090800
6/25	8:06 PM	3093500
6/25	10:32 PM	3093900
6/26	6:12 PM	3096700
6/26	6:53 PM	3096700
6/28	1:30 PM	3098400
Totals		24500 gallons

Mitigation Measure WQ-2 (offsetting water use - County Line Ranch):

To offset event-related water demand at County Line Ranch, the property owners and occupants shall agree to forbear from use of the well between September 1st and October 15th. Forbearance shall be required during any year where events occur, for the life of the permit. If enough water storage is developed to meet all event-related water demand at the County Line Ranch place of use, forbearance shall no longer be required.

MCC is committed to working with County Line Ranch in the development of water storage for all events.

Mitigation Measure WQ-3 (offsetting water use - Cooks Valley Campground):

To offset event-related water demand at Cooks Valley Campground, the property owner and occupants shall reduce water use during the standard forbearance period (May 15th thru October 31st) so that the total water use during those months is reduced by an amount equal to the amount of water used by all events occurring within that same period.

For example, if all event-related water use totals 200,000 gallons (between May 15th and October 31st), the maximum amount of water that may be taken during the forbearance window shall not exceed 1,146,000 gallons (1,346,000 gallons - 200,000 gallons).

MCC did not utilize the Cooks Valley Campground Area.

Mitigation Measure WQ-4 (Dust Control)

Use of Chemical Dust Suppressants is prohibited. Water for dust control be sourced from the existing pond at the Cooks Valley Campground.

Water only was used to control dust along pedestrian footpaths and entrances four times per day during the event.

Mitigation Measure WQ-5 (Water Quality Sampling)

To assess water quality impacts, during all three and four-day events, daily water samples shall be collected by a qualified independent entity. Samples shall be collected both upstream and downstream from the event and shall be tested for total coliforms, fecal coliforms and enterococci.

Summer Arts and Music Festival was a two day camping event. No water samples were collected.

Mitigation Measure WQ-6 (Inspection & Management of Leaking Vehicles)

Event staff shall inspect vehicles at arrival for leaking fluids, take appropriate steps for dealing with problem vehicles, monitor the parking areas during the event, and provide any required clean up during and after the events.

Event staff will inspect vehicles at arrival for leaking fluids, take appropriate steps for dealing with problem vehicles, monitor the parking areas during the event, and provide any required clean up during and after the event. The applicants/event staff shall provide specific details of the vehicle screening/inspection process to prevent the release of petrochemicals associated with vehicles in areas where these chemicals may pass into the South Fork Eel River. This screening process shall, at a minimum:

- a) Dedicate staff to pollution prevention, both at the entry point and for follow up within the venue for the duration of the event*
- b) Identify "problem" vehicles (i.e. leaking) before they enter the venue*
- c) Intercept and quarantine "problem" vehicles that are leaking and direct to parking areas away from the river bar*
- d) Create a contingency plan for leaking vehicles discovered within the venue, such as absorbent pads effective to contain leaks until proper disposal after the event*
- e) Dedicate staff for clean-up and remediation of spots/spills during and after the event*
- f) Report post clean-up findings to CDFW and other interested agencies after the event*

The applicants shall detail any spills and their clean-up in the annual monitoring report.

MCC hired The Volunteer People to monitor parking and traffic for the event. They are event professionals who have worked at this site in previous years. The procedures for dealing with “problem” vehicles were detailed in the Operations Manual and followed by all parking and traffic crews.

MCC supplies spill kits to parking and site crews. No spills or incidents were reported.

Mitigation Measure WQ-7 (Water Quality Education and Enforcement) Campers and other attendees utilizing the river and river bar areas shall be prohibited from using soap in the river. Signage and other information prohibiting use of soap in the river and encouraging use of ecologically friendly sunscreen options.

Signage was posted prohibiting soap in the river and encouraging safer sunscreen options. Additional information was released on the event FAQ page and social media channels.

Mitigation Measure NOI-1 (Adaptive Management):

2. To provide for adaptive management of the event, including control of unique issues which arise or are observed, the applicant shall perform and implement the following actions and protocols, which are designed to help insure the event is conducted in a way that avoids becoming a nuisance to neighboring land uses and residents.

D. The following measures shall be completed at least two weeks prior to the event:

i. The applicant shall establish a number of channels for soliciting community feedback before and during operation of the festival, including but not limited to:

a. a dedicated local landline with voicemail, answering machine, or equivalent messaging service for receiving feedback, concerns, suggestions, and complaints.

b. a dedicated email address for receiving feedback, concerns, suggestions, and complaints.

c. A dedicated staff person or team shall be designated and tasked with regularly monitoring communication received through these channels including:

3. responding to contacting reporting parties to acknowledge receipt of communication as well as discussion and development of ways to effectively address the issue; and

4. coordinating implementation of adaptive measures to reduce, minimize, or resolve the issue(s) identified.

ii. Notification shall be provided to community members (including neighboring property owners/residents, and others). The notice shall include the festival dates and daily hours of operation and list the phone/email hotline where community members may ask questions, express concerns, or provide feedback related to the event. Notice shall be provided at minimum through the following means:

a. Flyers shall be posted and handbills left at community message boards and similarly appropriate locations in the Piercy, Cooks Valley, Benbow, and Garberville areas. Flyers should explain that the hotline will be monitored and used to respond to event-related questions and concerns from local residents.

b. Hotline information shall be included within event-related PSA's or paid announcements on local radio stations

iii. The email account and phone number shall be monitored during the festival as well as the 2-week period leading up to the event. At a minimum, monitoring of these channels shall be performed hourly during the festival and on a daily basis during the period preceding the first day of the event.

E. The following measures shall be implemented during the event:

i. To characterize and better understand noise levels from the event, a noise meter shall be used to measure and monitor noise levels at the boundaries of the event properties during each night of the festival (between 7pm and 2am). Noise measurements shall be collected at the property lines nearest each of the cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) from the center of the event.

ii. The applicant agrees to adaptively manage concert noise throughout the course of each event, striving to incorporate measures which reduce, minimize, or resolve noise-related issues or similar concerns should complaints or other constructive feedback be received from community members during events. This includes but is not limited to: speaker or stage positioning, amplification levels, or other measures to limit or control noise.

F. The following measures shall be implemented following the event:

i. The post-event report shall include information discussing compliance with the requirements of this condition, including public outreach and input received, noise level measurements, and adaptive management measures taken.

All above measures were accounted for. A dedicated landline was monitored prior to the event, during, and after for community issues. Example: shuttle signage had not been properly placed in town. Through our landline, we received the complaint and were able to remedy the situation within an hour. The festival manager was in contact with immediate local businesses and provided them a phone number to call 24 hours a day, should any issues arise. Social media was used to notify the public as well as the Mateel website, of ways to contact regarding community concerns. No incidents were reported other than the shuttle signage.

Noise levels were monitored during the main act each evening of the event at 4 points from the event center: east, north west, and south. All measurements were found to be within the limits and no sound complaints were received.

Stage positioning was similar to the previous year, facing a mostly south direction. This is facing away from both Richardson's Grove State Park and the marbled murrelet habitat.

No public complaints were received during or after the event, noise levels were monitored, and all appropriate management measures taken.

Mitigation Measure NOI-2 (Quiet Time):

The campground areas shall be posted, and information shall be provided on the event website that a "Quiet Time" shall exist from 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. each day. No amplified music is permitted in the campground during "Quiet Time." Event security shall monitor the camping areas to ensure compliance with this condition.

"Quiet Time," was observed within the festival camp areas. Security and event staff were on hand to monitor noise levels and remedy any volume issues. No public complaints were received.

Mitigation Measure TRANS-1 (VMT Reduction):

Each event shall include and implement select measures to reduce cumulative vehicle miles traveled to and from the event. Measures include but are not limited to:

- Promoting carpooling across marketing and social media channels*
- Providing incentives to help ensure camping is maximized amongst multi-day attendees and staff*
- Offering discounts (on parking and admission) to event attendees who carpool*
- Providing shuttles to the event from locations near where trips to the event originate or where there are other large concentrations of event attendees.*
- Chartering local bus service to provide special bussing, express service, or extended service during days the event occurs.*

MCC contracted shuttle services through the Southern Humboldt School District. It is estimated the shuttle saw approximately 1500 riders over the weekend. MCC provides parking fee discounts to carpoolers and advertised this on all channels including website and social media. MCC is looking to develop a social media page for patrons to create their own carpool groups for future events.

Mitigation Measure TRANS-2 (Traffic Control):

An engineered traffic control plan will be required as part of the Caltrans Encroachment Permit for each Special Event. The traffic control contractor must be a California licensed C31 contractor. Any shuttle stop requested within State right of way will require approval from multiple offices within Caltrans. The applicant must allocate time for Caltrans to review the shuttle operations prior to submitting an encroachment permit application.

The Traffic Plan was prepared and stamped by Wes Nalley of Stop-N-Go Traffic Services. All approvals were granted through Cal-Trans, no incidents were reported.

Mitigation Measure WF-1 (Fire Prevention, Firefighting & Emergency Services Personnel, Equipment & Infrastructure):

- 1. All grasses in parking and camping areas shall be mowed prior to each event.*
- 2. Emergency water resources need to be established and approved by CalFire. These water resources need to be easily identifiable and remain accessible for emergency vehicles.*
- 3. Fire extinguishers shall be available and mounted in and around campsites. The required number of extinguishers will need to be adequate for each campsite and their occupancy load (placement and number of extinguishers can be determined during site inspection).*
- 4. During events, signage declaring "NO OPEN BURNING" and "NO FIREWORKS" shall be placed in and around the camping areas and areas open to the public. This prohibition shall also be advertised on the event website and handouts noting that fire and fireworks are prohibited.*
- 5. All roadways shall be an all-weather surface, rocked and accessible for all types of vehicles.*
- 6. A 20-foot fire lane shall be established around the perimeter, including parking and camping areas. These areas will need to be easily identifiable and remain clear for emergency vehicles.*
- 7. Staging areas for fire suppression and emergency medical resources shall be established at appropriate locations within the event. These staging areas will need to be easily identifiable and remain clear for access by emergency vehicles.*
- 8. The perimeter of the event area shall be clearly identified and shall be posted to limit access beyond the approved event, camping, and parking area sites. No camping shall be allowed on the opposite side of the South Fork Eel River from the event.*

9. Prior to each event, the event operator shall establish an evacuation plan and ensure all cooperating agencies and event emergency services are familiar with and have a copy of the plan.

10. The event operator shall establish an incident action plan (I.A.P) that provides the minimum information to all cooperating agencies such as locations of fire and security stations, locations of emergency water sources, communications plan including phone numbers for event emergency services and coordinators, transportation plan, and medical plan. The I.A.P must be distributed to all involved agencies prior to each event.

11. Designated locations for fire, medical, and security personnel and parking shall be identified with signs visible to all campers.

12. The following personnel, measures, and equipment shall be in place and in force during all events:

i. A minimum of one (1) Type 3 fire engine and one (1) water tender for standby emergency water and dust abatement, with radio communication equivalent to CalFire dispatch and staffed with a minimum of two (2) personnel, staged at the campground 24 hours a day throughout the duration of the event. One fire engine is required for each 5,000 people in attendance. The first engine shall be a Type III engine staffed with an operator and two firefighters. Additional required engines shall be at least Type IVs and staffed with an operator and firefighter. The engine operators shall be minimum NWCG Engine Boss (or equivalent) qualified and the firefighters shall be minimum NWCG Firefighter (or equivalent) qualified. The personnel roster of qualified engine operators and firefighters shall be provided to CAL FIRE within 10 days of the event. Documentation of training may be requested to verify qualifications.

j. A minimum of one (1) paramedic and one (1) EMT with ACLS capabilities, and transportation and radio communication equivalent to CalFire dispatch for any life-threatening emergencies. ALS-staffed medical crew must be present on-site for the entire event duration.

k. Event fire personnel shall establish and maintain affirmative radio communication between the event site and the Fortuna Interagency Command Center on the Humboldt County Fire Net frequency. The event fire personnel must have no fewer than two radios per engine (one mobile and one portable) capable of transmitting and receiving.

l. Each event shall have a designated Fire Chief who shall serve as or delegate duties as the event Fire Marshall. The event Fire Marshall is responsible for the conduct and documentation of daily inspection of electrical fire hazards, fire extinguishers, and acceptable conditions of propane / cooking equipment for vendor booths. The event Fire Marshall shall have the authority to enforce State Fire Marshall standards for the event, and close down a vendor until their operation comes into compliance.

m. On-site security shall enforce the prohibition on open burning of any kind.

n. All parking lots should be staffed with security personnel twenty-four hours per day and equipped with firefighting tools, water extinguishers, and Class B & C extinguishers. These security personnel shall have direct communications with the event emergency services to ensure immediate incident notification.

o. Road from U.S. Highway 101 to Mercer Fraser and Loop Road shall be kept open and clear for emergency vehicle access.

p. Piercy byways and exits 627,625, and 271/101 junction shall be limited to local traffic.

All items listed above, with the exception of the staffed fire equipment, shall be in place and approved to the satisfaction of all appropriate agencies prior to each event.

A copy of the above measure was provided to the contracted Fire Services Coordinator. All requirements were satisfied and adhered to. Jah Med was also contracted to provide additional support to Fire Crews. Security and Staff patrolled regularly for open fire. One “camp fire” was found and put out on Saturday evening by Shanon Taliaferro and Alisha Goodrich supervising the campers.

13. The event operator shall contact CAL FIRE at least 45 days prior to an event and provide the agency an opportunity to perform an evaluation of fire and life safety concerns and conduct an initial inspection. Cal-FIRE may request to perform additional inspections, such as within ten days of the event, and re-inspection within 24 hours of the event when fire and emergency resources are in place. All above recommendations, with the exception of the staffed fire equipment, shall be in place and approved ten days prior to the event.

Cal-Fire was contacted prior to the event. It was agreed, an onsite inspection would satisfy all concerns. The pre-event inspection was performed by Cal-Fire and MCC contracted Fire Personnel. All concerns were addressed and satisfied. No further feedback was received.

14. A Critical Incident Plan shall be developed and circulated to all safety personnel and emergency service providers a minimum of 30 days prior to each event. All safety personnel and representatives from each agency shall be invited to a meeting held during the week of each event. The critical incident plan shall be utilized by all service providers and coordinated through Humboldt's CalFire Fortuna Emergency Command Center (ECC) and/or Mendocino's Howard Forest Station, per CalFire's instruction for that year's event season.

A Critical Incident Plan was developed by MCC staff. A Critical Incident Team meeting took place on Thursday, June 22. All agencies (CHP, Sheriff, Fire,) were present as well as MCC security, traffic, management leads. The plan was reviewed with the team. Fortunately, no critical incidents took place over the weekend.