



Grandfather Tree

779 Highway 101
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My name is Keith Bowman I am a local land and business owner. I own the Grandfather Tree tourist attraction, Cooks Valley Campground, stake holder in the Patriot gas station and have five homes in the Cook's Valley area. I have worked hard to help turn this area into a tourist and entrance point to Humboldt Co. and Northern Mendocino. We have 3 businesses which provides a lot of money for taxes to our county.

I would like to tell the commission that I have not spoken out in opposition of this permit till now. I was led to believe that the Mateel would work with the businesses affected by this event and we would be able to co exist. The meeting with the planning commission reaffirmed my feelings that the Mateel would negotiate workable options. The fact is they didn't come with any offer till Friday, 3 days ago. And that offer only addressed part of the issues that pertain to Grandfather Tree.

I would like to point out my concerns as to why I can't agree to this permit.

#1 The Grandfather Tree

This is a tourist business that depends on summer tourist traffic for it's income. The plan for this event is to block my business off just like they are doing at the Patriot, Bear Meadows and The Trading Company. I have been here for every event that has taken place and The Grandfather Tree does virtually no business during this time frame. The Mateel has not come forward with any plan that would help this business. They have alienated the Arthur family and the Bowman family, neighbors for the last 28 years. They claim they have a right of way for their emergency road exit through my property, which they do not. They claim they have the use of the property belonging to Hartsook Inn for a helicopter landing site and a 300 car parking lot on the river which has no use permit or permission from the owners. They want to barricade the back side of my business so people can't enter my site from the rear of the property.

#2 Cooks Valley Camping

Cook's Valley Camping was developed to provide camping and parking for the reggae events over the last eight years. The first year we worked with People productions and the Mateel to allow camping for their volunteers. The second year we worked with the Mateel and People Productions and provided camping for their guests, as the crowd had grown to over 20,000 people. We continued to provide camping through the Reggae



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Rising years and we also w provided camping for the Mateel while they were at Benbow. We were asked to provide camping for the Mateel as they had no where for their people to stay. Our Southern Humboldt area has limited space for the crowd that started coming to the Benbow Event. Without Cooks Valley, Reggae On The River at Benbow couldn't of happened. We now are being asked, or told, not to have a campground as they don't know how to handle it at this date but as this event gets larger we would want you to help us again. As the Mateel is basically against Cook's Valley Camping and are showing this by not offering any support as they have to every other campground in Southern Humboldt and Norhthern Mendo. This again shows there lack of community support.

This is the situation as I see it. If the Mateel is successful and the people come to our area they will fill up their site and then without an overflow plan the people will be in our backyards and causing our neighbors problems just like we had when the Mateel last had their events here At this point the Mateel won't even talk about Cooks Valley. We will have a permit and will be available if this event is approved.

As Mateel is blocking the entrance to Cooks Valley Camping and is using it as the shuttle turn around there is no reason not to support Cooks Valley Camping. This would provide camping for there event needs. To not have an overflow plan is asking for disaster.

#3 Thunderbird Trading Company.

This tourist business is located the closest to the event entrance. It is a very good business and deserves the same attention that we all deserve. This business will be severely altered in the same ways the rest of us are. Their conditions have not been addressed.

#4 Patriot Gas Station.

I have a big interest in this business. This business is the hub of our area and the entrance to Humboldt County. This has become a popular, stopping spot for most travelers coming and going to Humboldt. People stop here and then spend time at the other local businesses use. It is a major fueling spot for the trucks going and coming to the Renner card lock. We bought this business and one of the major factors in this decision to purchase this 7 figure business was the events that took place in the summer months. The events would create an additional cash flow that most businesses don't enjoy.



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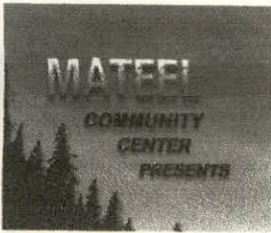
We did have good years with the events and are thankful but it doesn't make it right to now have a new group come in and block off this business.

Conclusion.

In the beginning with the idea of moving Reggae back to French's Camp it was always Mateel's idea that they would work with the businesses. There was a plan by the CHP and Cal-Trans that was going to block off the Patriot Station. We knew this and didn't like it but were willing to work with the Mateel to keep this event alive. their idea from the start was to allow Zack to move his store to the Reggae site and he would be able to make up for his losses. As the first hearing was approaching this idea was not in writing and the first hearing came and went. As the second hearing was a few days away the Mateel was not wanting to comply and grant the moving of the store. The Mateel was told by our county planning commission to go down and spend more than an hour with the businesses and come up with a reasonable offer. There solution was to have the Patriot and the Trading Company to move there businesses to the Grandfather Tree which is an entirely different business and shouldn't be responsible for this action. As time has gone on the Mateel doesn't want to allow a store on site as they have plans, as was quoted by their leader, to have their own store in the future. So now we have a community organization and a leader that wants to go in competition with their neighbor. This point alone shows there bad faith in trying to solve problems with there neighbors. The Mateel has had two years to work this out, they simply have not worked at getting it done.

I am asking for this to go back to planning come back in 30 days with something that will work.

Thanks Keith Bowman



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Camping Information

Camping:

Camping is now included in the price of your event ticket. Camping is on site at French's Camp. Please refer to your ticket confirmation email for more specific camping information. Access to the campground depends on the ticket package you purchased:

- ~ A \$250 4-day pass allows access to the grounds at 8am on Thursday, August 1st, 2013
- ~ A \$190 3-day pass allows access to the grounds at 8am on Friday, August 2nd, 2013

The Festival Shuttle will service the following local private/ state campgrounds:

Richardson Grove State Park Campground -

Reserve campsites at: www.reserveamerica.com
 Richardson Grove Park info at: www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=422

Richardson Grove RV Park Family Camp -

Phone: (707) 247-3380
 More at: www.redwoodfamilycamp.com

Benbow Valley RV Park and Campground -

Call for availability and information.
 Phone: 707-923-2777 or toll free at 866-236-2697
 More at: www.benbowrv.com

Some Additional Nearby Campgrounds that ARE NOT on the shuttle route:

Dean Creek Resort & Campground -

Phone: 707-923-2555
 More at: www.deancreekresort.com

Redwoods River Resort & Campground -

Phone: 707-925-6249
 More at: www.redwoodriverresort.com

Burlington Campground (Humboldt Redwoods State Park) -

To reserve sites at the Burlington campground go to www.reserveamerica.com and under the "Loop" dropdown at left choose "Burlington", choose your dates, and view the campsites available.

More info about this campground may be found here: <http://humboldtreedwoods.org/burlington>

Giant Redwoods RV & Camp in Myers Flat -

Phone: (707) 943-9999
 More at: www.giantredwoodsv.com

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Date: 2/11/13
To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
From: Charles L. Ciancio
Subject: Reggae Festival Permit

I know Reggae provides and economic shot into Southern Humboldt, and there are a lot of supporters for the event.

It just bothers me the Reggae event is not required to fulfill all CEQA, impaired waterbody, and other regulatory review and approval requirements other users of the Eel River Watershed are forced to do. Benbow Dam has been shutdown, many ranchers, users of natural resources, and others are being hurt by all the requirements for operating in the Eel River Watershed because Water Quality has designated the Eel River as Impaired.

If you have taken a good look at the picture I have previously provided and the proposed event is going to repeat what is happening in this provided picture, you have to see there are some things happening to water quality and to involved species that need review and mitigation. My review of the input to date finds the reggae event not being required to fulfill all review and permit requirements which is required of other users of the Eel River Watershed. Such favoritism and oversight is not helping to get the Eel River off the designated impaired list.

If anyone wants to see copies of past letters and information sent to Water Quality, Humboldt County, California Department of Fish and Game, and Corp of Engineers give me a call.

What is good for the goose should be good for the gander.

Yours,



Charles L. Ciancio
RPF #317
P.O. Box 172
Cuttan CA 95534



WHERE HAS THE EEL RIVER GONE ?????

Memorandum of Understanding

Between: Mateel Community Center (MCC) & Zachary Bowman (Patriot Station)

The purpose of this agreement is to clarify the mutual understanding of the above parties in relation to the 2013 Reggae On The River festival at French's Camp.

Both parties agree to the terms and conditions below.

1. The Mateel Community Center will provide security 24/7 to the Patriot Station during the event on August 1-4 2013 for the property located at 966 Highway 101 Garberville CA.
2. Patriot Station will give the MCC a list of companies and their delivery schedules during the event to help augment delivery of goods to the business.
3. MCC will run a shuttle from Festival Site to Richardson Grove to the Patriot Station with the Campground office drop off & pick-up during the event. This ensures the safety of patrons from the event and store in the 101 safety corridor.
4. The MCC will not run a General Store on site in 2013.
5. MCC will provide parking passes for Patriot Station owners and employees for ease of employees going to and from work and for security reasons to ensure easy ingress and egress.
6. MCC will have the business located on our Festival Map, list the business in our Program Guide and advertise a link on our website.
7. The Patriot Station will provide a list for parking passes with names and cell phone numbers to be issued.
8. The Bowman's will be invited as guests to ROTR 2013 if permission is granted by the Arthur Trust.
9. MCC will provide for a tow company at the event.
10. There is enthusiasm with both parties working together.
11. The appeal with the county will be dropped immediately.

By signing this agreement both parties agree to actively abide by its terms.

For: Mateel Community Center

For: Patriot Station

Justin Crellin- GM Date

Zachary Bowman – Owner Date

Memorandum of Understanding

Between: Mateel Community Center (MCC) & Keith Bowman (Grandfather Tree)

The purpose of this agreement is to clarify the mutual understanding of the above parties in relation to the 2013 Reggae On The River festival at French's Camp.

Both parties agree to the terms and conditions below.

1. The Mateel Community Center will provide security 24/7 to the Grandfather Tree during the event on August 1-4 2013 for the property located at 779 Highway 101 Garberville CA.
2. MCC will offer \$2000 in good faith for the use of the loop lot area and ingress and egress of roadway located between property parcels 03327127 and 03327126. This sum will be deducted from the existing 2012 MOU bill for shuttle.
3. If the old shuttle bill is resolved, consideration of parking/camping at Cook's Valley in 2014 will be discussed.
4. Cook's Valley agrees not to provide public services in 2013 opposite to ROTR 2013.
5. MCC will provide for a tow company at the event.
6. MCC will provide parking passes for the Grandfather Tree owners and employees for security reasons to ensure easy ingress and egress.
7. MCC will have the business located on our Festival Map, list the business in our Program Guide and advertise a link on our website
8. The Grandfather Tree will provide a list for parking passes with names and cell phone numbers to be issued.
9. If the Grandfather Tree and the Arthur Trust resolve their dispute, the Bowman's will be invited as guests to ROTR 2013
10. There is enthusiasm with both parties working together.

By signing this agreement both parties agree to actively abide by its terms.

For: Mateel Community Center

For: Grandfather Tree

Justin Crellin- General Manager Date

Keith Bowman- Property Owner Date

1) RIGHT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO CLOSE ROADS FOR PARTIES

California Vehicle Code 21101. Local authorities, for those highways under their jurisdiction, may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution on the following matters:

(E) Temporarily closing a portion of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes when, in the opinion of local authorities having jurisdiction or a public officer or employee that the local authority designates by resolution, the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing.

2) RIGHT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO DIVERT TRAFFIC WHEN ROAD IS CONGESTED

V.C Section 21101.2 Local Authority to Divert Traffic

21101.2. Local authorities may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution to provide that if a peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, determines that the traffic load on a particular street or highway, or a portion thereof, is such that little or no vehicular flow is occurring and, additionally, if the peace officer finds that a significant number of vehicles are not promptly moving when an opportunity arises to do so, then the peace officer may divert vehicles, excepting public safety or emergency vehicles, from that street or highway, or portion thereof, subject to traffic congestion until such time as reasonably flowing traffic is restored.



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January 31, 2013

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Re: Conditional Use Permit for the Mateel Community Center's (Mateel)
Reggae on the River 2013 (Reggae)

To the Board,

We apologize for not being able to make this presentation in person. Our business requires us to be at the Tucson Gem and Jewelry Show in Tucson, Arizona and then at our shop in Albuquerque, New Mexico during this time period.

A brief synopsis: Our business, Thunderbird Mountain Trading Company, is located at the south end of the One Log House building, directly next to the proposed entrance to 2013 Reggae. There are 5 businesses directly impacted by moving the location of future Reggae's to the proposed site. The Mateel has made a deal with two of those businesses for extra vehicle parking, and for camping and shuttle bus service. Both of those businesses will be well compensated in providing services that Mateel needs, which will offset the losses expected due to the Reggae Event. The other three businesses that will be negatively impacted have been basically ignored and left out in the cold.

We attended the first public meeting at the Mateel in Redway and voiced our opinion about the expected negative impact of this event, which will directly affect our business at the height of our Tourist Season, during the historically busiest week of the year. The main entrance and exit to the Event is directly next to our business location. And the CHP safety requirements for the anticipated major volume of vehicles and persons in attendance is to basically shut down access to both the north and south bound lanes of Hwy 101 on both sides of the highway, not allowing left turns, right turns, nor easy parking access. Highway 101 brings in 100% of all of our new and old customers. And generally, people on vacation have limited amounts of time to do what they wish to do. And tourists unfamiliar with the area are not going to sit in a line for 15 or 20 minutes or even a line that's going 5 mph, and then stop and frequent our shop, plus there will be no parking available to them anyway. And if they are on the opposite side of the highway, they will not drive down another half mile or so, and then turn around and come back. These are tourists on vacation making impulse stops. And again we are right next to the entrance and exit for this major event. We are an exclusive and a high-end gift and jewelry store. And we depend very heavily on our August traffic to carry us through the Winter.

Any event that disrupts a traffic pattern for scenic highway business will certainly cause us a great loss monetarily. And we cannot afford any such loss. We have met with the Mateel representatives, they have personally been in our store and listened to our great concerns. And they have personally seen our massive amounts of southwest jewelry and furs from around the world.

And the only two things that we have asked for numerous times, since we are going to be losing a great amount of business, we asked for a booth at the Reggae site to at least help compensate for our losses on the highway. We need to be with the reggae crowd, at the actual event, to hopefully make up for the loss. Basically we're asking for a captive audience, since we're losing our captive audience on Highway 101.

We have also asked for 24 hour professional licensed security guards for security at our business. And we do mean professional licensed security guards. We do not feel comfortable at all with volunteer security guards who are inexperienced about security issues.

We have asked Mateel many times for these small requests. As far as a booth at Reggae they suggested we go over to Keith Bolman's place and set up there, which is not even our property or theirs to allocate. We feel that Mateel has misled us in their promises to help us, and it seems like they are just leading us on with promises until the time runs out.

Again, we are only asking for a booth and security for whenever they have a function such as Reggae right next to our business. We also believe that they are violating our Civil Rights to do business by not allowing these minimal requests.

In conclusion, we are exhausted with speaking with Mateel and getting nowhere.

We too are a part of this community and we will be forced to take legal action unless our meager requests are granted. And we intend to pursue this matter wholeheartedly. We cannot afford to lose one week of August business.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Captain Shon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Captain Shon Nickel and Lee Nickel, Owners,

Thunderbird Mountain Trading Company

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Lee Nickel, positioned to the right of the typed name of the signatory.



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February 8, 2013

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street, Room 111
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Reggae on the River

Dear Supervisor,

It is my understanding that the Mateel Community Center (MCC) is planning on essentially blocking the Patriot Gas Station & Grocery Store and the Renner Cardlock site from business for the duration of the Reggae on the River event. They will have early arrival beginning Thursday morning, August 1st and the traffic from the event will be ongoing through Monday, August 5th when folks leave the venue. This essentially puts the Patriot and Renner out of business for 5 days during our busy season. It is imperative that we be able to openly operate or be reimbursed for our losses.

I have been in contact with Mr. Zacary Bowman, owner of the Patriot Station and he has tried working with the MCC folks to no avail.

Renner Petroleum and the Patriot Gas Station are tax paying Humboldt County businesses. We pay both sales and property taxes.

I have attached a diagram showing the delineators MCC plans on placing down the center of the road which eliminate all northbound traffic. They also intend to place barricade fencing in front of our sites, leaving only the far south opening clear.

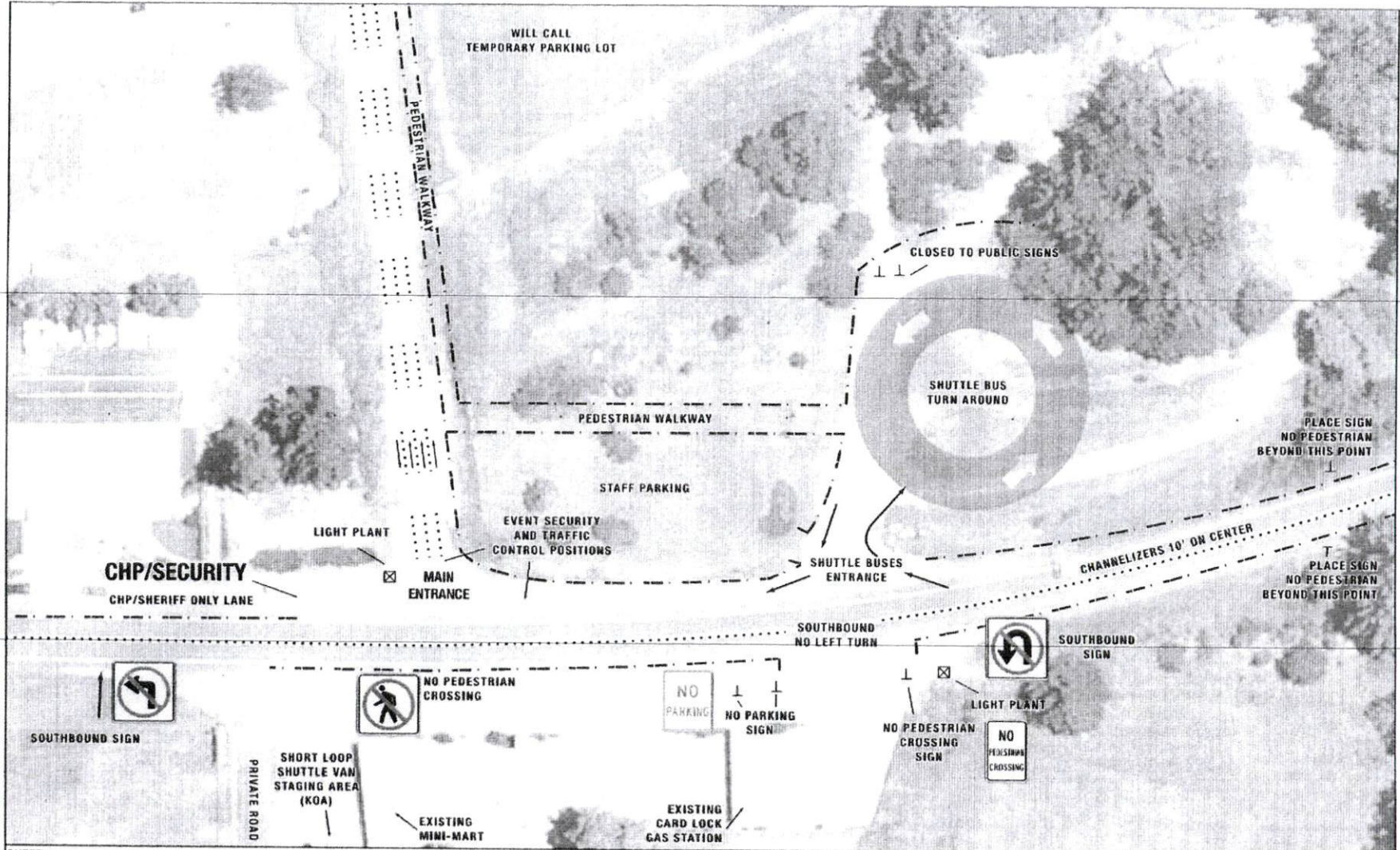
We are looking at 5 days lost business plus the loss of customer loyalty when they recognize we were unable to meet their needs during this time. There will be a loss to Mr. Bowman's employees as they will have to close for the duration and we will have to have 24 hour security on site due to the nature of the event taking place.

Local businesses are the backbone of any county. We pay local taxes and serve local people on a year round basis. Please intervene on our behalf and encourage the MCC to revise their plans or compensate both us and the Patriot Station for our losses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Renner", written over a horizontal line.

Michael L. Renner
President,
L&M Renner, Inc.



SHEET 9

REGGAE ON THE RIVER ENTRANCE SITE PLAN, 2013
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Damico, Tracy

From: Fennell, Estelle
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 9:50 PM
To: Damico, Tracy
Subject: FW: Bowman's

Hi Tracy,

Here's another letter for the Reggae hearing. Could you please make sure that the full board has copies.

Thanks,
Estelle

Estelle Fennell
Supervisor
Humboldt County, Second District
(707) 476 2392

From: Sadie G [sadie.gooch@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 8:56 PM
To: Fennell, Estelle
Subject: Bowman's

Estelle,

Hello there! I'm hoping this email does not get to you too late. My name is Sadie Gooch. I work with developmentally disabled adults, at Community Cornerstone in Redway. My husband and I also own a small local business, called Garberville sign co. I'm pretty sure my husband, Tyler Gooch, did some signage for you. Tyler and I have 3 children in the southern Humboldt school district and I volunteer Friday's at Redway School.

Recently my husband and I heard about the unfortunate news with Reggae and we are greatly concerned for the Bowman family. I just don't understand how this operation can take so much business away from the Bowman family and get away with it! Don't they have rights? This is truly their busiest time of year, and we all know that after a long winter, here in so. Hum, small business owners are dependent upon the tourism to boost our sales. Zachary and Kristina have 4 children to support and have always counted on the summer months to keep their business profitable. They are an amazing family! They volunteer at so many things and seem to be at every school event. They donate their time and money into this community more than most.

I am not against Reggae, nor have I ever been. I wish they would not tear up our river so much but that's a whole other issue. :) I know it's an awesome festival that brings a lot of tourist's, thus money, into our community for our local small business owners. In turn we can push that money towards the schools, and other non profits as we see fit. Please help the Bowman family with a reasonable resolve in dealing with the Mateel community center. There are so many people in this community that absolutely adore this family and are rooting for a win win outcome for everyone involved!! Thanks so much for your time! You're doing a fabulous job with new position!

Sincerely
Sadie Gooch Sent from my iPad

Just Rent It LLC
1210 Evergreen Rd
Redway, CA 95560

February 9th, 2013

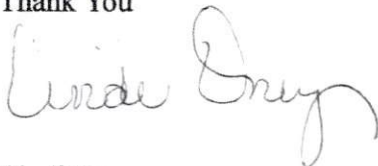
Humboldt County Supervisors:

I am writing this letter in support of Zach and Kristina Bowman who own and operate the Patriot Gas Station next to the Reggae on the River site in Cooks Valley. I do not agree with the plan for the CHP to block off businesses for several days.

As a local seasonal business owner I know the importance of capturing the summer time business. The business we do in the spring and summer help to keep our employees employed all year around. If I were to loose some of that business in the peak season I would have to lay off some of the employees for the winter.

I also understand that Reggae on the River is a large money maker for the local non profit organizations. I know that local businesses contribute to the non profits all year long. I hope that there can be a compromise between the Mateel and the businesses that are impacted by the traffic plan. I do not think that local businesses should suffer.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindi Oney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Cindi Oney".

Cindi Oney

Damico, Tracy

From: Fennell, Estelle
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 9:46 PM
To: Damico, Tracy
Subject: FW: reggae

Hi Tracy,

Can you please make copies of this for the full board.

Thanks,

Estelle

Estelle Fennell
Supervisor
Humboldt County, Second District
(707) 476 2392

From: Linda Brodersen [brodersenlinda1@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 2:36 PM
To: Fennell, Estelle
Subject: reggae

Hi Estelle, I just wanted to let you know that Zack and Kristina Bowman (Cook's Valley gas) are big supporters to our community. Kristina sits on our executive board of the Southern Humboldt Schools Foundation and they have both worked at events that we have had (including Mardi Gras at the Mateel) to raise money for our schools. Their business also assisted the South Fork Booster Club during last year's Harley Run allowing both Boosters and SOS to order products from them at cost, deliver and even store the items for us. They are both hard working young people that have a vested interest in our community and our schools. Zach also helps with the youth athletic teams when possible. Both have given time and donated financially to our organizations. It is truly nice to have young people helping out as us older ones are getting tired of lugging cases of water, sodas, tables and chairs to events.

I think when people hear the name Bowman they think of Keith (Zack's father), but in working together at fundraising events Zack is always willing to help out.

As a member of this community I hope that everyone, both small businesses(local and in the greater Eureka area) and non-profits can benefit from summer events, since the winter months are very slow for all of us. I don't think any business owner would like to have his business blocked off from traffic, for a day or a weekend, no matter what time of year.

Good Luck with this one.
Linda

Hayes, Kathy

From: Sundberg, Ryan
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy; Damico, Tracy
Subject: Fw: Reggae on the River Traffic Plan background info

Hi Kathy,
Can you make sure this email gets to our Hearing on Monday morning.
Thank you,
Ryan Sundberg
Humboldt Co. 5th District Supervisor
707-476-2395

From: paul rosenblatt [<mailto:paulradman@hughes.net>]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2013 12:00 AM
To: Sundberg, Ryan
Subject: Reggae on the River Traffic Plan background info

Dear Supervisor Sundberg,
Here is the information I spoke of when I ran into you the other day. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me that day for a minute. In regards to the Reggae on the River Traffic Plan and the appeal to the CUP by Mr Zack Bowman, the parameters set forth by the CHP and Cal-Trans for the traffic plan for the proposed event in 2013 at the Frenchs Camp property owned by the Arthur family were not decided arbitrarily. The commander of the Garberville Area CHP Lt Adam Jager has been involved with this event since his days as a Highway Patrol Officer assigned to the Garberville office in the mid to late 1990's and again as the Sargent assigned to coordinating with event in the early 2000's and again as he promoted to Lt and Commander of the Garberville office. The Cal-Trans permit engineer assigned to this project Mr Vernon Callahan has been the lead person from Cal-Trans dealing with this event in its various forms and evolutions of traffic plans since 1994. 1994 is the year I first became involved with the traffic control for this event. I have been involved with and responsible for the traffic control with every incarnation of this event at Frenchs Camp and the Dimmick Ranch since. When the Mateel proposed their plan to move back to Frenchs Camp to Lt Jager and Mr Callahan last spring, Lt Jager immediately said that he was not willing to risk the safety of his officers and event personnel in order to have a crosswalk from the event site to the Patriot gas station owned by Mr Zack Bowman as had been done in the past. The Mateel has proposed a shuttle van which will run regularly during the event from the event site to Richardson Grove State Park and back to the Patriot Station in order to afford event attendees the ability to patronize Mr Bowman's Gas Station and Mini Mart, this shuttle will be paid for solely by the Mateel. Cal-Trans has decided not to allow left turns for northbound traffic into the patriot station for the four days the public will be on site at Frenchs Camp, they did not allow this type of turn during the events held from 1995-2005 when the event entrance was adjacent to the Patriot Station as is proposed for this years event so this is nothing new. The Mateel, its agents and myself held several community meetings one of which was at the campground behind the Patriot Station in order to get input concerned neighbors and stakeholders. We then met with Mr Zack Bowman and his father Mr Keith Bowman who is the owner of the Grandfather Tree another adjacent business. In that meeting Mr Keith Bowman admitted that the Patriot station was built to cash in on Reggae business. The only real difference in the traffic plan for this years proposed event is the omission of a crosswalk providing unimpeded access to the Patriot station, this has been deemed unsafe by people with years of experiance at this site in addition to years experiance in the realms of public safety, traffic safety, and event safety. The Mateel has made tremendous efforts to ensure that the impact on the surrounding business's will be as small as possible. You and supervisor's Bohn and Fennel know me primarily for my work as the Fire Chief at

the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department, as a community leader, an emergency medical responder and firefighter. You all know I am deeply committed to community, the success of nonprofit organizations and the safety and health of the public which is why I have been involved with this event since 1988 and the signatory on the encroachment permit from Cal-Trans since 1998. Mr Zack Bowman contends that his business will do worse on a weekend with 8,000 people at his doorstep than it would on a normal weekend in August it is hard to concieve this could be true. What is clear to me is Mr Bowman will get a piece of the pie which is so vital to local non profit organisations such as the Mateel and local Volunteer Fire departments and schools who raise money at this event, it just is perhaps not as large as he would like it to be. Please consider the Planning Commision unanimously voted to approve this CUP and that Mr Zack Bowman is the only one actively contesting it. I thank you and all the members of the Board of Supervisors for their levity and service to our great county and wonderful communies. With highest regard Paul Rosenblatt (Paul Radman)
Owner Redwood Construction services: Traffic consultant and traffic control provider for Reggae on the River 2013

I can be contacted at 707-496-6455 for any questions.



February 4, 2013

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 fifth St, Room 111
Eureka, CA 95501
Attn: Clerk of the Board

Subject: Response to the appeal filed by Zachery Bowman against CUP-12-017 SP-12-030 issued to the Mateel Community Center for Reggae on the River music festival

Honorable members of the Board,

My name is Steve Salzman. I am the Agent representing the Mateel Community Center and the Arthur Family Trust, in their application for a 5-year CUP to hold their Reggae on the River music festival at French's Camp. Thank you for scheduling this special meeting. I am submitting an informational narrative and documents that I hope will be useful in your deliberations. I will be in attendance at the meeting and will be ready to answer any questions you may have.

First a very brief history of how we got here:

- The Arthur family has owned the French's Camp property since 1979. It has a long history of being used as a family campground and event venue.
- The Mateel Community Center started renting French's Camp for the Reggae on the River musical festival, in 1984, attracting upwards of 10,000 individuals to French's camp during the first weekend in August.
- Many of the businesses and nonprofit organizations in southern Humboldt have financially benefitted from the huge influx of attendees that the festival brings each year.
- The Bowmans started doing business as Cook's Valley Patriot gas station, in July 1999.
- In 2006, the company that produced ROTR for the Mateel hijacked the event and expanded it to the adjoining Dimmick Ranch, rebranding it Reggae Rising. It was permitted to have 14,500 people but the estimated number of attendees was closer to 25,000. It lasted three years before crashing and burning. Dimmick ended up owing a lot of people and organizations a lot of money and his ranch went into foreclosure. The Arthurs revoked their permission to let him use their property (more on that later).
- The Mateel Community Center has been producing Reggae on the River at Benbow Lake State Recreation Area since 2008. They decided to bring the festival back to French's Camp this year so that the attendees could camp at the venue. This simplified traffic and security measures and allowed them to increase attendance and recreate a destination event that would continue to attract a loyal crowd and guarantee the long-term financial success of the festival.
- The Mateel negotiated with the Dimmicks for about three months for the use of their ranch as it had a preferable entrance off the highway as well as an approved CUP for a music festival on the first weekend in August. They were not able to reach an agreement.

- The Mateel met with the CHP, Caltrans and a traffic control consultant to develop a plan that would provide safe ingress and egress for vehicles and pedestrians via the old main entrance to French's Camp directly across the highway from the Patriot Gas Station (Sheet 10, attached). The old plan had the big shuttle busses drop attendees off at the gas station and allowed them to cross the highway to the main entrance. Citing safety concerns for officers and pedestrians, the agencies disallowed the crosswalk. Furthermore, they would no longer allow left turns or U-turns anywhere near the main entrance (at their discretion, as traffic conditions allow). They insisted on delineators down the centerline of the highway to ensure compliance. This significantly decreased the traffic hazards but also interfered with access to various businesses including the Patriot Gas Station, the Renner Card Lock, the Richardson Grove Campground and RV Park (the old KOA), the One Log House, the Grandfather Tree, and Thunder Bird Mountain Trading Company.
- The traffic plan also called for fencing to keep the people that gather at the gas station from approaching the highway and attempting to run across. The fencing does not restrict vehicular access to the station. Most of it is located in existing, curbed planter strips at the edge of the Caltrans right of way (see Sheet 10).
- The Mateel held a series of agency meetings to identify potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures. The Mateel incorporated input from all the agencies to ensure that their event would not have a significant impact on the environment. There are no agency objections to the event.
- The Mateel also held two community meetings to identify issues and potential impacts to the residents and businesses surrounding French's Camp (minutes attached). They followed up with the property and business owners that had expressed concern. The main issues were maintaining access to their businesses and providing security, which the Mateel has agreed to do. The Mateel has also agreed to advertise for the local businesses on the website, in the program and at the event and to provide parking passes for employees employed by these businesses.
- The traffic plan provides for the big shuttle busses to drop attendees off on the east side of the highway well off the highway. Security fencing and patrols will virtually eliminate pedestrian presence along the highway, thus leaving the entrances to the businesses on the east side of the highway unencumbered and inviting to tourists.
- The traffic plan also provides for a small shuttle bus that will stop at the Richardson Grove Campground and RV Park (right next to the Patriot Gas Station) and loop around between the Cook's Valley intersection (Highway 271), French's Camp main entrance and Richardson's Grove State Park. The shuttle will be provided free to the public (at the Mateel's expense) and will be at each stop approximately every 15 minutes.
- The short shuttle was not sufficient for Zach Bowman and he wanted to have a satellite general store inside the venue and wanted the Mateel to sign a non-compete. Zach's store was going to be almost as big as the main stage and right outside the concert bowl. He wanted to be allowed ingress and egress every 1/2 hour. This was not acceptable to the

Mateel. The Mateel has continued to have meetings with the Bowmans. The record of meetings is attached.

- After two public hearings, the Planning Commission unanimously certified the EIR and granted the Mateel Community Center a 5-year CUP. They required the Mateel to make a "reasonable effort" to accommodate the local property owners and business's needs for access and security. They have succeeded with everyone but the Bowmans (Patriot Gas Station and Grandfather Tree) and Thunder Bird Mountain Trading Company.
- In the meantime, the Arthurs discovered 50-100 CYs of asphalt dumped on their land (photos attached). The Bowmans admitted that it was from their repaving of the Patriot Gas Station. The Arthurs insist that the Bowman's remove the asphalt (letter from William Barnum, attached). The dump site is part of a land dispute that has been going on between the Arthurs and Bowmans for years (second letter from Barnum, attached). The Bowmans (Grandfather Tree) have been encroaching on the Arthur's land and have asked for a lot line adjustment to give them more room.
- After the asphalt dumping incident, the Arthurs told the Mateel that they would not allow the Bowmans to have a store on their land during the event. The Mateel told the Bowmans that they would provide attendees access through their security perimeter fence to a temporary general store that could be located on the Grandfather Tree site. This was again not sufficient for the Bowmans and they threatened to appeal the CUP unless the Mateel gets the Arthur's to grant them the lot line adjustment so that they could develop a larger flat along the back of their property (see email from Keith Bowman, attached). This was well outside of the realm of reasonable and out of the Mateel's control. The Bowmans file an appeal claiming the event will create an economic hardship for them.
- Discussions have continued between the Bowmans and the Mateel but are deadlocked.

Basis of the Appeal

The Bowmans have appealed the CUP on the following grounds, "*because it prohibits my ability to do business at Cook's Valley Patriot. The plan calls for delineators placed down the center of the highway which would prohibit the ability of North bound traffic to enter Cook's Valley Patriot. The plan also calls for chain fencing across the entire frontage of my business making it difficult for south bound traffic to enter my site as well.*"

The Mateel disputes this claim. The traffic control measures do not "prohibit his ability to do business." His store will remain open and easily accessible to south bound traffic. It is true that north bound traffic will not be able to access the station (at least during the initial occupation of the venue), but the Mateel is providing a convenient and free shuttle service almost to his front door for the thousands of attendees that have patronized his store in past years. It is intuitively obvious that the revenues that will be generated from thirsty festival attendees will far exceed revenues from the regular north bound highway traffic. The delineators will deny the Bowmans revenues from north bound traffic but cancelling the event will deny the Bowmans and many other businesses and nonprofits in southern Humboldt a significant portion of their annual revenues. Their appeal does not make economic sense for anyone.

We contend that they were threatening to file an appeal to leverage additional concessions from the Mateel and the Arthurs (like the lot line adjustment). We are unsure as to why they followed through with the appeal because it creates a lose:lose situation for everyone. Planning

Commission Chairman Faust's characterization of the Bowmans complaint was insightful and accurate. He suggested that the Bowmans were not being economically hurt by the event but that, "they just wanted a bigger piece of the pie."

At the same time that Zach Bowman is appealing the CUP issued in Humboldt County, it has come to our attention that Keith Bowman is applying for a permit from the Mendocino Planning Department to allow camping for 3,500 people at Cook's Valley during the Reggae weekend. They obviously see and are planning for the economic benefit of this event. Also, during past events the Bowmans have allowed vendors that set up around the Patriot Gas Station to attract more business. While this creates more business for the Bowmans, it creates an attractive nuisance that the Mateel had to address with the pedestrian fencing at the edge of the Caltrans right of way.

Reggae on the River generates millions of dollars annually for various entities in the southern Humboldt community including nonprofits like the Mateel, and schools, volunteer fire departments, hotels, food stores, gas stations, etc. The Mateel has taken this event back from others that let it get out of control and is recreating it as an environmentally-sustainable, family-friendly, economically-beneficial event. Please do not let the single party's self-interest take this opportunity away from the southern Humboldt community. Thank you for your consideration.

On a related note: the Mateel requests that the Board of Supervisors revisit the issues involved with our CUP Condition No.14. It suspends Reggae on the River if the CUP for Reggae Rising is reactivated. We are requesting that the Board officially revoke the CUP that was issued to the Dimmicks and Peoples Productions. It is our contention that this CUP is now invalid and could not/should not be reactivated. The Arthurs have revoked their permission for the Dimmicks to use their land for parking and camping (letter attached) and this was an integral part of that CUP. The entire plan of operations would have to be modified to function without it. If someone wants to purchase Dimmick's Ranch and host an event they should have to go through the same process as the Mateel and not just take over and run an event of this magnitude. At the very least an event on Dimmick's Ranch should be required to pick a different weekend to avoid conflicting with Reggae on the River.

Sincerely,



Steve Salzman, P.E.
Greenway Partners

**Mateel Community Center
Reggae on the River 2013**

Date: Monday, November 5, 2012

Meeting Topic: Public Meeting on DSEIR for Reggae on the River 2013

In Attendance: Seven Mateel Board Members and 26 members of the public

Discussion Items

This public meeting was held to present the Draft Supplemental EIR on Reggae on the River 2013 and to receive comments and answer questions from the general public. The meeting was held at the Mateel Community Center, in Redway. A summary of the comments follows.

- Shari (Piercy resident)
 - Illegal camping/fires. Need more on the ground ROTR patrols assisting local residents.
 - Unauthorized parking (ROTR Security can/should also be able to park cars. Get them into the existing lots more densely.
 - Transients stealing stuff and crawling around on their land during the weeks leading up to the event. Need liaison to handle complaints
 - Should set up showers on site to keep the river cleaner.
 - Offsite parking lots often end up as camp site and dog park. Arrange kennels for dogs.
 - Reach out and help local businesses get a piece of the action. Advertise local businesses and Chamber of Commerce on ROTR website.
 - She would like to have a public information meeting in Piercy. (Mateel agreed to hold one).
- Dan (Benbow resident)
 - Against whole event due to impacts to the river, soap, fish etc.
 - Overflow parking and camping inadequate. Need more patrols and enforcement.
 - More days of music. Event getting bigger.
- Kelly (Mateel member)
 - Thanks for moving the event back to French's Camp (music and camping together is better) and for having this public meeting.
 - Conflicts with Gaia Festival (traffic, volunteers, attendees)
 - Security issues (mostly off site)
- Kieth Bowman (Piercy resident and business owner)
 - Foam (soap?) has been in the river as long as he can remember (1949).
 - Glad to see the event move back to French's Camp and thinks "it's all working well and there are no problems."
 - Would like to see a meeting arranged for the businesses in Piercy/Cooks Valley to go over issues that affect them (traffic, left turns, parking, security, pedestrian traffic, etc)
 - Wants the Mateel to use the Dimmick Ranch traffic plan.
 - Gaia Festival conflicts. He is concerned that Mendo Co won't approve his application to have an event on the same weekend as ROTR and the Gaia Festival. (No details on the event he is planning).
- Linda (Piercy resident and business owner)

- She owns a business adjacent to and north of the main entrance and is concerned that our traffic plan doesn't allow for south bound vehicles to turn left into her business and any customers to park in front of her business.
- Wants a Piercy business meeting. (Mateel agrees to hold one).
- Jessie (Piercy resident, owns property on river bar and adjacent, south of entrance)
 - Wants compensation (\$\$) for impacts to his property.
 - Doesn't want anybody to camp on his river bar (security and enforcement).
- Bob Stern (former treasurer of Mateel)
 - Gaia Festival impacts (volunteer labor pool, attendees)
 - How are we going to control/monitor the number of attendees (25,000-30,000 at last ROTR event).
- Ron (Mateel member)
 - Parking on the river bar.
 - Finances, encourages Mateel to go slow on build out of infrastructure.
- Cassandra (Mateel member)
 - It will be nice to get the festival back to how it was back in the day.

Follow-up Actions

- The Mateel has committed to holding a second public meeting in or closer to Piercy sometime before Dec 6th and individual meetings with the businesses owners near ground zero.

Meeting Date: November 19, 2012

Meeting Topic: Draft Supplemental EIR, Reggae on the River 2013

In Attendance: Six Mateel Board Members and a few Mateel staff, Steve Salzman (Greenway), Michael Richardson and Kevin Hamblin (Humb Co Community Development Dept) and 32 members of the Piercy and surrounding community.

Discussion Items

This was the second public meeting on the DSEIR for Reggae on the River 2013. It was held at the Richardson Grove Pavilion located at the KOA campground directly across Highway 101 from the main entrance to French's camp (the Arthur's property). It was attended by most of the business owners in Piercy and a few of the residents from Piercy and the surrounding area. Justin Crellin (Director of the Mateel Community Center) gave a brief description of the project then each of the attendees in the circle gave their name and comments and/or questions. A summary of the interactions follows:

- Michael Richardson (Humb Co Community Development, staff for DSEIR)
 - Explained the CEQA process and gave dates for public input to the Planning Commission
 - Summarized biggest issues and mitigation measures developed in the DSEIR. Topics touched on included traffic into and out of the main entrance, no pedestrian allowed to cross 101, traffic flow through Piercy, water quality issues associated with swimmers and vehicles parked on the river bar, potential noise impacts on Spotted Owls and Marbled Murrelets.
 - Told everyone to call him (or email) with questions and comments
- Zake Bowman (owner of the Patriot Gas Station, in Piercy):
 - Concerned about loss of business revenues from gas station and convenience store due to no left turn restrictions imposed by CHP and CalTrans and by traffic congestion.
 - Security for his property. Lots of non-ticketed people hanging out around entrance.
 - Loss of revenues caused by not allowing pedestrians from the event to cross the highway.
- Keith Bowman (owner Cooks Valley Campground and other properties in Piercy):
 - Concerned about traffic control discouraging patrons from gas station etc.
 - Wanted to see the traffic plan explained in writing (not just diagrams)
 - Wants to see paid security professional (not just volunteers from the Mateel)
 - Non-ticketed people were causing problems.
 - He claimed to have been providing overflow parking and camping for Reggae events and wasn't being acknowledged or appreciated for this service
 - Dimmick Ranch is for sale and whoever buys it is going to want to put on events as allowed for in the CUP for Reggae Rising.
- Michael Richardson (Humb Co)
 - CUP is still active through 2014 and it goes with the property
 - If a new owner wanted to have an event, they would have to satisfy all the conditions of approval in the Reggae Rising CUP such as post event reporting and letters from agencies documenting that the event met their requirements and that they had no objections to the event starting up again.

- Also they would have to present a modified project to the Planning Commission and show how their event could occur without the Arthur's property (French's Camp) being used for camping and parking. The Planning Commission may require a CUP modification.
- If it was a modified CUP, the Planning Commission would have discretionary approval and would weigh it against the Mateel's approved CUP.
- If a new owner were to satisfy all requirements and convince the Planning Commission to grant them a modification, then Mateel would have to cancel it until 2015.
- Paul Radman (Redwood Construction Services, traffic control):
 - Explained the traffic plan was developed after working with CHP and CalTrans
 - Still a work in progress and he will submit Encroachment Permit application soon
- Leeann (business owner in Piercy):
 - Security (jewellery store at risk)
 - Parking issues. Tourists need easy access to spontaneously stop at the store. The event is at the height of the tourist season and the event scares them off. Attendees don't buy stuff.
- Dan (resident in Benbow):
 - Concerned about impacts to the river, people swimming, trash, oil
- Pattie (resident near airport):
 - Impacts to the river bar from parked vehicles
 - Off-site security. Need more area patrols.
- Frenchie (resident near airport):
 - Water quality issues oil from cars parked on the river bar
 - Sunscreen, urination in river, attendees won't comply with requests or signs
 - Salmon being impacted
 - Depleting the water resource
 - Compaction of the river bar gravels
- Steve Salzman (Greenway Partners):
 - Responded to Frenchies comments
 - Approximately 3,000 vehicles will be parked, most on upper terraces not active channel, they will be screened for leaks and problem vehicles will be parked on upper terraces and oil absorbing pads will be placed under them. Post event survey by Fish and Game after clean up by Mateel. This mitigation measure was suggested/requested/approved by Fish and Game.
 - Ticket packets and event website will contain information about the river resource and potential impacts. Attendees will be reminded with interpretive signs and field monitors.
 - Salmon have spawned, hatched and migrated out by August, river is too warm
 - Storage of 60,000 gallons filled in May/June before low water conditions set in. Fish and Game does not consider our withdrawal from the aquifer to be significant impact
- Maurine (owner of retreat in Piercy):
 - Security of residences and camping on Highway 271
 - Light station with generator was left on all night in front of her property during Harley Run
- Mark Arthur (resident of French's Camp):
 - Chronic versus acute impacts to water quality and resources

- Dan Beleme (owners of business next to main entrance, One Log House):
 - Access to his business and parking is hard for tourists. If it's not east they continue on. He was losing 20%-30% of typical revenues during the event until he started allowing/charging for parking and selling more coffee out back. Last event was about even.
 - Fire danger and illegal fireworks
 - Security inside of his business and on his property
 - Clean up of trash
 - Dust on main entrance
 - Attendees using/abusing his bathrooms
- Nancy (manager of KOA across 101 from main entrance):
 - They can accommodate between 1,500 and 2,000 campers at their facility for short term
 - Water use is an issue, people sneak in to take showers.
 - Suggests using paid security, not just volunteers
 - Offers to allow use of the turn around in her facility for shuttle bus stop
- Sharie (resident in Piercy):
 - Off-site security is an issue, illegal campers, fires and theft
 - Dimmick property will still be used by non-ticketed people that wait for a chance to sneak in
 - Close Highway 271 to all but local residents and give them preferential treatment to allow them to come and go without long waits at Highway 101
 - Suggested an agency meeting with CalTrans and CHP, Mateel and residents
 - Command center location for CHP should be at main entrance not at Cooks Valley turnoff
 - Need to have a Piercy liaison from the Mateel for the weeks leading up to and after event
 - Communication during event, get everyone on same frequency and phone numbers
 - Proactively go after illegal campers, don't hesitate to call cops, tow trucks and rangers
 - Fire safety, coordinate with local volunteer fire dept, Cal Fire and Parks
 - Non-ticketed attendees are the real off-site problem for local residents. The Mateel should make a plan for dealing with them. Discourage them from coming if they don't have a ticket
 - Continuous shuttle bus service to relieve attendees of the worry of not being able to come and go as they please. Less people will drive if they are sure to get a shuttle bus

Follow-up Actions

- Have one-on-one meetings with local businesses over the next week
- Prepare a large scale map(s) of area for the residents to mark in where trouble spots are located
- Work with CHP on traffic plan to accommodate tourist parking at local businesses
- Prepare information to include on website and ticket packets about reducing impacts, soap and sunscreen in river, oil from cars, trash, water use
- Also get the word out that non-ticketed people should not come to hang out. Illegal campers and trespassers will be cited and vehicles towed

Mateel Community Center record**Meetings with neighbors for General Store**

November 19 2012 4-7pm	Piercy community meeting
	Traffic, security, loss on income and the river
November 26 2012	Initial meeting with Zach Bowman: General Store
4:30-5:30pm	General Manager & Festival Ops Manager
	\$5000 concession fee or General Store at bowl or Grandfather Tree
	24/7 security/20x40 footprint/refrigerated trucks
	not having north bound traffic will kill his business
	no jerky, sandwiches or espresso/ eco friendly products along river
November 30 2012 2 -3 pm	Zach Bowman, Traffic Manager, Festival Ops Manager
	Traffic concerns/24/7 security/footprint change to 40x50
	shuttle concerns/ABC can't compete with bowl sales to non-profit
	Sunscreen/soap/toothpaste/shampoo eco friendly to patrons and river
	To avoid litigation give Capt.Shon a 10x10 beside Zach
	Wants to sell tobacco
	MCC advertise every business on website and tell patrons on line
	about uniqueness of Piercy are and businesses
3-4:30 pm	Keith Bowman, Traffic Manager, General Manager
	Festival Operations Manager
	Keith will not run campground. Just wants Zach to have store
December 1 2012	Email correspondences about MOU
	Refrigerated trucks, ATM, ice sales (footprint of Patriot on site 40 x 50)
December 3 2012 10am	CHP, Cal Trans, Traffic Manager and Festival Ops Manager
	Traffic plan review: possible left hand turns
December 4 2012	Phone messages & emails:
	wants to sell everything in Patriot Station at bowl
	MCC plan will kill his business
December 5 2012 7:42 pm	phone call: threaten of litigation
December 6 2012 6pm	Planning Department meeting
	Courthouse threats. Zach & attorney will submit a contract
December 17 2012 5:30pm	Contract submitted by Zach
	Change from General Store to Auxiliary Store
	Foot print change to 70x80. every 1/2 hour ingress & egress
	for himself and employees/MOU runs with MCC CUP

	No mention in contract of concierge fee or security concerns
	or traffic problems See attached contract
December 21 2012 3pm	Unacceptable conversation with General Manager
December 25 2012	Redwood Times article: CHP on crosswalk
	and left hand turns during Reggae on the River 2013
January 3 2013	Call to Office Manager from Zach saying this was war
	1 hour call from GM with Keith about contract items not acceptable
6pm	Planning Department meeting
	My comments that: MCC meeting with local neighbors on 4-5 occasions
	to mitigate traffic concerns and security protection for businesses 24/7
	MCC providing 24/7 security from Hartsook Inn to 271 Piercy
	Ensuing threats outside the courthouse.
	Will contact after management meeting on 1/7
Jan4 & 8 2013	Emails from Zach about meeting
January 8 2013	MCC email about meeting 1/11 at 2pm at Grandfather Tree
January 9 2013 cancelled	Family death- mtg set for Monday 13 at 3pm
January 14 2013 3-5pm	Keith and Trudi Bowman, Zachary Bowman, Doug Green (President),
	Agnes Patak (VP), Justin Crellin (GM) and Katz Boose (FOM)
	Visited timeline of meetings exhibited here; fencing and 24/7 security
	traffic ingress and egress 30' or more at the Patriot Station;
	Shuttle access and route; financials (there were none provided);
	the General Store vs. Auxiliary Store for the life of the CUP;
	the lack of the \$5000 concession fee in the 12/17 proposed contract
	the ingress and egress on site being too often and unlimited during
	prior and after the event. The money still owed from the MOU dated
	3/23/2012 with Cooks Valley Campground for shuttle service provided
	by the Southern Humboldt Unified School District Transportation Dept.
	The illegal dumping on the Arthur property of asphalt from
	the Patriot Station repaving
	MCC will not interfere if the General Store is located on the Grandfather
	Tree property. We will work with them for one year and not compete
	with a General Store on the site (maybe a fruit stand)
January 15 2013	Information sent to Steve Salzman, engineer for the MCC for
	record with Michael Richardson for the Commissioners
	Email correspondences - see attached.

January 16 2013	Conversation with Keith Bowman at Grandfather Tree- asphalt removal done!
	Conversation with Capt. Shon- must jury if he wants a booth on site
	MCC providing security and traffic mitigation to his store
January 17 2013	Conversation with Zach Bowman about his appeal.
	MCC/Greenway Partners willing to help with CUP for Grandfather Tree
	as an unclassified commercial permit to provide for store on property
	But MCC will not help if appeal is submitted
	Financials of the Patriot Station will become public record as well
	as trespass and illegal dumping of asphalt.
	Zach maintains the CHP and Cal Trans should change their plans
	He wants to retain regular business
January 18 2013	see email correspondences above submitted- final email from Keith
January 23 2013	Meeting with CHP Martin Abshire
January 25 2013 8:49 am	Phone call with Keith - running out of time/needs to be corrected immediately
	Cannot block off GT with fencing (Arthur Trust proposal). MCC must work with Trust
	to get lot line adjustment- has to level and clean property
	New problem Bowman's not allowed even on Guest List.
	MCC willing to give Keith \$2000 (as in the past) for access to emergency road and
	and loop lot- amount will be deducted from what is owed from 2012 MOU
January 25 2013 9:15 am	Phone call with Zach- Left hand turns a must- need it in writing
	unobstructed access for their customers
	In writing MCC will not compete this year with a General Store- has to have store
February 4/5	New MOU's submitted to Zach and Keith Bowman

Asphalt from Patriot Gas Station Repaving Dumped on Arthur's Property



PATRICIA C. ARTHUR

701 MILKY WAY

PIERCY, CALIFORNIA 95587-8803

TELEPHONE: (707) 247-3418

April 22, 2005

***CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT***

Keith and Trudy Bowman
Grandfather Tree
779 Highway 101
Piercy, California 95587

Dear Keith and Trudy,

On June 16, 1995, I sent you a letter granting permission for you to store wood, redwood burls and stumps and to burn waste wood materials on my property. For your convenience I enclose a copy of that letter. Over the years I have appreciated your compliance with my grant of permissive use to you for the benefit of your business. But recently I have become concerned with the unsightly volume of materials stored on my property. As I am sure you will agree, quite a large volume of materials have been accumulated on my property over the last ten (10) years. I'd like you to clean up the area to make it more appealing.

Here's what I'd like you to do:

1. Please take steps within the next thirty (30) days to reduce the volume of stored materials on my property by, say, eighty percent (80%). I suggest you store your highest value burls and stumps, but remove the majority of those materials, including all waste and trimmings.

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Very truly yours,

Patricia C. Arthur

PATRICIA C. ARTHUR

701 MILKY WAY
PIERCY, CALIFORNIA 95587-8803
TELEPHONE: (707) 247-3418

April 22, 2005

***CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT***

Keith and Trudy Bowman
Grandfather Tree
779 Highway 101
Piercy, California 95587

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May 20, 2005

***CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT***

Keith and Trudy Bowman
Grandfather Tree
779 Highway 101
Piercy, California 95587

Re: **Letter from Patricia Arthur Dated April 22, 2005**

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bowman:

I represent Pat Arthur. On April 22, 2005, Pat sent you a letter, a copy of which I enclose.

Please review her letter and the enclosed 1995 grant of permissive use, and then call me to discuss the issues.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

William F. Barnum

WFB:b

Encls.

cc: Client

arthur letter to bowmans may 19, 2005

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January 10, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT

Keith and Zack Bowman
Grandfather Tree
779 Highway 101
Piercy, California 95587

Gentlemen:

I represent the Trustee of the Jack and Patricia Arthur Living Trust, owner of the property adjoining your Grandfather Tree business near French's in Humboldt County.

It has come to our attention that you have deposited, as a trespass upon my client's property, several hundred cubic yards (or more, subject to measurement) of asphalt chunks and grindings developed from a re-paving project at the nearby Patriot Service Station. See the three (3) enclosed photographs of the offending conditions.

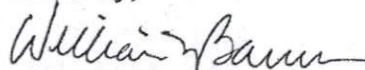
Your placement of this material constitutes trespass, and damages the interests of the Trust in its property. You must remove all materials deposited on the Jack and Patricia Arthur Living Trust's property immediately, in compliance with all applicable laws. The Trust has advised relevant agencies of the discovered trespass. To the extent that any or all of the agencies may assert jurisdiction over your improperly placed materials, you are to comply with all the lawful directives given by such agencies. You will undoubtedly need to secure, at a minimum, a grading permit from the County of Humboldt. Site restoration will be overseen by the County of Humboldt pursuant to the grading permit regulations, and potentially by other agencies.

We demand your immediate attention to removal of all materials you placed on the Trust's property, and restoration of the original soil conditions and topography. We reserve all rights and causes of action pending your attention to the problem.

Mr, Keith Bowman
Mr. Zack Bowman
January 10, 2013
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Please keep me advised of your progress and permitting at the site. Please confirm receipt of this letter and your unqualified acceptance of responsibility for the cleanup and restoration of all the cited conditions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



William F. Barnum

WFB:b

cc: Clients

wfb letter to bowmans sent jan 10, 2013

From: sprig45@aol.com (Zackery Bowman)
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 1:10 PM
To: office@mateel.org
Subject: ROR General Store

RE: Reggae on the River - General Store

Hello members of the Mateel Community Center I would like to address those who are involved with the decision making regarding ROR. I have met Justin, Katz, and last night Mr. Green, if there are others involved I would like to meet them as well and get our issues resolved.

I don't understand how our situation got this far, what I am asking for is to operate a general store on site that would make ROR a better event. The patrons of the event would no doubt be much happier being able to get the goods I provide without having to walk a mile in the heat of summer or taking a shuttle for an hour. Not only would this store help keep patrons on site, thus alleviating traffic congestion that the Highway patrol and Caltrans no doubt would appreciate, it would also reduce the demand for shuttle busses which are a great expense to the MCC. Not to mention all the vendors surely wouldn't mind if there were a few thousand folks on site that would otherwise be off site getting their lunch and supplies. With just these benefits to this event I am amazed that we have an issue at all.

I have been open to the MCC for discussion about this event but I haven't received anything from the Mateel to finalize this idea. Communication has been all but nonexistent and we need to change that in order to resolve any issues that the MCC has with my proposal. This event should be fun and we should all try to work together, confrontation is the last thing I wanted, it makes for a bad relationship.

From what I can tell there are only a couple issues that were not satisfactory to the MCC and I am proposing that we sit down with all decision making parties and negotiate this out. But I must insist we don't delay and am putting a deadline of Tuesday January 15th to come into agreement. This short time frame is due to only having a 10 working day period to appeal to the board of supervisors (Thursday January 17th) and if we can't come to agreement that is the next action I am forced to make.

Zachary Bowman
(707)247-9645 wk
(707)4944596 cell
Sprig45@aol.com

(I will be out of area Sat. 1/5 and Sun 1/6 but feel free to email me or call my cell with any ideas.)

Katz Boose

to sprig45, keith_bowman2002, rmt, Steve

Zachary,

I received, this afternoon, the two emails you recently sent on Friday afternoon and this morning to office@mateel.org.

The management team met on Monday, as I assured you we would on the court steps. The result is we can meet with you on Friday the 11th at 2pm. We'd like to meet at the Grandfather Tree, out of inclement weather, if you would be so kind Keith. Agnes Patak -Vice President of the Board of Directors, Justin Crellin- General Manager and I will be attending.

Meanwhile it remains true that security will be provided to the local businesses by the Mateel Community Center 24/7 during the event as we spoke of during our first meeting on November 26, 2012 and at the November 19, 2012 community meeting in Piercy. It also remains true that traffic plans have been mitigated with you; the fencing moved, better ingress and egress and left hand turns may be permitted. A shuttle bus will stop at your location. I will bring the current map. I will bring my timeline of conversations with you. We could start there. Would you bring financial figures of income during the first weekend in August for the Patriot Station for the past years? We can talk about your proposal.

Let us know if this works and please continue to reply all to the above email addresses in the correspondence. Thank-you.

keith bowman

to me

Dear Katz As you know I have been trying to get Zack to relent and move to GT for his store. I propose a few things that needs to happen to make this possible. First mateel has to agree to enter into a non compete contract. This is something you said you would do. Second you would make the store asseble (accessible) for them to get there on the lower road through the loop lot. Third we would have to get the permission to do this. I would have to remove all wood and materials finish levling the lot for placement of Zack's store. We would finish making the roadway asseble and give you permission to use it during the event.

To make this possible I need to be able to level and make the back part of this lot asseble and to do this I need the cooperation of the Arthurs. I n

July I made an agreement with the Arthurs to do a lot line and buy this 20 to 30 foot strip of land. Now they have changed there mind and there is no way to finnish this project. and do what is needed to make this store possible. Tomorrow both Zac and I will be filing an appeal with the county. As you know this is are comunity and we think we will get the support we need . It is unreal to think even at this point and ageeing to put the store at GT your groupe and the Arthurs aren't

willing to make this work. As we are now without any choice we are forced to do what we have to do.. Sincerely Keith Bowman

January 18, 2013

keith bowman

Hi Katz As you know Zack filed an appeal and this can be dropped if we have a place to put the store. At this time the GT property won't work as we need to continue leveling and removing materials from this location to make room for the store. The Arthurs are not willing at this time to let this happen so unless you can change this we cannot stop what Zack has done. We let you guys have your way and force Zack to use my property to solve your problem and then created a huge fight with us and the Arthurs to make it not possible to continue. I have tried every way I could to make this happen and all I have got out of this is a fight and bad feelings. **As far as I see this it is up to you to fix This problem with the Arthurs.** I will be working at the tree and you are welcome to come down and see what I am talking about. Sincerely Keith Bowman

From: **Candy-Apple Blossom Inn** <AppleBlossomInn@sti.net>
Date: Tue, Feb 28, 2012 at 12:20 PM
Subject: Reggae on the River
To: MRichardson@co.humboldt.ca.us
Cc: Doug Green <dhgreen@asis.com>, Justin Crellin <justin@mateel.org>, salzman@greenwaypartners.net

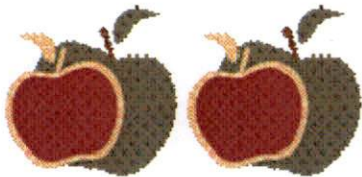
Dear Mr. Richardson,

I am sending you this email in my capacity as Trustee of the Jack & Patricia Arthur Living Trust, owners of French's Camp in Piercy. Please let this serve as a notice that our property (Arthurs AP No. 033-271-05) is no longer being made available for any of the uses described in the Conditional Use Permit for Reggae Rising (CUP-04-38M, Dimmick, et al). We are now working with the Mateel Community Center in their CUP application and have signed an agreement to host Reggae on the River at our property, in 2013. Greenway Partners of Arcata, is assisting the Mateel Community Center and have our permission to act as agents on this project.

I will be following up this email with a signed hard-copy sent to your office. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Candice Arthur

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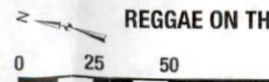


SHEET 10

SIGNS:

NO PARKING
NO STOPPING AT ANY TIME
NO LEFT TURN

NO LEFT TURN
NO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING



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SHEET 8 SEE EVENT ENTRANCE DETAILS (SHEET 9)

PLACE CONES 100' ON CENTER FROM STATION 1195 TO 1210.
 PLACE NORTHBOUND SIGNS:
 - NO U-TURNS
 - NO PARKING (ON ALL SHOULDERS AND TURNOUTS)
 - NO PEDESTRIANS BEYOND THIS POINT



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