

Attachment 4
Public Comments

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Subject: Re: Reggae on the River 2024, Planning Commission Public Comments April 17, 2025
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Dear Humboldt County Planning Commission,

I request the Post Event Report for The Mateel Community Center's Reggae on the River 2024 be pulled from the consent agenda so my public comments may be heard and discussed before the Planning Commission.

As to my public comments:

1. In the Post Event Report before you, on page page 22 (Attachment B) is the 'Reggae on the River 2024 - Eel River Water Quality Report'. The mitigation for taking water samples from the South Fork Eel River during Reggae states:

"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."

I contacted the qualified independent entity who took samples from the South Fork Eel River during Reggae, their name is Oliver Kanner, and also qualified the Water Quality Report for the MCC. I sent Oliver Kanner the attached aerial photo of Reggae 2024 (Photo 1), asked them to mark the photo where the sampling was taken from the river and they marked it with two red X's.

As you can see in the photo (Photo 1), the upstream sampling point was not collected upstream of the event, which would not give the samples a baseline for Water Quality upstream of the event site. When I asked Oliver Kanner about this, they replied:

"I agree with you that farther upstream would be a better baseline and encompass all attendees that are swimming at the festival."

I would also like to know why "fecal coliform" was included in the testing and as far as the Water Quality Report is concerned and why is there no conclusion made, there is nothing in the WQ Report that states if Reggae on the River is or is not contaminating the South Fork Eel River with total coliforms, fecal coliforms and enterococci during the event?

Water samples should be taken twice a day before the event (AM & PM) completely upstream of the event and downstream of the event, with the same twice a day samples taken and tested every day of the event, including the day after the event.

2. In the following attached two photos (Photo 2 & Photo 3), I would like to know who in the County Planning Department approved the Mateel to place picnic tables across the South Fork Eel River, acting as a bridge, to bring items from the old Reggae site (French's Camp) to the

new site at County Line Ranch?

3. As for Mitigation Measure BIO-2 (Bullfrog Management - Arthur Pond), page 11. It would seem this requirement was not accomplished, because the photo on page 11 clearly shows water in the pond. It should also be noted that CDFW did find Bullfrogs in the pond in 2024.

Thank you,
Ed Voice
Advocate for the South Fork Eel River



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