

FEEDBACK FROM GARBERVILLE CHP OFFICE

NOTES BY S. LAZAR

Spoke via phone with Officer Zepeda (Christian Zepeda Vizcaino) on 4/7/2025

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- Officer Zepeda worked during the event.
- No issues with traffic flow were observed
- Shuttles were observed in operation
- Traffic Control Plan was in place and traffic flowed smoothly
- CHP was mostly just a presence / did not have any incidents requiring enforcement

FEEDBACK FROM PATRICK LANDERGEN, PIERCY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

NOTES BY S. LAZAR

Spoke via phone with Chief Patrick Landergen on 3/17/2025

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- attended the event, good atmosphere
- a really nice event, pleasantly surprised on how well things went
- really smooth, not a lot of craziness or incidents in terms of security, medical, fire, etc.
- Mateel did a pretty OK job –deserve a bit of credit
- Relationship w/ promoter seemed to go pretty well
- Seemed to be managed/handled pretty well
- Didn't see any significant impacts to nearby communities
- Traffic flow went well
- For basically a new / first year event, went remarkably smoothly

3/19/2025 Comments from Public Works – Land Use Division

The Department issued an Encroachment Permit for the event. There were no issues with this process. The Department did not receive any public complaints, and the County Road crew had no issues on the road during (traffic) and after the event (clean up).

From: Litzky, Rosalind@Parks <Rosalind.Litzky@parks.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 9:51 AM
To: Lazar, Steve <SLazar@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2024 events at Cooks Valley

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Hi Steve- There are currently no major concerns that have come up regarding the festival. Campers can hear the event so we are working on notifications when a reservation is made that an event is happening in the area. Let me know if you have any questions.

Roz

From: Lazar, Steve <SLazar@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 2:50 PM
To: Litzky, Rosalind@Parks <Rosalind.Litzky@parks.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2024 events at Cooks Valley

Thanks Roz!

Appreciate it.

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From: Litzky, Rosalind@Parks <Rosalind.Litzky@parks.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 12:40 PM
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Subject: RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2024 events at Cooks Valley

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Hi Steve- I have not heard any direct feedback from staff about this event, but will be asking about it. I will let you know if I hear anything.

Thank you,

Roz

From: Gjerde, Daniel W@DOT <Daniel.Gjerde@dot.ca.gov>
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Subject: FW: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2024 events at Cooks Valley

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Hello Steve,

Based upon the ROTR 2024 report, it appears MCC, County of Humboldt and partner agencies are taking prudent care to manage traffic and parking with this annual event.

Highlights from the report:

- 1,747 car passes were sold, including RV and camping passes.
- 470 vehicles remained on-site.
- Traffic and parking staff screened vehicles for leaking oil, oil absorbing pads were provided to suspect vehicles, and post-event staff found no oil leaks.
- 1,200-1,500 one-way free shuttle rides provided each day from off-site parking locations.
- For 2025, financial incentives will be provided encourage shuttle ridership.

If California Highway Patrol or Humboldt County Sheriff report operational issues with traffic, then of course those should be evaluated and addressed.

However, this report indicates a thorough approach to traffic and parking management with ROTR and the County Line Ranch.

Thank you.

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Subject: RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2024 events at Cooks Valley

Good afternoon,

CAL FIRE has no comment or concerns regarding last year's event. We also find the existing Conditional Use Permit to be adequate for events occurring in 2025 as it pertains to fire suppression and protection.

Thank you,



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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 10:18 AM
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Subject: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2024 events at Cooks Valley

Hello-

The Humboldt County Planning Commission will soon be performing annual review of the Conditional Use Permit which authorizes the Mateel Community Center (MCC) to conduct two special events annually at the County Line Ranch. Attached you will find a copy of the 2024 monitoring report prepared by MCC detailing compliance with the terms of the Use Permit and operational commitments made. Late last week a referral was circulated to your agency for comments. We invite you to provide any feedback concerning last year's Reggae on the River music event held in early August. You are also encouraged to let us know if you have comments or observations on operational activities or protocols, suggestions for improvement, or questions or concerns. You are encouraged to contact me via phone or email if it would be helpful.

Thanks!

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Review of the Annual Report for the approved Conditional Use Permit authorizing events held by the Mateel Community Center (MCC) in 2023 at the County Line Ranch (formerly Dimmick) in the Cooks Valley area. The permit allows two music festivals to be held annually. Both events feature live music, camping and various vendors, including cannabis-related concessions and consumption within discrete areas on the properties. One event is the Summer Arts and Music Festival which occurs over two days and is ordinarily held during the third weekend in June. The second event is Reggae on the River, which ordinarily occurs over three days during the first weekend in August. The Summer Arts and Music Festival was not held at the County Line Ranch in 2024 but instead occurred in Redway on June 8th and 9th at the Mateel Community Center. The Reggae on the River event was held on August 2, 3 and 4 of 2024. The Use Permit was approved by the Planning Commission in 2023 and requires the Mateel Community Center to submit a monitoring report to the Planning Commission for review on an annual basis. During review, the Commission is authorized to amend conditions or operational requirements if needed to better mitigate potential impacts or control public nuisance –the Commission may also adjust attendance levels under the permit based on annual performance.

From: GFPD MAIL <gfpdpublic@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 8:48 PM

To: Lazar, Steve <SLazar@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Re: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2024 events at Cooks Valley

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Hi Steve,

Attached is a letter regarding the 2024 Reggae festival. I was unable to log into accel.

Please reach out if further is needed

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Tim Tietz

Chief

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Steve Lazar

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Last years production of Reggae on the River saw improvements in several areas.

Fire lanes were kept clear, and more site work was done prior to the event to accommodate fire personnel and equipment placement.

Sting trimmers and mowers cleared all of the questionable areas of fuel for site fire prevention and establishment of control lines for prevention and pre-planning.

Communication between site managers and production personnel regarding access for Fire personnel during the event was beyond satisfactory.

Last year's Production met local agency and WUI regulations and requirements for Fire Department Access, Set Backs and Dedicated Fire Suppression Water Supply.

Regards,

Timothy Tietz

Chief

Garberville Fire Protection District

You may contact me with any questions at- 707-223-0222