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Hearing Date:	April 7, 2016	

To: Humboldt County Planning Commission

From: Rob Wall, Interim Director of Planning and Building Department

Subject: Mateel Community Center, Inc. Reggae on the River 2013 - 2017

Concert Events Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit Annual Report

Case Number MON 16-001 Application Number 10252

Assessor Parcel Numbers 033-271-005-000, 033-160-013-000,

033-271-007-000, 033-271-014-000, 033-271-015-000

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AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

ı	Hearing Date	Subject	Contact
1	April 7, 2016	Review of the 2015 Annual Report and the 2016 Plan of	Michael Richardson
	_	Operations for the Reggae on the River Event	

Project: Review of the 2015 Annual Report for the approved Conditional Use Permit for the Reggae on the River music festival, a large concert event held each year in the Cooks Valley area. The Planning Commission will also review the Plan of Operations for the 2016 event. The event will be held from Thursday through Sunday over the first weekend of August, 2016. The applicant proposes no increase to the attendance levels from last year (2015), which was 6,500 ticket holders an additional 2,500 for staff, performers and others for a total of 9,000 persons. Traffic control measures are used along Highway 101 for public safety. A temporary flat-car bridge placed across the South Fork of the Eel River is used to provide access to the performance area for vehicles and pedestrians. There are several off-site parking areas to supplement the parking available for the event. The parcel where the event is held is served by on-site water which may be supplemented by water supplied by nearby community service districts. Sewage disposal for the event will be provided by portable toilets and by an on-site greywater system.

Project Location: The proposed project site for the music festival is located in the Cooks Valley area on the east side of US Highway 101 approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection of the Cooks Valley Road with US Highway 101 on property known as "French's Camp" or 657 Old Highway 101. The Benbow Golf Course parking area is located at the intersection of Benbow Drive and Highway 101 on the property known as 7000 Benbow Drive. Other off-site parking areas are located at the Richardson Grove Family Campground at 750 State Highway 101 which is directly west of the event site the Allard property at 140 Milky Way which is located directly west of the event site and the County Line Ranch property which is located directly south of the event site at the intersection of Cooks Valley Road on the property known as 240 Cooks Valley Road.

Present Plan Designations: APN 033-271-005-000, 033-271-014, 033-271-015: Agricultural Lands - 40 Acres per Dwelling Unit (AL-40) and APN 033-271-007: Timber Production - 160 to 20 acres per dwelling unit (T) as designated in the Humboldt County Framework Plan; APN 033-160-013 Commercial Recreation (CR) as designated in the Garberville, Benbow, Alderpoint, Redway Community Plan.

Present Zoning: APN 033-271-005, 033-271-014-000, 033-271-015-000: Unclassified (U); APN 033-271-007-000: Agriculture Exclusive (AE) and Timber Production Zone (TPZ); APN 033-160-013-000 Qualified Highway Service Commercial-Design Control (CH-D-Q) and Qualified Forestry Recreation (FR-Q)

Application Number: 10252 Case Number: MON 16-001

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 033-271-005-000, 033-160-013-000, 033-271-007-000,

033-271-014-000, 033-271-015-000

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Additional Owners:

Rogue River Investments PT, 445 Lake Benbow Dr, Garberville, CA, 95542, Outraged Orangutan LLC Co, 2961 Mission St., San Francisco, CA, 94410, Howard R, Wanda L, Walter H., and Nanci K Allard TR Gayle J Bolorinos, 1900 Foxtail Ct, Turlock, CA, 95382, Assembly of God N CA and NV District Council Inc CR, 750 US Highway 101, Garberville, CA, 95542

Environmental Review: Not required. Review of Annual Reports is not considered a project.

Major Issues: The use generates substantial traffic and noise.

State Appeal Status: Project is NOT appealable to the California Coastal Commission

Mateel Community Center, Inc. Review of the Annual Report and Plan of Operation for the Approved Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit

Case Number MON-16-001

Recommended Commission Action:

- 1. Describe the application as a public hearing.
- Request that staff present the project.
- 3. Open the public hearing and receive testimony.
- 4. Close the hearing and take the following actions:

Make all of the required findings, based on evidence in the staff report and public testimony, and approve the Annual Report for the 2015 event and the Plan of Operation for the 2016 event maintaining the attendance level for the 2016 event at 9,000 total attendees subject to the approved conditions by adopting the attached Resolution of Approval.

Executive Summary

Project Description: The Planning Commission will review the Annual Report for the 2015 event and the Plan of Operation for the 2016 event. The applicant is proposing no increase in attendance over the 2015 levels, which allows up to 6,500 ticket-holders and 2,500 staff, performers and others for a total of 9,000 persons.

Based upon the on-site inspection and monitoring results, last year's event appears to have been very successful. There were no reported public safety or hazardous conditions, traffic impacts were minimal, and all the other aspects of the event were apparently carried out in conformance with the conditions of approval.

The 2016 Plan of Operations is not substantially different from the Plan of Operations for the 2015 event. The event will be held from Thursday, August 4th until Monday August 7th, 2016. Attendance levels will remain 9,000 persons. Water diversion will be conducted similarly to 2015, with approximately 96,000 gallons diverted from the well prior to May 15th. That water will be supplemented by an additional 750,000 gallon rainwater catchment pond that was installed after the event last year. The leach fields that were permitted in 2014 will be used to treat greywater generated by food preparation and shower facilities.

The traffic and parking plan is the same plan that was used in 2015. An additional shuttle van will be used and the Loop Lot will be open from Thursday at 8am until the completion of the majority of arrivals on Friday. Vehicles arriving after dark on Thursday will not be allowed to cross the bridge to park until Friday morning. The parking capacity has been calculated to accommodate 5,522 vehicles, which is the same number as 2015.

As with last year's event, additional security will be placed at Richardson Grove RV Park.

Staff Recommendations: Based upon the on-site inspections and monitoring, compliance with the required mitigation measures, a review of Planning Division reference sources, and comments from referral agencies, the Department believes that the applicant has submitted evidence in support of making the required findings for approving the Annual Report for the 2015 event. The 2016 Plan of Operations is not substantially different from the Plan of Operations for the 2015 event and conforms to the conditions of approval.

Alternatives: The Planning Commission could set attendance levels for the 2016 event either lower or higher than proposed by the applicant. This alternative should be implemented if the Commission has information showing the existing attendance levels are inappropriate. Staff does not recommend further consideration of this alternative because there is no evidence the proposed attendance levels are problematic.

The Planning Commission could also continue the item further into the future to provide the applicant time to respond to questions or comments. This alternative should be implemented if the Commission is unable to make one or more of the required findings. Planning Division staff is confident that the required findings can be made. Consequently, staff does not recommend further consideration of this alternative.

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Resolution Number 16-

Makes the required findings to accept the 2015 Annual Report and approve the Plan of Operations for the 2016 Reggae on the River event.

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2013 the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit to allow the annual *Reggae on the River* concert events for each year from 2013 – 2017; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2014 the Planning Commission approved a modification to the Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit to allow several off-site parking areas for the event; and

WHEREAS, conditions of approval for the CUP require submittal of a report by December 31st of each year discussing that year's concert; and

WHEREAS, conditions of approval for the CUP require the report include comment letters from the California Highway Patrol, CalTrans and the other agencies commenting on the EIR and 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 within the range set by the approved Conditional Use Permit, and

WHEREAS, conditions of approval also require explicit Planning Commission approval for requests to increase attendance levels from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, conditions of approval allow the attendance to range from a low of 6,000 ticket sales plus 2,000 personnel (8,000 persons total) to a maximum of 8,000 ticket sales plus 2,500 personnel (10,500 persons total); and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Division reviewed the submitted report and evidence and referred the 2015 Annual Report and evidence to involved reviewing agencies for site inspections, comments and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Division reviewed the proposed Plan of Operations for the 2016 event; and

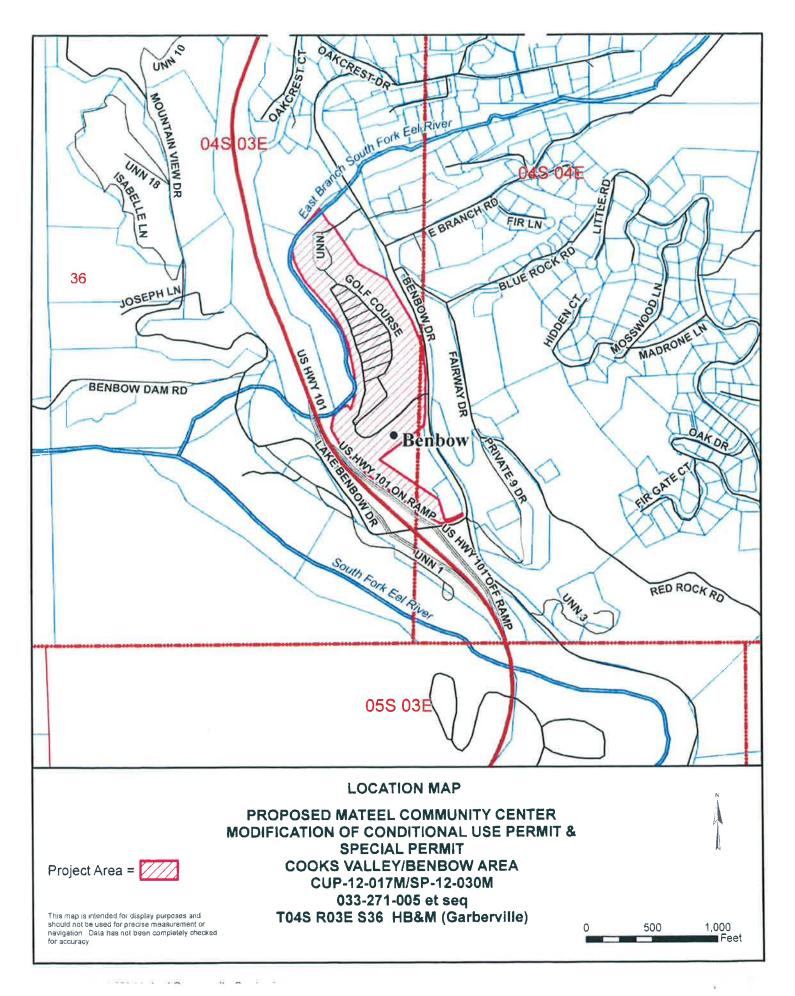
WHEREAS, the review of the Annual Report and Plan of Operations is not subject to environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); environmental review for the project was completed on January 3, 2013 with the certification of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SCH 2012082108); and

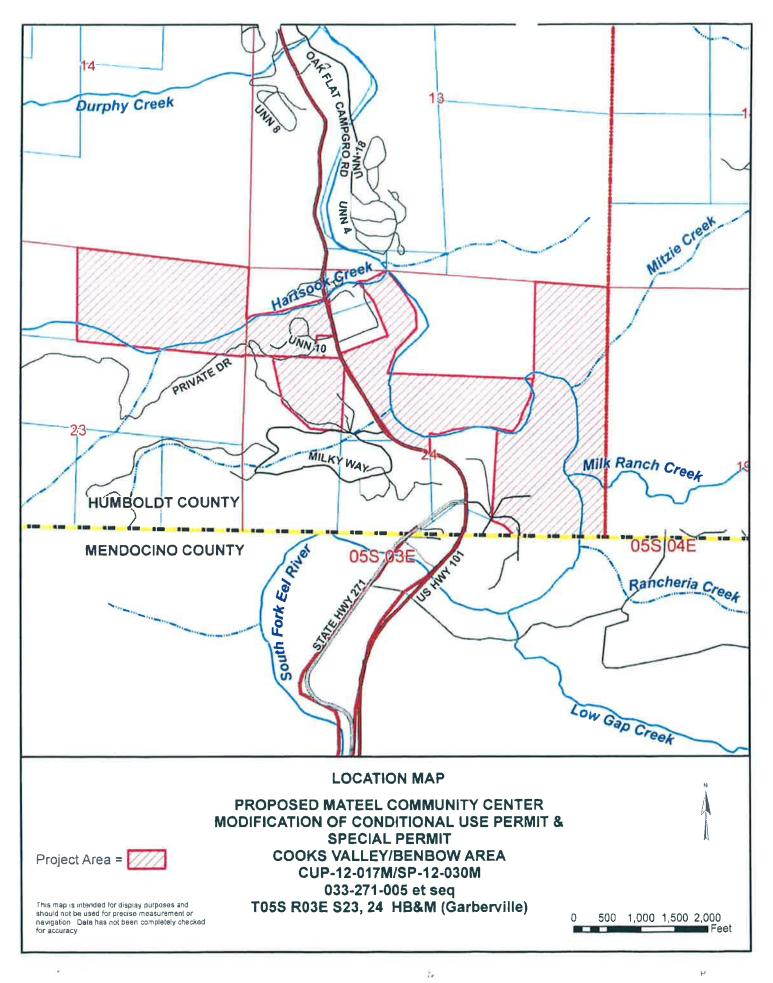
WHEREAS, Attachment 2 in the Planning Division staff report includes evidence in support of making all of the required findings for approving the 2015 Annual Report and the 2016 Plan of Operations for the Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit;

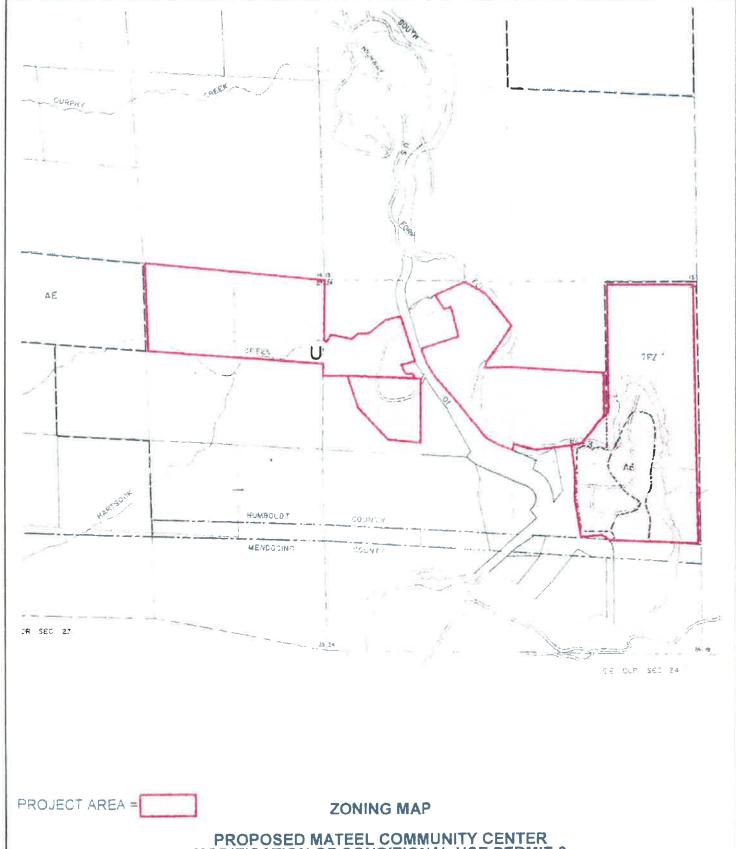
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined, and ordered by the Planning Commission that:

- 1. The Planning Commission makes the required findings in Attachment 2 of the Planning Division staff report based on the submitted evidence, and approves the 2015 Annual Report and 2016 Plan of Operation subject to the conditions of approval for the event.
- 2. The Planning Commission maintains the maximum attendance level for the 2016 event at 9,000 total persons. This limit includes all attendees: ticket holders, performers, staff and volunteers.

Adopted c	ıfter review and consideration c	of all the evidence on April 7, 2016.
The motion	was made by Commissioner _	and seconded by Commissioner
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT: DECISION:	Commissioners: Commissioners: Commissioners: Commissioners:	
		Robert Morris, Chair
certify the	•	Commission of the County of Humboldt, do hereby rect record of the action taken on the above entitled seld on the date noted above.
		Suzanne Hegler, Clerk



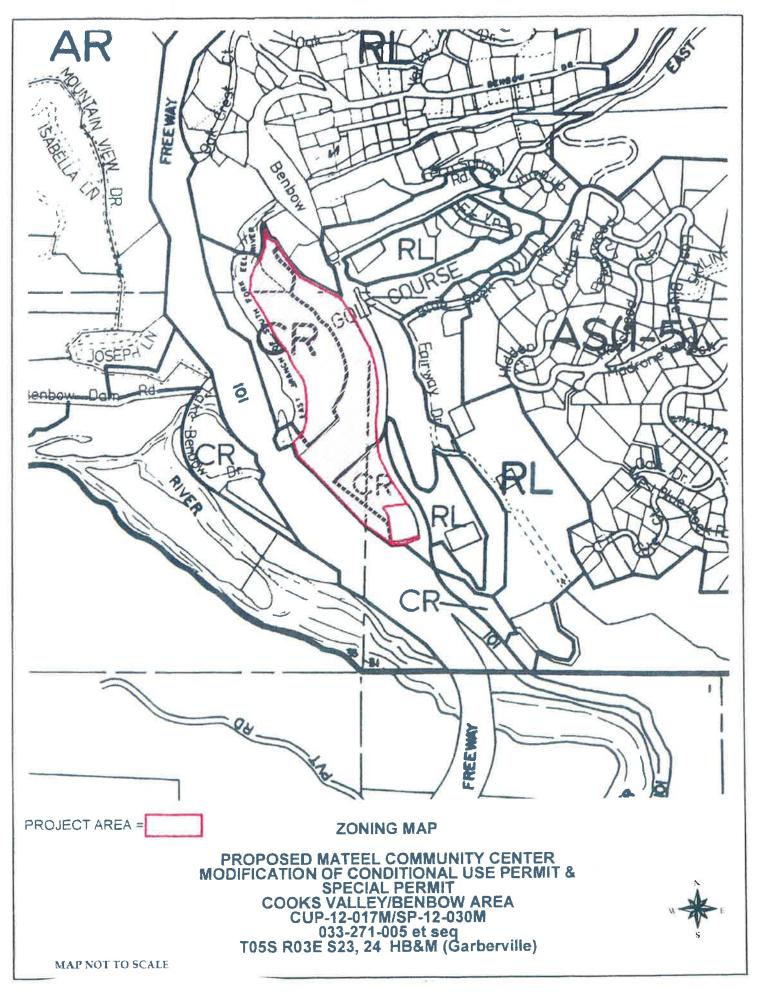


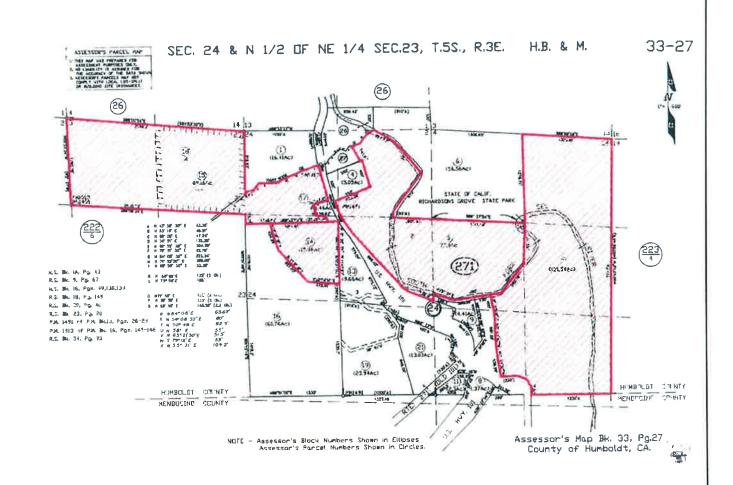


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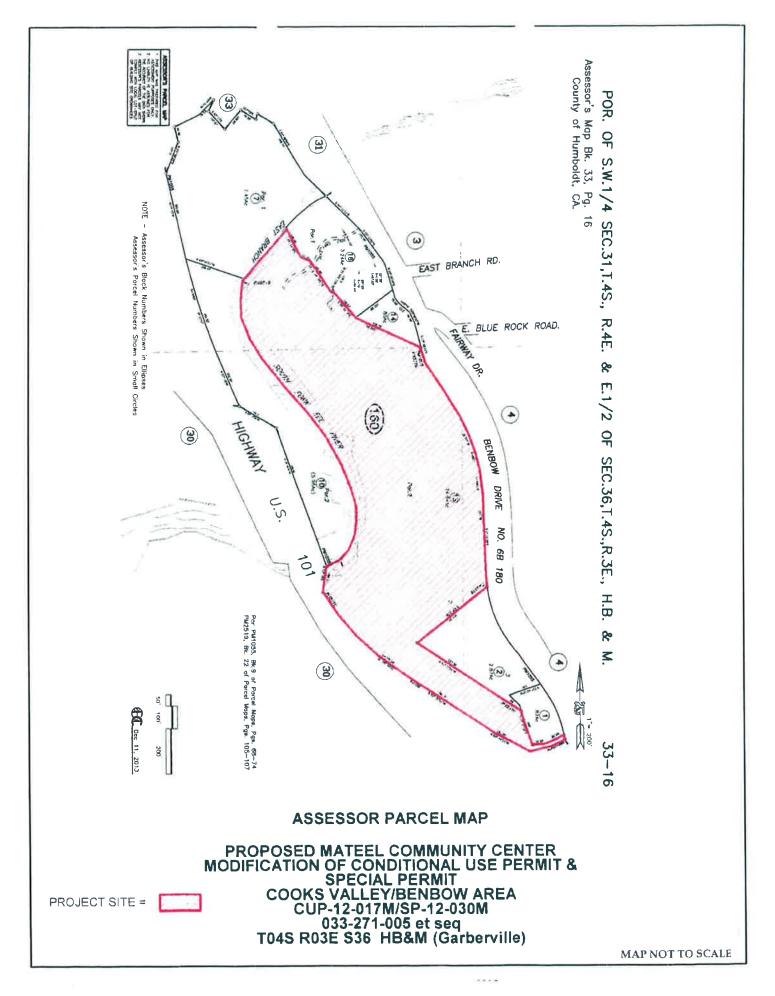
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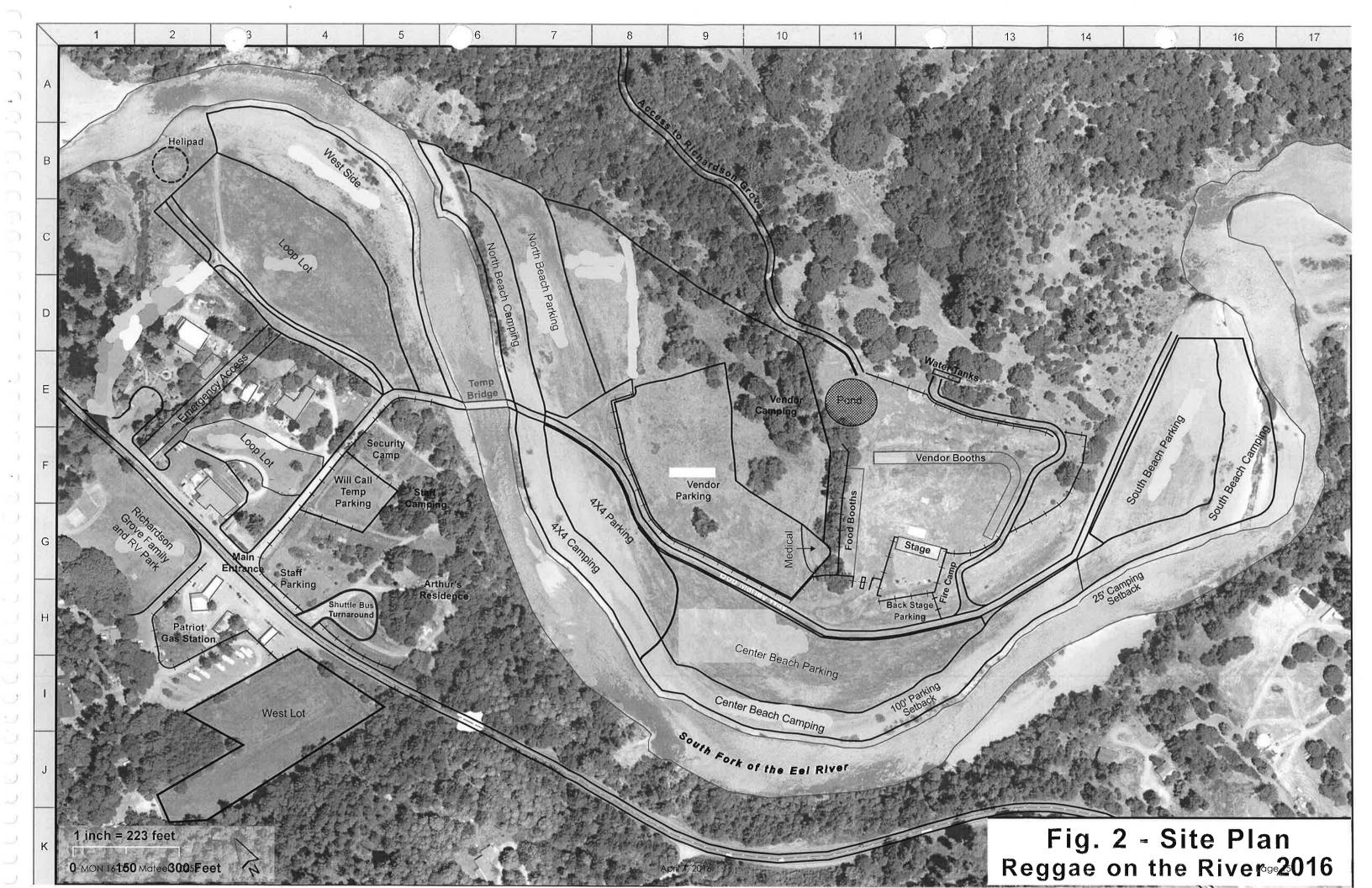
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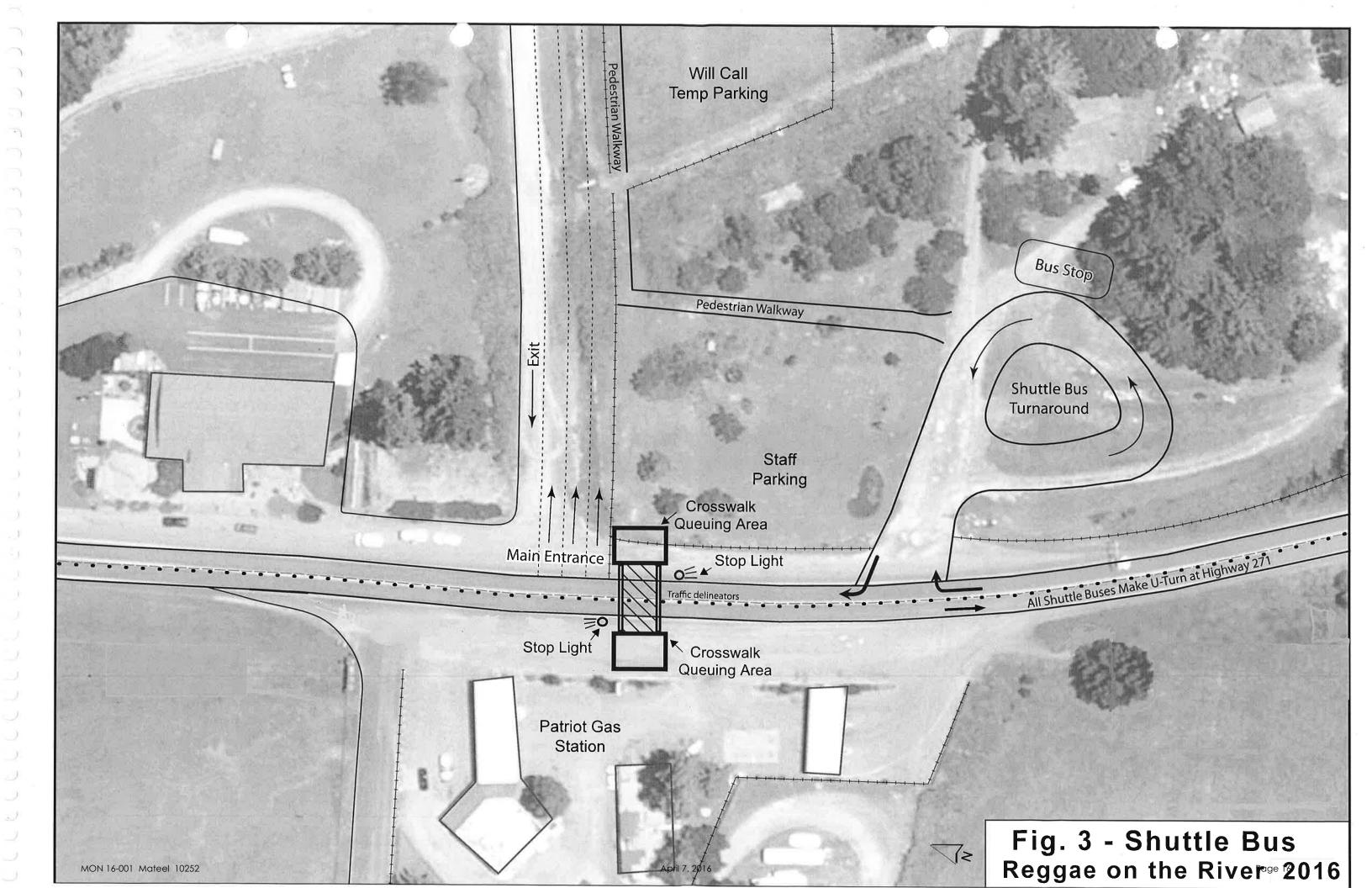
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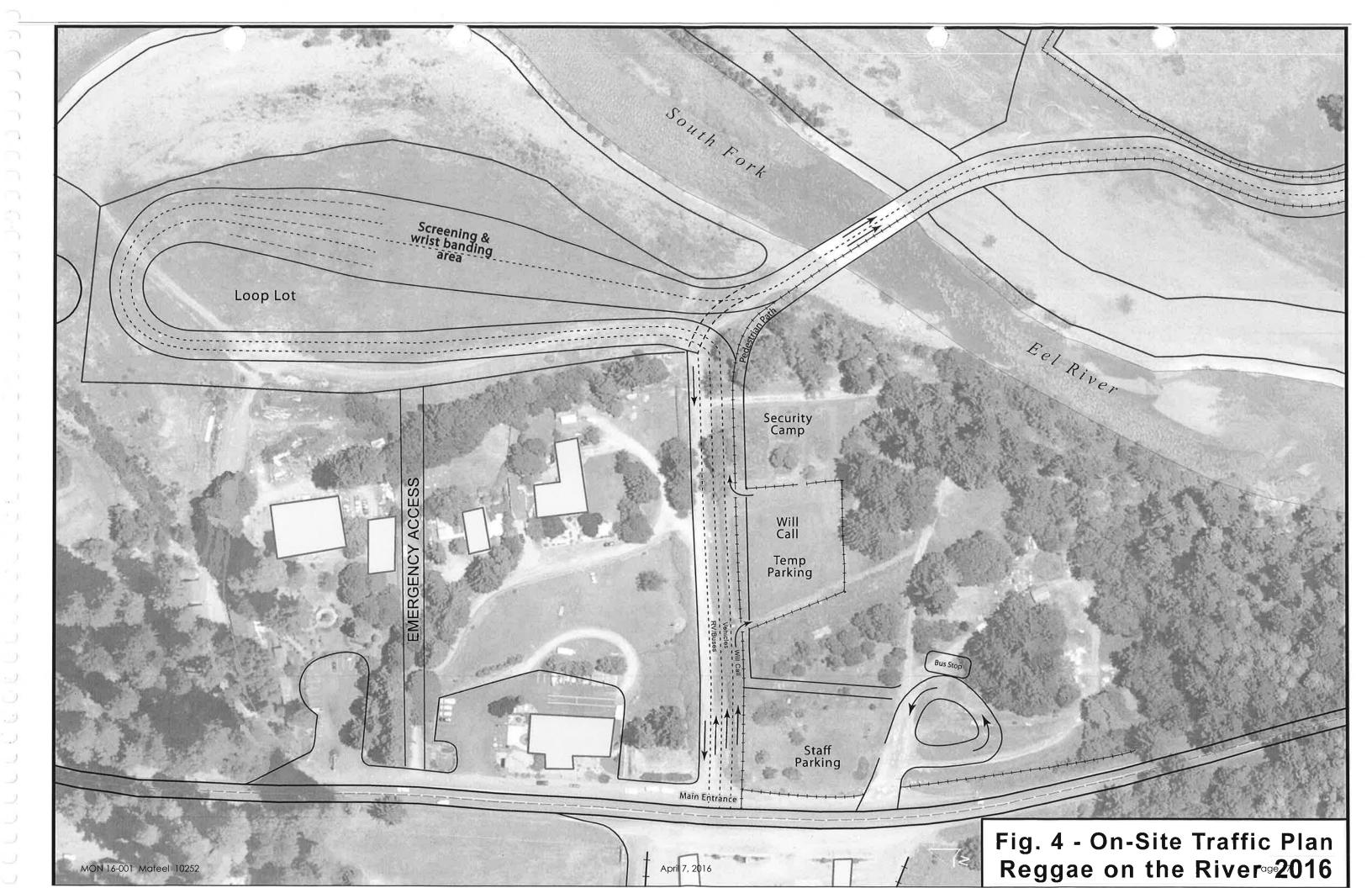
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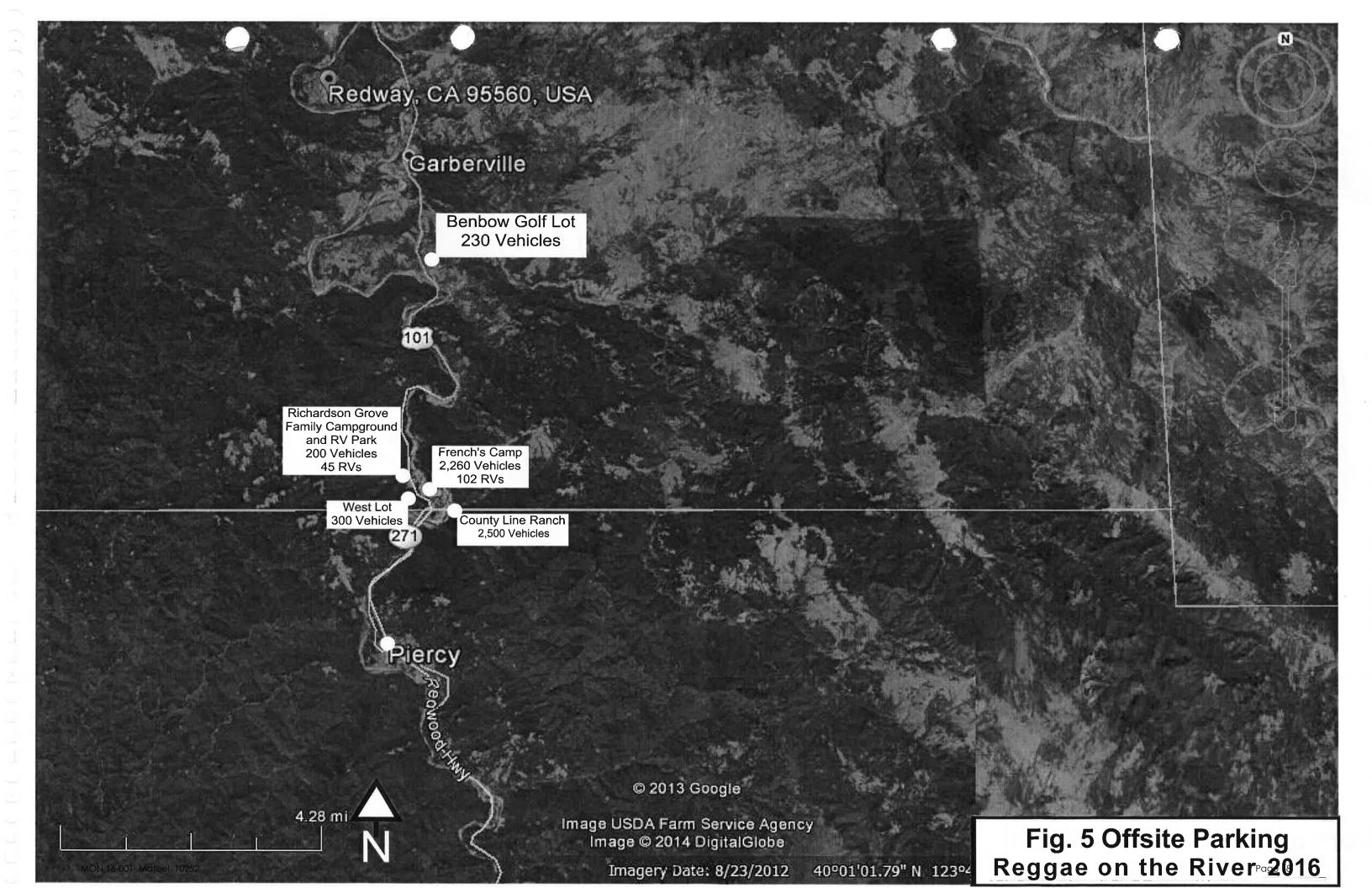


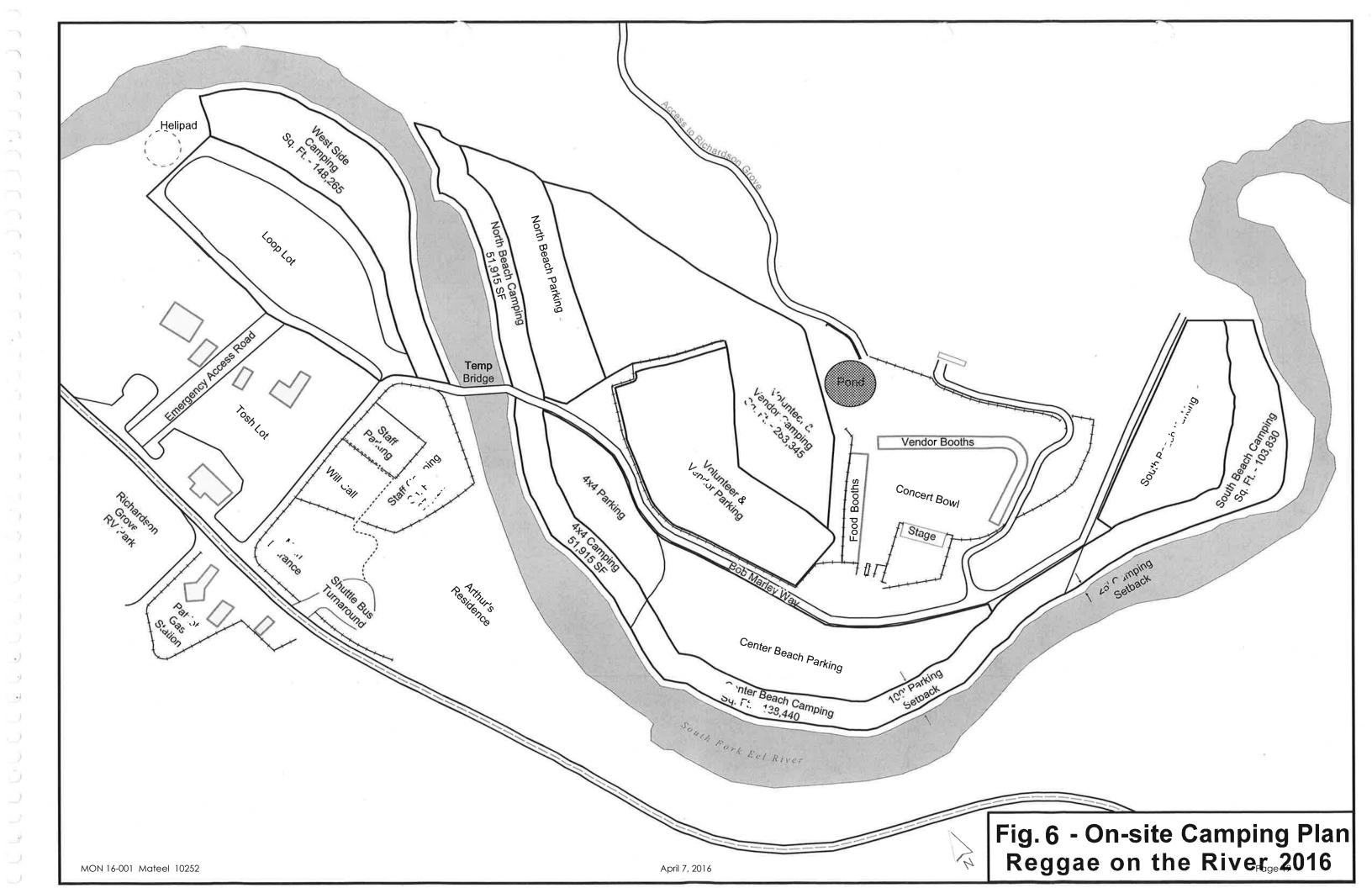


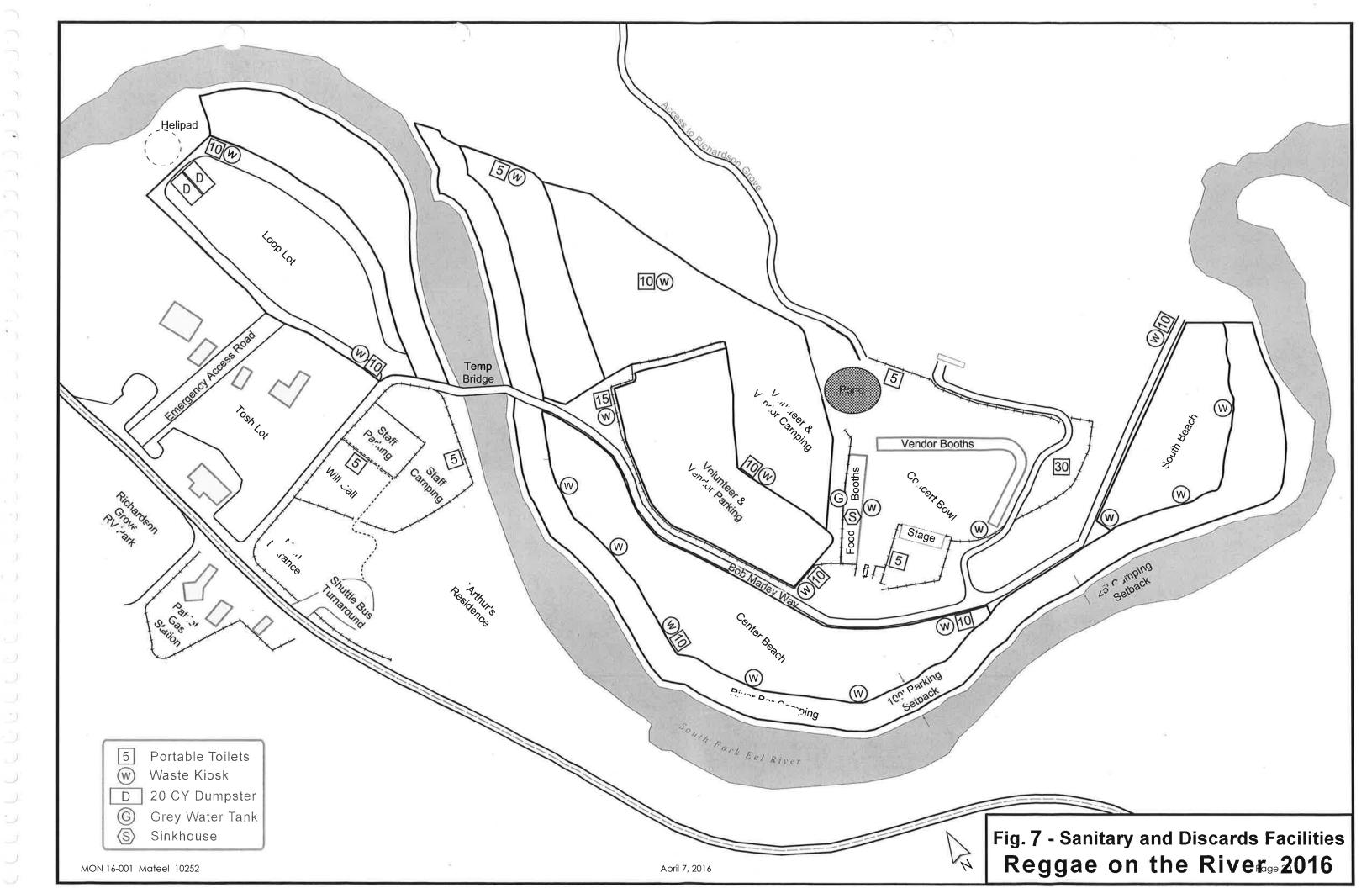


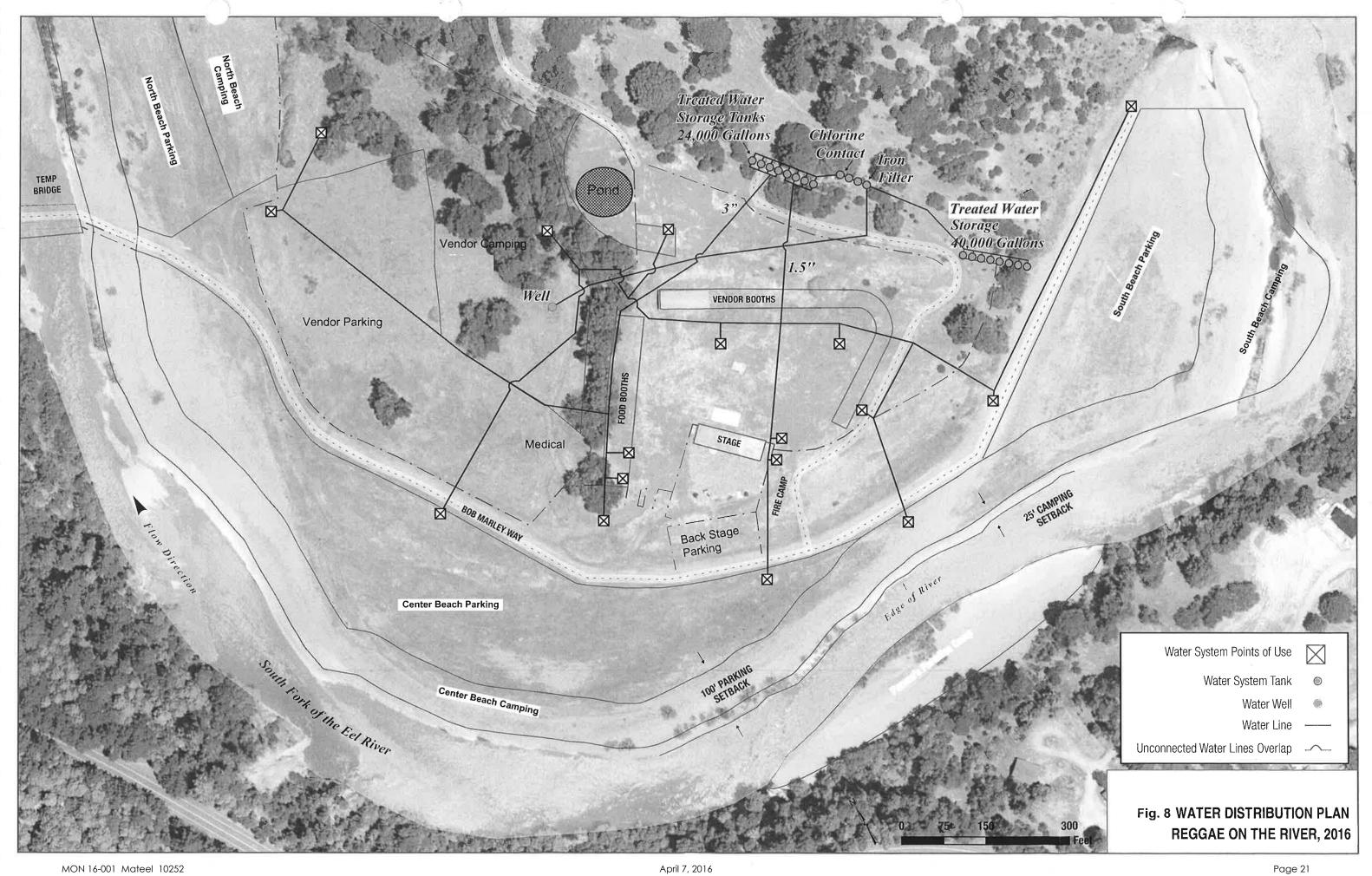












ATTACHMENT 1

Staff Analysis of the Evidence Supporting the Required Findings

Standard of Review for the Annual Report and Plan of Operation

- 1. This annual review is being conducted pursuant to the Conditions of Approval for the Project Case No. CUP 12-017, SP 12-030 [COA #B(1) Attachment 4]:
 - "a. By December 31st of each year, the applicant shall prepare and submit fifteen (15) copies of a post-event annual report discussing that year's concert. The annual report shall be reviewed at a public hearing by the Planning Commission, and shall include comment letters from the CHP, CalTrans and the other agencies commenting on the DSEIR reporting on the efficacy of the mitigation measures, and identifying any refinements to the mitigation needed for the event the following year, and setting the attendance levels within the range set by the Plan of Operations. All costs to the County for the review of the annual report shall be paid by the applicant prior to May 1 of each year.
 - b. Within 120 days of its receipt, the Planning Division shall schedule the review the annual report as an agenda item for the Planning Commission. Requests for increases to the attendance levels from the previous year shall require explicit Planning Commission approval."

The conditions of approval authorize adjustments to the Plan of Operation to refine the mitigation measures based upon the annual review and monitoring [COA #A.9 – Attachment 4].

Staff Analysis

1. Contents of the Annual Report

Attachment 2 of the staff report includes the Annual Report for the 2015 Reggae on the River event. The report must include comment letters from agencies commenting on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) reporting on the efficacy of the mitigation measures, identifying any refinements to the mitigation needed for the event the following year.

The submitted report addresses each of the conditions of approval. The following paragraphs discuss the submitted report and the efficacy of the mitigation measures and refinements to the mitigation needed for the event for 2016. The applicant is requesting to maintain the total attendance in 2015 at 9,000 people, the same as the 2014 event. Condition #12 discussed below provides some guidance to the Commission about important factors to weigh in setting attendance levels.

1. Consistency with the approved Operations Plan.

In general, the 2015 festival was developed and conducted in accordance with the 2015 Operations Plan and the additional conditions of approval presented in the March 5,2015 Staff Report.

2. Approval for a special events permit from the County Department of Public Works.

The Special Event Permit was secured from the Humboldt County Department of Public Works for the 2015 event and will be required for the 2016 event unless waived by that Department

3. Confirmation from reviewing agencies that they have no objections to the event being held that year by May 1.

The applicant sent an email to all of the agencies requesting a response if the agencies had any problems with the event being held that year. None of the agencies expressed concern. Ongoing discussion with Caltrans and the CHP continues an effort to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety at the main entrance. In order to improve pedestrian safety and access to nearby businesses, the applicant installed a temporary, signalized crosswalk between the main entrance and the Patriot Gas Station. A revised traffic plan is included in the 2016 Operations Plan and will be submitted to Caltrans; it will serve as the basis for the 2016 Encroachment Permit. Encroachment Permits are typically issued up to 30 days prior to the event.

The applicant revised operations that reduced the potential for contaminant releases from vehicles parked on the river bar. These included fencing to prevent vehicles from driving to within 100' of the wetted channel, prohibiting gasoline powered generators from being used on the river bar, a more effective screening program for vehicles leaking fluids, eradication of nonnative, invasive vegetation, and a cooking oil collection system.

4. Restoration of the site after the CUP expires

This condition is not applicable because the Approved Conditional Use Permit expires in 2017.

5. Placement and operation of the temporary bridge across the South Fork Eel River.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a Section 1600 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. 1600-2012-0327-R1) to the applicant, allowing them to install the bridges with various restrictions and conditions. The bridges were installed on Monday June 16th, and removed September 13th in compliance with the permit conditions.

Two other permits were required for the installation of the bridges. They were a Water Quality Certification (Section 401 Permit) from the Regional Water Quality Control Board and a Wetland Fill Permit (Section 404) from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The action of the US ACE required an informal consultation with, and a Letter of Concurrence (LOC) from, the National Marine Fisheries Service. The LOC and the permits were issued and copies were submitted to the Planning Department.

There were two bridges installed (not three). One had a 12' driving lane and the other had a 10' driving lane and a 5' wide pedestrian walkway. The bridges are 56' long and provided 50' of free span across the river. The bridges were set on top of concrete blacks that served as abutments. The bridges were installed in accordance with the 1600 permit.

Prior to the bridges being pulled in September 2015, approximately 40 cubic yards of washed gravel was stockpiled on the east side of the river and will be used in the installation of the bridge in 2016. The exposed river bars will again be inspected/surveyed in June after the river recedes, and any necessary changes to the grading plan for the 2016 event will be prepared and submitted to CDFW at that time

6. Water Storage

The storage capacity of the existing water system at French's Camp for the 2015 event was 100,000 gallons. The system included:

- 8 3,000 gallon polypropylene tanks (24,000 gallons, original)
- 6 5,000 gallon polypropylene tanks (30,000 gallons, new)
- 2-5,000 gallon polypropylene tanks (10,000 gallons, new)
- 2 3,000 gallon chlorine contact tanks (6,000 gallons, original)
- 6 5,000 gallon polypropylene tanks (30,000 gallons on the west side of the river)

Water was pumped from an onsite well to fill 96,000 gallons of tank storage. The final tank was filled in May and no additional pumping occurred after this date.

A recirculation pump was added to the system in 2014. This helped keep water fresh and aerated since a concentrated effort was made not to use any of the water that had been stored. Workers brought their own water or were given bottled water and a campaign was launched before the event asking both volunteers and ticket holders to bring their own water. Based on these efforts, the water storage tanks were virtually full at the start of the week of the event.

In 2015 after the event, the applicant installed a rain catchment pond on site, which will provide water for irrigation of the site during the event in 2016. By applying water to the site, the applicants will significantly reduce the dust from the vehicles and pedestrians at the event.

7. Results from the 2013 sound meter study for use in evaluation of proposed events after 2013.

This condition is no longer applicable. A sound meter was used to measure noise levels at various locations in and around the venue during the festival. The highest decibel readings (110 db) were registered on Saturday night approximately 25' from the front of the stage. At the east edge of the concert bowl (350' from the stage) the average reading was between 85 and 90 db. Up the hill, on the road to Richardson Grove State Park (approximately 2,000' from the stage) the average reading was between 65 and 75 db. In the campground at Richardson Grove the reading averaged 55 db. On Highway 101 (1,000' behind the stage) the reading averaged between 70 and 80 db (similar to the truck traffic going by). These results were provided to the CDFW and State Parks. No comments have been received from these agencies raising any concerns about the noise levels and their impact on wildlife habitat. Based on the results from the 2013 sound meter study, further sound meter testing was not required in 2014.

8. Food and trash management strategy.

Food and trash were collected in 90 gallon, wheeled totes, with hinged lids, supplied by Recology of Eureka. These are the same totes used in residential waste collection. The corvids were not able to look into the totes nor gain access to the contents. The majority of the food waste and trash was generated in the concert bowl in front of the food vendors. Here, the waste was collected in large, open-topped, plastic-canvas cargo bags (approximately 4' x 4' x 4'). These areas were constantly surrounded by people and a lot of noise. No corvids were observed in or anywhere near these bags.

When full, the bags and the totes were emptied into the 40 CY dumpsters located in the Loop Lot. The totes were repositioned for the 2015 event to satisfactorily address neighbor concerns. The dumpsters were covered with tarps. No corvids were observed in or around the dumpsters. Recyclable materials (can, bottles, cardboard) were similarly managed and did not attract corvids. The entire venue was cleaned and all dumpsters hauled away over the course of a week after the festival ended.

Similar to 2014, a total of 63.17 tons of recycling and waste were generated during the 2015 event. Of this, 25.94 tons were recyclables, approximately 41% of the total amount.

9. Implementing the environmental monitoring program described in the Plan of Operations

The Mitigation and Monitoring Program for the festival includes analysis of water quality (drinking and river), off-site noise emissions, aquatic surveys, inspections for oils and other fluids leaking from vehicles, and fugitive trash.

Water Quality Water samples were analyzed by accredited laboratories (North Coast Labs and Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory) for various constituents, and . The results are summarized in the 2015 Annual Report. The results show minimal changes to the water quality parameters of Chemical Oxygen Demand and Turbidity between the pre- and post-festival sampling events. The parameters of Oils and Grease, Surfactants, and Total Suspended Solids were non-detectable in all samples.

The total coliform counts went up slightly between pre- and post- festival sampling events but were still not significantly higher than the coliform and E. coli counts (1,120 and 4.1 MPN, respectively) recorded in October 2012 when there was no event. It is suspected that the increase in the number of bacteria present in the samples are attributable, in part, to existing bacteria-containing sediments being stirred up by attendees recreating in the river. The impacts on water quality appeared to be minimal and of short duration. The Department of Environmental Health has not expressed concern about the water quality analysis or the results.

Aquatic Surveys A snorkel survey was conducted in 2013 just prior to the event on Wednesday and again just after the event on Monday. Between 20 and 30 Pike Minnow were observed in the deep pool before and after the event. No other fish were observed. In 2014, CDFW's Zane Ruddy conducted an additional snorkel survey and no additional concerns were raised.

Auditory and Visual Disturbance of Birds and Wildlife As discussed in response to #7 above, a decibel meter was used to document sound levels in and around the perimeter of the Site during the 2013 event. No further documentation is required.

Soil Contamination Associated with Vehicles Vehicles entering the site were routed through the "Loop Lot" where tickets were traded for wristbands and vehicles were inspected for fluid leaks. A dedicated crew visually assessed the vehicles and employed mirrors in 2014 to better inspect the undercarriage of each vehicle. Questionable vehicles were directed to an alternate parking area near the highway and were not allowed to park on the river bar.

During an inspection of the river bar parking lots after the 2014 event, the staff of the CDFW and the RWQCB documented a few oil spots. They ranged in size from a few drops to a few inches in diameter. Some of the spots appeared to be cooking oil. They were limited to surficial spotting and none of them appeared to have saturated the sand and gravels. The affected substrate was picked up by hand and shovel, placed in a 5-gallon bucket (filled about halfway), and disposed of in accordance with state law at the Humboldt Waste Management Authority's transfer station located on Hawthorne Street in Eureka. CDFW staff did not inspect the site after the 2015 event due to the minimal impact in 2014.

Fugitive Trash (See response to Condition #8 above)

10. Adequate fire protection services and equipment for the event.

The 2015 Annual Report states that the Briceland Fire Department will provide a written statement indicating that they will provide fire prevention and firefighting services for the 2016 event by May 1, 2016.

11. Vehicle parking.

See response to Condition #9 above. Representatives of CDFW and RWQCB conducted a postevent inspection of the venue on August 7th, 2014. No field notes from CDFW were provided to the applicant, though the applicant is continuing to work with CDFW and RWQCB on additional mitigations to eliminate potential hazards associated with vehicles parking on the river bar.

12. Requests for an increase in attendance levels.

This condition is not applicable because no increase in attendance is requested for the 2015 event. It is noted that the addition of multiple off-site parking areas and other changes to parking management strategy worked effectively to more than cover the 2015 event's needs. Aerial photos were taken on Saturday afternoon to document the number of vehicles parked in each lot and the numbers are included on page 12 of the 2015 Annual Report. Peak attendance levels reached 8,917 people.

13. Greywater sewage disposal.

With the consent of the RWQCB and the Humboldt County Department of Environmental Health the applicant set up Baker tanks to collect grey water from the showers. The collected greywater was discharged into new leech fields which were permitted and installed prior to the 2014 event.

14. Conflicts with the existing conditional use permit for the Reggae Rising event on the adjacent property to the south (the Dimmick property, APN 033-271-09).

This condition is not applicable because the Reggae Rising event did not conflict with the Reggae on the River event.

16. An access to local businesses.

The traffic control measures employed in 2014 appeared to have eliminated many of the problems experienced during previous events. Specifically, the successful addition of a signalized crosswalk at the festival entrance allowed for easier and safer foot-traffic access to local businesses on the west side of the highway. Neither Caltrans, the CHP, nor the Board of Supervisors requested further exploration of alternate entrances to the French's Camp property.

17. Data collection ("Planning staff shall collect data from the 2013 event to be included in the 2014 review of the permit including, but not limited to, traffic flow data, actual attendance numbers, pedestrian safety and information from local businesses on their sales."

<u>Iraffic flow data:</u> The 2015 traffic plan was prepared based on input from the Piercy community, local businesses, Caltrans and the CHP. The traffic plan was submitted to Caltrans and served as the basis for the Encroachment Permit that was issued prior to the 2015 event work. Delineators, signs, and a temporary signalized crosswalk were installed on Wednesday afternoon before the event and extra attention was paid to minimize impacts to local businesses during its installation. The early arrivals policy that allowed four-day ticket holders to arrive on Thursday reduced the peak traffic impact typically experienced on Friday morning. Attendees were brought in off the highway and queued in the Loop Lot where they exchanged tickets for wristbands and were then directed to the appropriate parking area.

Overall, traffic on Highway 101 flowed smoothly during the entire event without any significant delays or accidents. The restrictions on north and south-bound left turns kept through traffic moving. Though this did affect northbound access to the Patriot Gas Station, the addition of the signalized crosswalk allowed easy pedestrian access across the highway so that events patrons could support this business and access the Richardson Grove Family Campground and RV Park. The signalized crosswalk caused only brief delays to the motoring public.

A post-event meeting was attended by staff members from the Mateel on September 14th, 2015. Notes from that meeting are included as Attachment A of the 2015 Annual Report.

Attendance numbers: Color-coded and numbered wrist bands were used to monitor and control the number of attendees. The daily count of attendees is presented in the 2015 Annual Report. The data shows the approved attendance level (9,000 persons) was not reached, and the maximum attendance level was 8,917 persons on Saturday. The Department has no knowledge of any evidence to the contrary.

<u>Pedestrian safety</u>: Pedestrian safety was also addressed within the "Traffic Flow data" Section (above)

<u>Local business sales and neighborhood impacts</u>: The Mateel's Festival Operations Manager met with local businesses to discuss how the event affected them. The information gathered is provided on page 13 of the submitted annual report.

Conditions of Approval for CUP 12-017M

In addition to the Conditions of Approval from the original permit described above, additional conditions of approval for the 2014 event were added by CUP 12-017M as described below.

2014: 1. "Unless specifically modified below, all the conditions of approval, operational restrictions, mitigation measures and informational notes that applied to the original Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit continue to apply to this project."

The response to this condition was addressed in the prior section that includes the original conditions of approval for the permit.

2014: 2."The project shall be conducted in accordance with the approved 2012 Plan of Operations (Preliminary Operations Plan for the 2013-2017 Reggae on the River Festival, Revised October 23, 2012) as modified by the 2014 Operations Plan for the Mateel Community Center's Reggae on the River Festival, prepared January 31, 2014 except for the section describing water use. Conditions of approval for the original use permit (Condition #6) prohibits pumping from the on-site well for the event from May 15 through December 15 beginning in 2014. This modification does not change that. Condition #6 continues to apply to this project. "

The response to this condition was addressed in the prior section that includes the original conditions of approval for the permit.

2014: 3. "The applicant shall obtain approval for a modified special events permit from the County Department of Public Works incorporating the new off-site parking areas. The applicant shall submit a letter from the Department of Public Works by May 1, 2014 stating that they have no objections to the event being held that year."

The applicant obtained a Special Events permit from Public Works by the required date.

2014: 4. "For each year of the event, the same trash management strategy in original condition of approval #6 shall be applied to New [Parking] Sites #1 - 3."

The response to this condition was addressed in the prior section (Condition #8) that includes the original conditions of approval for this permit.

2014: 5. "For each year of the event, vehicle parking throughout the event, including New Sites#1-3, 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 alternative mitigation will have the same efficacy toward protecting the river from petrochemical contaminants form vehicles."

The response to this condition was addressed in the prior section that includes the original conditions of approval for the permit.

2014: 6. "Each year of the event, the applicant shall include in the annual report an analysis of the performance of each off-site parking area, describing the number of vehicles uses the site, shuttle service, and movement of people between the off-site parking areas and the French's Camp 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)."

The response to this condition was addressed in the prior section that includes the original conditions of approval for the permit.

2014: 7. "Before May 1, 2014, the applicant shall submit revised figures showing how adequate shuttle services will be provided to persons parking on Site #3 (County Line Ranch) to prevent pedestrian movement along Highway 101 between these two sites. This information may be found in Section 3 of the 2014 Operations Plan. These figures are subject to the review and approval of the Planning Director in consultation with the CHP. "

The final shuttle plan was submitted/reviewed before this date and worked effectively to alleviate this concern.

2014: 8. "No grading on New Sites #1-3 is allowed without an approved cultural resources monitor approved by the Planning Director being present during all land disturbance activities."

No grading on New Sites #1-3 was conducted.

2014: 9. "The applicant shall coordinate with law enforcement personnel from the Humboldt County Sheriff's office. This includes providing financial compensation for services rendered during any oversight and management during the event."

The applicant contracted and paid for law enforcement personnel from the Humboldt County Sheriff's office.

ATTACHMENT 2

Applicant's Evidence In Support of the Required Findings

The applicant has submitted the following written evidence in support of making the required findings, and copies of relevant are attached.

- Post-Event Report for 2015 Event
- 2016 Operations Plan

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Introduction

This document is the Post-Event Report for the 31st annual Reggae on the River music 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 2015.

The Operations Plan for 2016 is a companion document to the Post-Event Report and will be submitted in January. It will present detailed descriptions of the refinements and include the agreements and approval letters from the involved regulatory agencies. None of the changes are anticipated to reach the level of significance requiring reevaluation through the CEQA process. The Post-Event Report and the Operations Plan for 2016 will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and serve as the basis for setting the attendance levels for the 2016 event. It should be noted here that no attendance increase will be requested for the 2016 festival.

Reggae on the River was hosted by the Mateel Community Center at French's Camp on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2, 2015 and this was the third year in recent history that the event was held on the French's Camp property. The potential environmental impacts of the event were evaluated through the CEQA Process and the Mateel received a 5-year Conditional Use Permit (CUP-12-017). This document addresses each of the final Conditions of Approval (dated 2-18-13) as well as other agency requirements and permit conditions in Attachment 1.

This document is organized around the Conditions of Approval (COA). The text of the COA are indented and in *italics*. Mateel's documentation, commentary, and plans for the 2016 event are presented after each Condition. Additional information, permits (as required) and letters of approval from the involved regulatory agencies will be presented in the 2016 Operations Plan.

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

REVISED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE HEARING ON JANUARY 3, 2013 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FEBRUARY 11, 2013

Reggae Final Conditions of Approval received 2-18-13

APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SPECIAL PERMIT IS CONDITIONED ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS:

1. The project shall be developed and conducted in accordance with the Preliminary Operations Plan for the 2013-2017 Reggae on the River Festival, Revised October 23, 2012. The project shall be conducted in accordance with the approved 2012 Plan of Operations (Preliminary Operations Plan for the 2013-2017 Reggae on the River Festival, Revised October 23, 2012) as modified by the 2014 Operations Plan for the Mateel Community Center's Reggae on the River Festival, prepared January 31, 2014 except for the section describing water use. Conditions of approval for the original use permit (Condition #6) prohibits pumping from the on-site well for the event from May 15 through December 15 beginning in 2014. This modification does not change that. Condition #6 continues to apply to this project

In general, the 2015 festival was developed and conducted in accordance with the 2015 Operations Plan and the additional conditions of approval in Attachment 1.

Any revisions that were (or will) be made are discussed in the sections below and will be further addressed in the revised Operations Plan for 2016.

2. The applicant shall obtain approval for a modified special events permit from the County Department of Public Works incorporating the new off-site parking areas. The applicant shall submit a letter from the Department of Public Works by May 1, 2014 stating that they have no objections to the event being held that year.

The Special Event Permit was secured from the Humboldt County Department of Public Works for the 2015 event.

- 3. On or before May 1 of each year of the event, the applicant shall provide a letter from the following agencies stating they have no objections to the event being held that year:
 - Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health
 - Humboldt County Sheriff
 - CalTrans
 - California Highway Patrol
 - CalFire
 - Department of Fish and Game (DFG), (now known as the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife),
 - Regional Water Quality Control Board

These letters may be included in the annual report reviewed by the Planning Commission.

It has been our experience that the listed agencies will generally not write letters stating that they have no objections to the event being held next year. Instead, they specify conditions in their permits that address the concerns they may have. CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and the Regional Water Quality Control Board have issued long-term permits and have not cited any violations to the permit conditions.

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CalTrans and the California Highway Patrol work jointly in the review and issuance of the annual encroachment permit that allows the Mateel to occupy and control traffic in the Highway 101 corridor. They have issued encroachment permits for the last three events and will review and approve the 2016 permit 30 days before the event.

Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health, the Humboldt County Sheriff, and CalFire do not issue permits but review the annual operations plan and work with the Mateel to resolve any issues or concerns they may have prior to and during the event

The documentation of the agencies' approvals will be submitted to the Planning Commission through the responsible staff (Michael Richardson) as they are received and will be included in the 2016 Annual Report.

4. Within 120 days after the use permit expires or the Mateel Community Center Board decides the event will no longer be held at the site (whichever comes first), the property shall be restored to its original condition. This includes removing all permanent structures for the event, and grading to restore the original contours of the property. Upon request by the applicant and property owners, the time period for restoring the site may be extended or the requirements waived by the Planning Director based on evidence further renewal of the permit is being actively pursued, or evidence restoration of the site is not necessary to encourage primary uses in the AL Plan designation.

The Mateel plans on hosting this event annually, into the foreseeable future. If at some point in the future we decide to discontinue the event; we will restore the Site to the original condition within 120 days of surrendering the Conditional Use Permit.

- 5. Each year of the event, placement and operation of the temporary bridge across the South Fork Eel River shall conform to the following requirements, which may also become requirements of the 1600 Streambed Alteration Permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG):
 - There will be three10' to 12' wide bridges (two for vehicles and one for pedestrians).
 - The bridges will free span a minimum of 40 feet and possibly as much as 50 feet.
 - The bridges will be installed in mid-June (after the winter rains have ceased) and pulled out by the end of August.
 - The applicants will minimize the work within wetted river channel including the movement of gravel and the use of heavy equipment. The intent is to minimize stirring up sediments in the flowing water.
 - The applicant will walk the river directly ahead of equipment when it crosses the river. The intent is to make sure that fish and amphibians move out of the way.
 - The applicant will minimize the constriction of the river through the use of solid material abutments (such as logs or K-rail) rather than gravel.
 - The applicant will backfill behind the abutments with clean, washed gravel. The intent is to minimize the introduction of fine sediments into the water after the bridges are removed.
 - The applicant will use river run gravel to form the approaches to the bridge.
 - The applicant will be prepared for spills of oils and fuels with a spill containment kit.
 - The applicant will keep all asphaltic materials from adjacent roadways out of the river.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a Section 1600 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No.1600-2012-0327-R1) to the Mateel,

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allowing them to install the bridges with various restrictions and conditions. The bridges were installed on Wednesday, June 17th 2015, in compliance with the permit conditions.

Two other permits were required for the installation of the bridges. They were a Water Quality Certification (Section 401 Permit) from the Regional Water Quality Control Board and a Wetland Fill Permit (Section 404) from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The action of the US ACE required an informal consultation with, and a Letter of Concurrence (LOC) from the National Marine Fisheries Service. The LOC and the permits were issued and copies submitted to the Planning Department.

There were actually two bridges installed (not three). One had a 12' driving lane and the other had a 10' driving lane and a 5' wide pedestrian walkway. The bridges are 56' long and provided 50' of free span across the river. The bridges were set on top of concrete blocks that served as abutments. The bridges were installed in accordance with the 1600 permit. Prior to the bridges being pulled in on Sunday, October 18th, 2015, approximately 40 cubic yards of washed gravel were stockpiled on the east side of the river and will be used in the installation of the bridge in 2016.

The exposed river bars will again be inspected/surveyed in June, after the river recedes, and any necessary changes to the grading plan for the 2016 event will be prepared and submitted to CDFW at that time.

6. The applicant shall fill the existing 20,000 gallon water storage tank between December 1, 2012 and May 1, 2013, and then install and fill the additional 40,000 of storage as soon as they get the bridge in (mid-June, 2013). In subsequent years, the applicant will be required to fill all 60,000 gallons between December and May to avoid potentially dewatering the South Fork Eel River during the summer months. An additional mitigation measure was added to install a water flow meter on the pump for the well to monitor the time and amount of water withdrawn from the well, to report on the amount and dates of water used for the 2013 event, and to prohibit pumping from the well for the event from May 15 through December 15 beginning in 2014 except for emergency purposes. These requirements may be waived if the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of DFG that the well that is used for water supply to the event is not hydrologically connected to the river. (Planning Commission revisions 1/3/2013)

The storage capacity of the water storage tanks at French's Camp is 100,000 gallons. It includes:

- 8 3,000 gallon polypropylene tanks (24,000 gallons, original)
- 6 − 5,000 gallon polypropylene tanks (30,000 gallons, new)
- 2 –5,000 gallon polypropylene tanks (10,000 gallons, new)
- 2-3,000 gallon chlorine contact tanks (6000 gallons, original)
- 6-5000 gallon polypropylene tanks (30,000 gallons on the west side of the river)

In addition to the storage tanks; the Mateel has constructed a polypropylene-lined pond at the site, in accordance with the grading permit issued by the Humboldt County Building Department. The capacity of the pond is approximately 800,000 gallons. The

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pond will fill to capacity if approximately 30" of rain falls. It will be topped-off with groundwater from the onsite well if it does not reach capacity by May 15th. This untreated water will be utilized next year for irrigation and dust control and possibly to supplement the drinking water and shower water supplies.

System Operations

The site was accessed by canoe in March. The pump was tested and found to be in working order. The chlorinator was also tested and found to be working. Iron and sand filters were cleaned and disinfected. Water tanks were cleaned and disinfected. The well was treated with chlorine. Water was then pumped through the filters, chlorinated via the chlorinator and stored in the tanks. All the tanks were filled with treated water before April 25th. Distribution lines were flushed and filled with chlorinated water. Levels of free chlorine in tanks and lines were tested periodically in May and June.

The bridges went in on June 15th and the site began to have people working on it. Water use was kept at a minimum and workers were urged to bring their own drinking water and conserve water as much as possible. Water samples were collected at point of use locations and analyzed at North Coast Labs. All tests, including raw water from well, showed no detectable bacteria.

The week prior to the show, we had a break in the "Backstage Line". It occurred at the fire hydrant on the service road at the back of the concert bowl. It was repaired and the line flushed with chlorinated water, but apparently not adequately. A test done by county health department the following day showed bacteria. We flushed and shocked the line, flushed it again and took a sample. This sample showed no bacteria and the line was put back into use. During this week and the week prior to it, the water in the tanks was recirculated several times, using the recirculation pump installed last year. This process reduces the mineral content and turbidity, as well as allowing us to bring the free chlorine levels to the most desired level. By show time the free chlorine levels were about .2 mg./l.

Water consumption in 2015 was similar to 2014. By Thursday Night we had used approximately 10,000 gallons. On Friday we used about 14000 gallons. On Saturday, about 16000 gallons. Sunday, about 13,500 gallons. Free chlorine levels remained constant and water quality was good throughout the weekend. Total consumption from Drinking Water Tanks was about 53,500 gallons.

The 30,000 gallons of water stored on the west side of the river was transported in a water truck and used in the onsite showers. Approximately 20,000 gallons was used for dust control leading up to and during the event.

7. The applicant shall provide to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and DFG the results from the 2013 sound meter study for use in evaluation of proposed events after 2013.

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A sound meter was used to measure noise levels at various locations in and around the venue during the festival in 2013. The results were submitted to the FWS and DFG. The highest decibel readings (110 db) were registered on Saturday night approximately 25' from the front of the stage. At the east edge of the concert bowl (350' from the stage) the average reading was between 85 and 90 db. Up the hill, on the road to Richardson Grove State Park (approximately 2,000' from the stage) the average reading was between 65 and 75 db. In the campground at Richardson Grove the reading averaged 55 db. On Highway 101 (1,000' behind the stage) the reading averaged between 70 and 80 db (similar to the truck traffic going by). Due to these results, no additional testing was required.

8. The applicant shall prepare a food and trash management strategy to the satisfaction of the FWS which describes 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. Written verification the FWS has approved the food and trash management strategy shall be submitted to the Planning Division by May 1, 2013. The approved food and trash management strategy shall become part of the required Plan of Operation for the event each year.

Food and trash were collected in collected in 90 gallon, wheeled totes, with hinged lids, supplied by Recology of Eureka. These are the same totes used in residential waste collection. The corvids were not able to look into the totes nor gain access to the contents. The majority of the food waste and trash were generated in the concert bowl in front of the food vendors. Here, the waste was collected in large, open-topped, plastic-canvas cargo bags (approximately 4' x 4' x 4'). These areas were constantly surrounded by people and a lot of noise. No corvids were observed in or anywhere near these bags. When full, the bags and the totes were emptied into the 40 CY dumpsters located in the Loop Lot- and repositioned this year to satisfactorily address neighbor concerns. The dumpsters were covered with tarps and no corvids were observed in or around the dumpsters.

Recyclable materials (can, bottles, cardboard) were similarly managed and did not attract corvids. The entire venue was cleaned and all dumpsters hauled away over the course of a week after the festival ended. Corvids were not an issue during or after the event.

A total of 63.17 tons of recycling and waste were generated through the event this year. Of this, 25.94 tons was recycled and 35.23 tons was waste. This represents a diversion rate of approximately 42.4%, a slight increase over the 2014 diversion rate.

9. Each year of the event, the applicant shall perform the environmental monitoring program described in the Plan of Operations unless specifically waived by the Planning Commission with the consent of DFG, FWS and the Army Corps of Engineers.

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Environmental Monitoring Program (from the 2013/17 Operations Plan)

The Mitigation and Monitoring Program for the festival will include analysis of water quality (drinking and river), off-site noise emissions, aquatic surveys, inspections for oils and other fluids leaking from vehicles, and fugitive trash. Data will be collected and evaluated by qualified professionals and included with the post-event report to the County and other involved resource agencies.

<u>Water Quality</u> Water samples from the river will be collected before, during and after the event at two locations (one upstream and one downstream of the event). Water samples will be collected by technicians trained in the collection of water samples and analyzed by an accredited laboratory for various constituents as specified by the regulatory and resource agencies. Constituents may include total coliform, pH, Chemical Oxygen Demand, turbidity, oxygen level, oils and grease, and surfactants. Drinking water samples will also be collected and analyzed for total coliform and chlorine residuals.

Water samples were collected by technicians trained in the collection of water samples and analyzed by accredited laboratories (North Coast Labs and Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory) for various constituents. The results are summarized in the table (below).

Constituent	Pre (7/27/15)	Post Upstream (8/7/15)	
Chemical Oxygen Demand	ND <5 mg/L	7.5 mg/L)	
Grease and Oils	ND (<5 mg/L)	ND (<5 mg/L)	
Surfactants MBSA (soap)	ND (<0.05 mg/L)	ND (<0.05 mg/L)	
Total Suspended Solids	ND (<1 mg/L)	ND (<1 mg/L)	
Turbidity	0.30 NTU	0.42 NTU	
Total Coliform	Present (1,413 MPN)	Present (>2,420 MPN)	
E. coli	Absent (<1 MPN)	Present (4.1 MPN)	
		Post Downstream (8/7/15)	
Chemical Oxygen Demand		13 mg/L)	
Grease and Oils		ND (<5 mg/L)	
Surfactants MBSA (soap)		ND (<0.05 mg/L)	
Total Suspended Solids		ND (<1 mg/L)	
Turbidity		0.68 NTU	
Total Coliform		Present (>2,420 MPN)	
E. coli		Present (2.0 MPN)	

The results show minimal changes to the water quality parameters of Chemical Oxygen Demand, Turbidity and bacteria between the pre-event and post-event sampling events as well as between the upstream and downstream sampling points. The parameters of Oils and Grease, Surfactants, and Total Suspended Solids were non-detectable in all samples. The total coliform counts went up slightly between the pre-and post-festival sampling events but were still not significantly higher than the coliform and E. coli counts (1,120 and 4.1 MPN, respectively) recorded in October 2012 when there was no event. The impacts to water quality appear to be minimal and of short duration. It is

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suspected that the sediments that are stirred up off the bottom of the bottom of the river during the event liberate the detected constituents that are already present and do not indicate new sources being brought in by the event.

Aguatic Surveys A submersible water temperature recorder (Hobo) was deployed in the deep pool at the upper end of the Site to monitor water temperatures for four week period between mid-July and mid-August, 2012. The temperature data was provided to Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries. It shows the summertime water temperatures in the deepest pool in this reach of the South Fork of the Eel fluctuated between 66 and 70 degrees F. Temperatures in the shallower stretches of the river were 75 to 78 degrees F. Water temperatures of 65 degrees are lethal to salmon. The data indicates that if any fish were present in the river that they would probably be found in pools such as this one. Indeed, a number of Northern Pike Minnow were observed in the pool. Additional temperature data will be collected and a fish survey (by snorkel) will be completed in 2013.

A survey for the foothill yellow-tailed frog was done during the time period spanning May 21 to May 30, 2012. Representatives from Fish and Game and volunteers from the Mateel walked the river and identified numerous egg masses and other stages of life. A field report from Fish and Game was included as Attachment D (of the original Monitoring Program).

A snorkel survey was conducted in 2013 just prior to the event on Wednesday and again just after the event on Monday. In this survey, between 20 and 30 Pike Minnow were observed in the deep pool before <u>and</u> after the festival site, with no other fish observed. Another snorkel survey was conducted in 2014 by CDFW's Zane Ruddy and no additional concerns were raised as a result of this dive. No snorkel survey was conducted in 2015.

Auditory and Visual Disturbance of Birds and Wildlife. Various surveys have been completed for Northern Spotted Owls and Marbled Murrelets in Richardson Grove State Park. The resource agencies consulted were not concerned that the festival would disturb these birds as their nesting season is drawing to a close by the beginning of August and the distance (over 1,000 feet) to potential habitat, and the lack of birds documented in the area. Additional data will be collected during the festival. A decibel meter will be used to document sound levels in and around the perimeter of the Site during the event. This data will be used in evaluating the noise impacts to off-site receptors and planning for the following year.

See response to 7. (above).

<u>Soil Contamination Associated with Vehicles</u>. Vehicles entering the Site will also be surveyed and inspected for leaking fluids. Vehicles with obvious leaks will be directed to the East Terrace Parking Area and absorptive pads will be placed under the dripping components. After the festival is over and the vehicles have left, the grounds will be inspected for oils and fluid spots. The absorptive pads and any contaminated soil will be collected and legally disposed. Fish and Game will be welcomed to complete their own independent inspections to insure compliance.

The camping areas will also be inspected. All debris (including cigarette butts and bottle caps) and suspect spills/stained rocks will be collected for legal disposal.

The vehicles entering the site were routed through the "Loop Lot" where tickets were traded for wristbands and vehicles were inspected for fluid leaks. A dedicated crew

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Mateel Community Center Greenway Partners visually assessed the vehicles and employed mirrors this year to better inspect the undercarriage of each vehicle. Vehicles that were questionable were directed to an alternate parking area near the highway and were not allowed to park on the river bar.

During an inspection of the river bar parking lots after the 2014 event, the staff of the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and the RWQCB documented a few oil spots. They ranged in size from a few drops to a few inches in diameter. Some of the spots appeared to be cooking oil. They were limited to surficial spotting and none of them appeared to have saturated the sand and gravels.

The affected substrate was picked up by hand and with a shovel, placed in a 5-gallon bucket- filled about half way and disposed of in accordance with state law at the Humboldt Waste Management Authority's transfer station on Hawthorne Street in Eureka.

The agencies did not request an inspection after the 2015 event. The roads and parking areas were inspected by the Mateel post-event cleanup crew after the 2015 event. No oil spots were observed.

Several "micro-trashing" days were also scheduled after the event to remove all bottle caps, cigarette butts, and other small debris that was missed during the main clean up efforts.

10. By May 1 of each year, the applicant shall provide written factual evidence demonstrating the Briceland Volunteer Fire Department will provide fire protection services for the event, and that the proposed fire prevention equipment and personnel to be provided on-site throughout the event is sufficient for fire protection according to CalFire.

The Briceland Fire Department will submit a written statement that they will provide fire prevention and firefighting services by May 1, 2016.

11. Each year of the event, vehicle parking throughout the event shall adhere to the proposed mitigation plan and the minimum requirements of DFG provided below, which involves screening vehicles for leaking oil, parking suspect vehicles off the river bar and placing oil absorbing pads under the vehicles. DFG shall be allowed to inspect the parking areas after the event, and additional mitigation measures may be required as necessary 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.

Minimum requirements of DFG to allow parking on active gravel bars throughout each event as of October 29, 2012:

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- 1. Dedicates staff to pollution prevention, both at the access point and follow-up within the venue for the duration of the event.
- 2. Identifies "problem" vehicles (i.e., leaking, etc.) before they enter the venue.
- Intercepts "problem" vehicle that are leaking through either visual inspection, odor, and/or by asking the driver about the working condition of their vehicle.
- Quarantines vehicles that are known to be leaking by providing parking off the river bar.
- Creates a Best Management Plan/Contingency Plan for leaking vehicles discovered within the venue, such as providing absorbent pads effective to contain leaks until proper disposal after the event.
- Dedicates staff for clean-up and remediation of spots/spills during and after the event.
- 7. Reports the post clean-up findings to DFG after each event.

Lastly, DFG requests the opportunity to evaluate river bar condition after each festival, at our discretion. Access will be coordinated with the designated Project Point of Contact.

See response to 9. (above). Representatives of CDFW and RWQCB conducted a postevent inspection of the venue on August 7th, 2014. Agency staff did not request an inspection after the 2015 event. The Mateel is continuing to work with representatives of the CDFW and the RWQCB on additional mitigations to eliminate the potential hazards associated with vehicles parking on the river bar. Any updates to the current plan will be presented in the 2016 Operations Plan.

12. When the applicant requests an increase in attendance levels as part of their annual report, the annual 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, even with the limits imposed above in Condition #11.

No increase in attendance is requested for the 2016 event, though it should be noted that the addition of multiple off-site parking areas and other changes to parking management strategy worked effectively to more than cover the festival's needs.

The 2016 Operations Plan will detail out the parking arrangements for each onsite lot and the agreements made with owners of offsite lots.

13. The applicant shall temporarily store and periodically remove the grey water from the site in water hauling tanker trucks. Modification of this requirement to allow on-site disposal of grey water from food preparation, hand washing, and showers may be allowed upon demonstration the on-site grey water disposal system has been approved by the Division of Environmental Health and Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

With the consent of the RWQCB and the Humboldt County Department of Environmental Health, Baker tanks were set up to collect grey water from the showers. The collected grey water was discharged into new leach fields which were permitted

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and installed prior to the 2014 event. The new leach fields were again utilized successfully during the 2015 event.

14. If the existing conditional use permit for the Reggae Rising event is activated in 2013 or 2014 on the adjacent property to the south (the Dimmick property – APN 033-271-09), and the Reggae Rising organizers meet all the conditions of approval for holding an event consistent with the approved Conditional Use Permit for that event, this Conditional Use Permit shall be suspended to ensure both events do not occur in the same area at the same time.

This condition was resolved by order of the Board of Supervisors at their May 13th, 2014 hearing.

15. 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 \$2,995.25. 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, 2013 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 DFG website at www.dfg.ca.gov for a determination stating the project will have no effect on fish and wildlife. If DFG concurs, a form will be provided exempting the project from the \$2,995.25 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).

The required permit fees were submitted.

16. The first year of the Condition Use Permit the applicant shall seek ways to improve the entrance to the festival for safety and access to local businesses by exploring other options such as using the Cook Valley Entrance, (Board of Supervisors revisions 2/11/2013)

Due to the success of traffic control efforts in 2014, including the successful addition of a signalized crosswalk at the festival entrance to allow better foot-traffic access to local businesses on the west side of the highway, neither CalTrans, CHP, nor the Board of Supervisors are requesting further exploration of alternate entrances to the French's Camp property.

17. Planning staff shall collect data from the 2013 event to be included in the 2014 review of the permit including, but not limited to traffic flow data, actual attendance numbers, pedestrian safety and information from local businesses on their sales. (Board of Supervisors revisions 2/11/2013)

Planning staff collected data from the 2013 event and included it in their review of the 2014 permit. The following information was submitted with the 2014 Wrap Up Report.

Traffic flow data

The 2014 traffic plan was prepared based on input from the Piercy community, local businesses, Caltrans and the CHP. The traffic plan was submitted to Caltrans and

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served as the basis for the Encroachment Permit that was issued prior to the 2014 event.

Delineators, signs, and a temporary signalized crosswalk were installed on Wednesday afternoon before the event and extra attention was paid to minimize impacts to local businesses in the installation and timing of this work. The early arrivals policy that allowed 4 day ticket holders to arrive on Thursday reduced the peak traffic impact typically experienced on Friday morning. Attendees were brought in off the highway and queued in the Loop Lot where they exchanged tickets for wristbands and were then directed to the appropriate parking area.

Overall, traffic on Highway 101 flowed smoothly during the entire event without any accidents or significant delays. The restrictions on north and south bound left turns kept through traffic moving. Though this did affect northbound access to the Patriot Gas Station, the addition of the signalized crosswalk allowed easy pedestrian access across the freeway so that our patrons could to support this business- and with only brief and insignificant delays to the motoring public.

Attendance numbers

Color-coded and numbered wristbands were used to monitor and control the number of attendees. The daily count of attendees is presented below.

- Thursday, July 31 2500 comps (volunteers, staff, performers and vendors)
 were issued wristbands. 2489 four-day ticket holders were banded and allowed
 onto the site. The maximum total number of people onsite was 4989.
- Friday, Aug 1 3045 three-day ticket holders were banded and allowed onsite.
 232 single-day wristbands were issued. The maximum total number of people on-site was 8266.
- Sat Aug 2 883 single-day wristbands were issued. The maximum total number of people onsite was 8917
- Sun Aug 3 387 single-day wristbands were issued. The maximum total number of people onsite was 8421.

Pedestrian safety

See response to 17. (above).

Local business sales and neighborhood impacts:

Mateel's Festival Operations Manager met with the following local businesses to discuss how the event affected them. A summary of their feedback is presented below.

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- The Save Our Schools nonprofit group ran the 24 hour onsite General Store for the second year and did well.
- Richardson Grove RV and Campground was rented in its entirety by Mateel in 2014. The Mateel utilized the property for RV's to lessen the load at French's Camp; for parking patrons and camping volunteers according to plan. It worked well and will be expanded in 2015 to both patrons and volunteer staff.
- The West Lot (Allard Property) adjacent to the RGRV was utilized effectively for patron parking according to plan.
- One Log House property was rented by the Mateel for festival parking. The upper parking lot was utilized successfully each evening for parking our fleet of shuttle buses. The owners were happy about this year.
- Thunderbird Mountain Trading Company is located on the One Log House property. The Mateel maintained open areas for parking and access for festival goers to patronize their business. The crosswalk helped.
- Grandfather Tree generally does not do good business during the ROTR weekend. No information has been provided with specific financial data. Dumpsters and Port a Potty problems from 2013 were remedied. Please see positive comments about festival from owner Keith Bowman in attachment of the Piercy Community Wrap-up meeting on September 15, 2014.
- The Patriot Gas Station owners were happy this year due to the collaborative
 efforts by the Mateel, CalTrans and CHP. The installation of the signalized
 crosswalk was a success. It allowed event attendees easier access to their
 business, which provides a number of goods/ services desirable by a festival
 audience (i.e. beer, cigarettes, gas, etc.)
- County Line Ranch was utilized for volunteer and public overflow parking and a cooperative relationship exists between landowners and the Mateel Community Center.
- Legend of Big Foot had no problems with access to their business, nor were the private homes impacted this year.
- Jesse Parsons, local landowner and Season George were happy with Security of their property.
- Five local Volunteer Departments benefitted from Reggae on the River this year:
 Piercy VFD, Briceland VFD, Whitethorn VFD, Myers Flat VFD and Salmon Creek
 VFD
- The Mateel's Town Patrol circulated throughout Garberville on Monday prior to Reggae on the River to the following Monday. As with last year, they took Sunday off. The teams worked with local Law Enforcement and were visible to local businesses.

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April 7, 2016

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December 15, 2015

File No.: 126.15808

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Reference: Reggae on the River

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If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Sergeant Randy England at (707) 923-2155.

Sincerely,

B. M. FABIERI, Lieutenant

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ATTACHMENT B

Reggae on the River
Piercy Community Meeting
September 14, 2015
6:00pm
Piercy Community Center

Present: Justin Crellin, John Jennings, Nancy George, Jim Fulton, and Jeff Hedin.

Agenda:

- Introductions/ Purpose of Meeting
- ROTR 2015 Overview
- Reports from ROTR Management
 - Justin Crellin (Gen. Manager)
 - John Jennings (Site Manager)
 - Nancy George (Coordinator Manager)
 - Jim Fulton (Briceland Fire/ CIT Commander)
- Discussion of neighbor concerns/ public comment
- Festival contacts- pre/ during/ post event

Meeting Notes:

Despite several weeks lead-time and multiple avenues of promotion, no public were present at the meeting- other than Piercy Community Center's Jeff Hedin.

The agenda was replaced by an informal conversation we awaited the public's arrival. In addition to a general overview of the event- items of local relevance were discussed such as security and illegal camping on Highway 271, how festival management can be more accessible to neighbors during the event, possible use of Standish-Hickey State Park as an official ROTR campground, and several fundraising ideas. All agreed the event went well from both the festival and neighborhood perspective.

- Dedicates staff to pollution prevention, both at the access point and follow-up within the venue for the duration of the event.
- 2. Identifies "problem" vehicles (i.e., leaking, etc.) before they enter the venue.
- Intercepts "problem" vehicle that are leaking through either visual inspection, odor, and/or by asking the driver about the working condition of their vehicle.
- Quarantines vehicles that are known to be leaking by providing parking off the river bar.
- Creates a Best Management Plan/Contingency Plan for leaking vehicles discovered within the venue, such as providing absorbent pads effective to contain leaks until proper disposal after the event.
- Dedicates staff for clean-up and remediation of spots/spills during and after the event.
- 7. Reports the post clean-up findings to DFG after each event.

Lastly, DFG requests the opportunity to evaluate river bar condition after each festival, at our discretion. Access will be coordinated with the designated Project Point of Contact.

As per prior response.

6. Each year of the event, the applicant shall include in the annual report an analysis of the performance of each off-site parking area, describing the number of vehicles using the site, shuttle service, and movement of people between the off-site parking areas and the French's Camp 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).

As per prior responses, including the parking lot chart/tallies above.

7. Before May 1, 2014, the applicant shall submit revised figures showing how adequate shuttle services will be provided to persons parking on Site #3 (County Line Ranch) to prevent pedestrian movement along Highway 101 between these two sites. This information may be found in Section 3 of the 2014 Operations Plan. These figures are subject to the review and approval of the Planning Director in consultation with the CHP.

The final shuttle plan was submitted/ reviewed before this date and worked effectively to alleviate this concern.

8. No grading on New Sites #1 – 3 is allowed without an approved cultural resources monitor approved by the Planning Director being present during all land disturbance activities.

No grading on New Sites #1-3 was conducted.

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

Mateel contracted and paid for law enforcement personnel from the Humboldt County Sheriff's office.

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ATTACHMENT A

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL 2014

Approval of the Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit Modification and approval of the Annual Report is conditioned on the following terms and requirements.

A. Conditions of Approval

 Unless specifically modified below, all the conditions of approval, operational restrictions, mitigation measures and informational notes that applied to the original Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit continue to apply to this project (see Attachment 7 of this staff report).

As per prior response.

2. The project shall be conducted in accordance with the approved 2012 Plan of Operations (Preliminary Operations Plan for the 2013-2017 Reggae on the River Festival, Revised October 23, 2012) as modified by the 2014 Operations Plan for the Mateel Community Center's Reggae on the River Festival, prepared January 31, 2014 except for the section describing water use. Conditions of approval for the original use permit (Condition #6) prohibits pumping from the on-site well for the event from May 15 through December 15 beginning in 2014. This modification does not change that. Condition #6 continues to apply to this project.

As per prior response.

3. The applicant shall obtain approval for a modified special events permit from the County Department of Public Works incorporating the new off-site parking areas. The applicant shall submit a letter from the Department of Public Works by May 1, 2014 stating that they have no objections to the event being held that year.

Mateel obtained all necessary permits and letters by the required date.

4. For each year of the event, the same trash management strategy in original condition of approval #6 shall be applied to New Sites #1 - 3.

As per prior response.

5. For each year of the event, vehicle parking throughout the event, including New Sites #1 – 3, 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

Minimum requirements of CDFW to allow parking on active gravel bars throughout each event include all of the following:

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2016 Operations Plan for The Mateel Community Center's Reggae on the River Music Festival



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A - Ticketholders Information Packet

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

This Operations Plan was prepared by Greenway Partners under the direct supervision of Steve Salzman; a California-licensed Professional Engineer. The following elements of the Reggae on the River Project were prepared and stamped by Mr. Salzman or another licensed professional:

- Water Quality Sampling Plan
- Off-Site Traffic Plan
- Temporary Bridge Design and Installation
- Septic System and Leach Fields
- Rainwater Catchment and Storage Pond
- Discards Management System

Summary of 2015 Event

The 2015 Reggae on the River Music Festival was the 31st anniversary of this event. It occurred on July 30 through August 2. Live music was performed on an elevated stage in the concert bowl at French's Camp. Food, beverages and arts/crafts vending booths were also located in the bowl. Approximately 9,000 people attended the event- nearly 6,500 ticket holders and 2,500 staff, volunteers, performers and vendors (comps). Approximately 5,000 camped on the site and at neighboring properties. Others stayed at nearby accommodations and commuted to the event. Nearly 3,000 cars/ trucks and 150 RVs were parked onsite and in the various planned offsite lots. There were no major incidents or accidents reported by the Humboldt County Sheriff or the California Highway Patrol. Offsite traffic on Highway 101 was not significantly impacted.

Purpose of this Document

The 2016 Operations Plan describes the planning and logistics required to produce Reggae on the River at a full capacity of 10,500 people, in compliance with the Conditional Use Permit and other permits issued by the County and various involved regulatory agencies. Attendance is currently capped at 9,000 attendees and the Mateel is not requesting to increase attendance to capacity this year. Very few changes will be made in the 2016 Operations Plan due to the successful implementation and effectiveness of the 2015 Operations Plan.

Location

The Project Site is known as French's Camp, which is located adjacent to and east of Highway 101 approximately 8 miles south of Garberville, California (see Site Location Map, Figure 1). The address is 657 N. Highway 101. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 033-271-05. The Site consists of 78 acres of semi-developed, rural land straddling approximately 3,000 linear feet of the South Fork of the Eel River. Access to the Site is directly off Highway 101 just south of Richardson Grove State Park. Additional neighboring and satellite properties are also utilized.

Property Owner - Project Proponent - Agent

French's Camp is owned by the Arthur Family Trust. The Project proponent and festival owner/promoter is the Mateel Community Center, a nonprofit corporation located in Redway, California. Mateel has a lease agreement with the Arthur Family Trust and was granted a 5-year conditional use permit by Humboldt County. The Mateel has a 26-year history of hosting ROTR at French's Camp, along with five years at the Benbow Lake State Recreation Area. The event is a major fund-raiser for the Mateel Community Center and for many other local businesses and nonprofits that participate. Greenway Partners, an engineering and project management firm, in Arcata is serving as the Agent for the permitting process and infrastructure planning and design, on behalf of Mateel and the Arthur Family Trust.

Attendance

The potential environmental impacts of the festival evaluated in the EIR were based on 10,500 attendees. The approved CUP allows up to 10,500 attendees. Attendance at the 2015 event was capped at 9,000 attendees. This included 6,500 ticket holders and 2,500 staff, volunteers, performers and vendors (comps). No additional attendance increase will be requested in 2016-and this attendance cap will be strictly adhered to and monitored/documented in a number of ways. Only 6,500 tickets will be sold. Ticketholders will exchange their tickets for a durable, non-removable wristband that will be fastened around their wrist by the ROTR security staff. The staff, volunteers, vendors and performers will check in and receive a wristband or laminate depending on their crew. Security personnel are stationed internally and around the perimeter of the Site to ensure that only credentialed individuals are present.

The peak total of 9,000 people will only be present during a portion of the 2016 festival. Work crews of up to 100 people will be coming and going for a number of weeks ahead of the event. Vendors and most of the volunteers will arrive on the Wednesday before the festival to get set up. The venue will be open to the public on Thursday morning. It is estimated that 5,000 attendees will be onsite by Thursday night with approximately 4,000 camping there until the end of the festival. The remaining ticketholders will be present on and off throughout the festival, commuting to other nearby accommodations or local homes. The peak attendance will occur between 6pm and 1am on Friday and Saturday nights. Some attendees will leave Sunday night with the main exodus occurring on Monday morning. By Monday night it is estimated that only 500 staff and volunteers will remain on-site for clean-up and dismantling of event facilities. Smaller work crews will be on-site for a couple weeks following the event to break down infrastructure and finalize cleanup efforts.

Schedule and Hours of Operation

The dates presented below are subject to change every year but the festival will always cover the first weekend in August.

- By May The 102,000 gallons of water storage tanks will be filled from the on-site well. A new rainwater catchment pond with a capacity of 780,000 gallons will also be utilized for irrigation and dust abatement.
- May July.... Mow and bale grass hay on the entire site to reduce fire hazard.
- June Aug .. Installation of the bridges, grading of river bar parking areas and road, and set up and repair of other infrastructure such as fencing, water, electrical systems.
- August 3...... Wednesday; volunteers and vendors will arrive to set up their camps and booths.
- August 4 Thursday morning; gates open to the public at 8am to allow for up to 3,500 early arrivals. Entertainment will be provided Thursday night from 4pm to 1am.
- August 5 Friday morning; gates open at 8am to allow for up to 3,000 arrivals, music from noon to 1am.
- August 6 Saturday morning; gates open at 8am, music from 11am to 1am.

August 7 Sunday morning; gates open at 8am, music from 11am to midnight.

August 8 Monday morning; attendees depart and dismantling and cleanup begins.

Sept 1 Dismantling and cleanup completed.

October 15.... Pull the bridges and abutments and recontour the river banks.

Dec 31 Submit the 2016 Post-Event Report to the County.

Environmental Setting

The Arthur Family Trust parcel is 78-acres of semi-developed, rural land that straddles 3,000 linear feet of the South Fork of the Eel River (see Site Plan, Figure 2). Approximately 2/3rds of the Site is within the 100-year flood plain and is underlain by sand and gravel (riverine) deposits. Gravel and bedrock are exposed in the active channel which contains typical winter flows. Other riverine deposits are sparsely vegetated with grass and willow. The remaining 1/3 of the parcel is river terrace and hillsides (slopes up to 100%) and is covered with grasses and trees (madrone, redwood, Douglas fir, oak, cottonwood and willow).

The Humboldt County General Plan designates the property as Ag Land 40 minimum (AL-40) and it is zoned Unclassified (U). The Site is surrounded by privately and publicly held lands. Residential, commercial, public and recreational uses include camping, hiking and fishing, tourist gift shops and cafes, a gas station, a convenience store, orchards, pastures, gardens, timber production, the Highway 101 transportation corridor and Richardson Grove State Park.

There are no known archeological sites on the parcel. Likewise there are no known rare or endangered plants or animals at the Site or in the immediate vicinity. Additional information can be found in the EIR that was completed for the Project.

2016 Operations Plan

The 2016 Operations Plan does not significantly change any of the elements of the 2015 Operation Plan. No changes are being made that will require modifications of the approved CUP.

1. Off-Site Traffic Plan

The 2016 traffic plan will be very similar to the approved 2015 plan. The Mateel's Traffic Management Team is currently working with the CHP and Caltrans on details of the plan and will file for an encroachment permit from Caltrans, in July. The approved plan will be implemented by a professional traffic management company.

As in the past; the Site will be accessed from Highway 101 via the main entrance which is directly across from the Patriot Gas Station. Delineators will be placed on the centerline of the highway from the south end of the Renner card lock station to the northern entrance of the One Log House. Southbound vehicles (with the exception of emergency vehicles) will not be allowed to turn left into the Main Entrance of the venue. They will proceed past the entrance approximately 0.6 miles, utilize the turning lane to make a left turn into the Caltrans holding lot at Highway 271, then be metered back out onto the highway to approach the venue from the

south. Northbound traffic will enter a deceleration lane then turn right into the Site and queue in multiple lanes for screening and wrist-banding.

The CHP does not allow vehicles to park on the highway or the turnouts and shoulders. All turnouts two miles north and south of the Site will be posted with No Parking signs. To help alleviate concerns, attendees will be instructed to stay at local campgrounds and plan to arrive at the Site on Thursday morning. Early arrivals that did not get the message will be held overnight in the Loop Lot and be allowed across the bridge Thursday morning. Additional information about the arrivals and departures schedule is presented below.

An emergency access between the Site and the highway is provided through the adjoining property owner to the north, on the west side of the river (One Log House). An emergency evacuation route on the east side of the river is provided by a dirt road that traverses the hillside and leads to the highway through Richardson Grove State Park (approximately one mile in length). A helipad is also located at the north end of the Loop Lot (near the emergency access) to facilitate emergency medical evacuations.

2. Arrivals and Departures Plan

Attendees receive an information packet in the mail along with their tickets. It provides various instructions and describes the requirements of the venue. The 2016 information sheet is included in Attachment A.

Wednesday Arrivals

The traffic entering the Site on Wednesday will be staff, volunteers, vendors, and performers. Attendees will be instructed not to arrive until Thursday morning. If they show up Wednesday night they will be held in the Loop Lot and won't be allowed to cross the bridge until Thursday morning.

Northbound traffic will turn right into the main entrance and proceed approximately 300 feet to where they will be greeted by event check in staff. Southbound traffic will proceed past the main entrance and use the turning lane at Highway 271 to make a left turn into the Caltrans holding lot then be metered back out onto the highway northbound. Event staff will direct volunteers, vendors, and performers to Will Call where they will receive their wristbands. Once the volunteers, vendors, and performers get their wristbands they will be allowed to cross the bridge. The main entrance and check-in will be closed at approximately 10 pm after which late arrivals will be held in the Loop Lot until the following morning .

Thursday Arrivals

Ticket holders arriving on Thursday morning will be directed into one of three inbound lanes on Bob Marley Blvd. Traffic will flow down into the Loop Lot for screening and wrist-banding. The loop lot admissions area will be open continuously from 8am Thursday until the completion of crunch on Friday- though attendees who arrive after dark will not be allowed to cross the bridge to park.

Friday Arrivals

Ticket holders arriving on Friday morning will be directed into one of the inbound lanes. Traffic will flow into one of three inbound lanes and proceed down Bob Marley Blvd into the Loop Lot for screening and wrist-banding. When onsite parking is full then all traffic will be directed to offsite parking areas.

Saturday and Sunday Arrivals

The main entrance will be open Saturday from 8am to midnight and from 8 am to 10 pm on Sunday. North and southbound traffic will be directed as described above. Attendees arriving after midnight on Saturday will be directed to other camping facilities and invited to return at 8am the next morning.

Departures

During the event, attendees are allowed to drive their vehicles off of the site but they are not allowed to return with their vehicle. Ticket holders do not have in and out privileges for their vehicles. Northbound traffic will turn right out of the main entrance and merge into the flow of traffic on the highway. Southbound traffic will be metered onto the highway by professional traffic control company flaggers hired for the event. They can also utilize the cross walk signals to temporarily stop through traffic.

On Monday morning departing patrons will be queued in two lanes, north bound and south bound. Right turns (north bound) will merge out onto the highway. Left turns (south bound) will be metered out onto the Highway as cross traffic allows.

3. Shuttle Bus Service

The ROTR shuttle bus service will include 6-48 passenger buses plus 2 vans for local artist transport, and a van for interior shuttle service. The busses will be hired from a licensed transportation company (such as Southern Humboldt Unified School District, HCAR, Michael's Transportation, etc.).

There will be two shuttle bus loops to transport attendees to the site. The long loop will make stops at the Majestic Center in Redway, the Chevron Station in Garberville, the Golf Lot in Benbow, and at the Festival Site. The short loop will circulate between Richardson Grove State Park and the Festival Site- with an as-needed stop by the entrance to County Line Ranch. The shuttles will run continuously from 8:30am until 2am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 8:30am until 1am on Sunday, and from 8:30am until 2pm on Monday.

At the Site, riders will be picked up and dropped off at the Site bus stop located adjacent to and south of the main entrance on the east side of the highway. All busses will turn right (north) out

of the main entrance. The short loop busses will proceed to Richardson Grove State Park where they will utilize the left turn lane to enter the park headquarters. They will then reenter the highway southbound and proceed to the Highway 271 turn around to pick up riders from County Line Ranch parking area (if used). They will then proceed north to the Site's bus stop and repeat. The long loop will follow the same route but will proceed past Richardson Grove State Park with stops in Redway, Garberville, and Benbow. It will pass the main festival entrance and proceed south to the Highway 271 turn around then back to the Site's bus stop. The shuttle bus loops are illustrated on the Shuttle Bus Plan (Figure 3).

4. On-Site Traffic Plan

The On-Site Traffic Plan layout is shown on Figure 4. During the initial arrival of attendees on Thursday and Friday, the main entry road will be divided into four lanes. Three inbound and one outbound. Vehicles entering the Site will be spread out into the three inbound lanes and directed down Bob Marley Blvd. to the processing area in the Loop Lot. The processing area will have 6 to 8 lanes. As the vehicles proceed through the processing area, the occupants will surrender their ticket and have a wristband placed around their wrist and given their parking sticker. The fourth lane (on the north side of Bob Marley Blvd) will be reserved for vehicles exiting the Site. There will also be a pedestrian walkway separated from the vehicles by orange construction fencing providing safe passage from the shuttle bus stop and from the cross walk to the pedestrian bridge.

Most of the festival activities occur on the east side of the river. Temporary bridges (two rail cars) will be installed to provide two vehicular lanes and one pedestrian lane across the river. One of the bridges provides a 12' driving lane to accommodate emergency vehicles. The second bridge provides a 10' driving lane separated by a curb and fence from a 5' wide pedestrian lane. Pedestrians and vehicles are separated by orange construction fencing for approximately 650 feet on the west side of the crossing and approximately 200 feet on the east side of the bridge.

After the vehicles are screened and wristbands/ parking passes are distributed, vehicles will be allowed to cross the river. During the initial occupation of the Site, the two vehicular lanes will be limited to one-way traffic. In the event that a vehicle has to come back across the river, flaggers will stop traffic on one of the bridges and allow the vehicle to pass. Once across the river, vehicles will be directed to specific parking lots and funneled into parking spaces depending on their vehicle type.

During the exodus on Monday morning, Bob Marley Blvd will be divided into three lanes (two out and one in). The two lanes on the north side of the road will be for out bound traffic going north and south. South-bound traffic will be allowed to turn left by utilizing the traffic signal. The lane on the south side of the road will be reserved for inbound traffic coming from the south.

5. On-Site Parking

The on-site parking capacity at French's Camp was estimated at 2,260 vehicles and 102 RVs. The actual number of vehicles that were parked in 2014 was higher (Table 1). At the anticipated loading rate of three people per vehicle; private vehicles could bring approximately 7,000 people to the festival. The remainder of the attendees will be dropped off by private vehicles or shuttle bus or arrive on foot from Richardson Grove State Park or Richardson Grove Family Campground and RV Park. The On-Site Parking Plan does not provide day parking. Day-trippers will be required to park at one of the offsite lots and shuttle to the event.

There are 15 onsite parking areas that will be utilized at their capacity- along with a variety of offsite lots on neighboring properties. The approximate capacities of these areas are listed in Table 1. The gravel bar will be prepared in compliance with the Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600 Permit). Vehicles parked on the gravel bar will be kept back at least 100 feet from the water's edge. A 12' wide perimeter access road will allow for emergency access and pedestrians. Parking areas will be delineated by cones, caution tape, and construction fencing. Flaggers will direct vehicles into spaces to ensure compliance with each lot's parking density.

Table 1. Vehicles Parked During 2014 Event in On-Site and Off-Site Parking Areas

Parking Area	Cars and Trucks	RVs and Camper Trucks	
Alter Able	37	1	
4x4 Lot	211		
Bob Marley Blvd.	42	3	
Center Beach	460	12	
Loop Lot	370	7	
North Beach	107	2	
South Beach	317		
Strip Lot	47	1	
North Beach RV Lot		62	
Artist (North Beach)	30		
Backstage	15		
Check-In Lot (Tow)	35		
Kitchen	12	2	
Staff Lot	45		
Tosh Lot	61		
Triangle / BMB (Volunteer)	65		
Vendor Lot (Center Beach)	124	24	
Volunteer Lot	314	P	
Subtotal On-Site Parking	2,292	114	
Richardson Grove Family Camp	200	45	
West Lot	300		
Benbow Golf Lot	230		
County Line Ranch	2,500		
Subtotal Off-Site Parking	3,230		
Total Vehicles Parked 2015	5,522	159	

6. Off-Site Parking

The Mateel has used the off-site parking lots listed in Table 1 and shown on Figure 5 for a number of years. They negotiate with the owners and sign new MOU's or contracts for the lots each year. There has not been any problems with the existing arrangements and the Mateel expects to be using the same lots for 2016 and into the future.

7. On-Site Camping

A total of 844,833 square feet (19.4 acres) will be designated as camping area (On-Site Camping, Figure 6). The design capacity for on-site camping is set at 5,400 individuals in 6 major camping areas. Some of the camping sites are under the trees or in grassy areas on either side of the river and some are located on the gravel bar within the 100' no parking zone along the river. Tents must be pitched at least 25' away from the water's edge to allow pedestrian access to the river. This no camping zone will be delineated with caution tape.

Campers on the river bar are allowed to move rocks around to accommodate their camping equipment but they are not allowed to cut or remove vegetation. Campfires, barbeques, or hibachis are not allowed at any of the campsites. Cook stoves are allowed if accompanied by a fire extinguisher.

8. Off-Site Camping and Other Accommodations

Many of the attendees camp at nearby public or private campgrounds and hotels/motels. The capacity of campgrounds and hotels/motels in southern Humboldt and northern Mendocino Counties is estimated to be 10,000 not counting the temporary capacity created at the festival. Concert attendees have learned to book their accommodations early. Richardson Grove State Park has 100+ camp sites available (800 campers) in the Oak Flat Campground. The Richardson Grove Campground and RV Park directly across the highway from the Site has capacity for approximately 2,000 individuals (and will house mostly festival volunteers). It is estimated that 1,000 locals are involved with the production of the event and go home at night. It is estimated that they host another 1,000 friends and family. This reduces the demand on other public accommodations. There is adequate lodging at the Site and in the immediate area to handle the anticipated demand.

9. Food, Beverage and Crafters Booths

There are typically about 20 food and beverage vendor booths. They are located along the northern perimeter of the Concert Bowl and in food trucks throughout the campground. All food and beverage concessions require a charitable contribution to nonprofit organizations as a condition of participation. They must meet minimum health and safety code standards and design criteria as specified by the Humboldt County Division of Public Health. The vendors will receive an informational packet instructing them on etiquette and protocols for using the water, wastewater and waste management systems as well as the acceptable types and/ or brands of disposable paper plates, boats, and flatware.

The booths will be served by two (2) sink houses with hot and cold running water. The sink houses will drain into an on-site settling tank and leach field system through 1-1/2" drain pipes as described in Section 11 (below). The booths will be supplied with an electrical service for lighting and running motors. Cooking will be done with propane gas provided from one large stationary tank and underground lines. Additional packaged food and beverages as well as other basic necessities will be available from an onsite general store and from nearby local businesses.

A refrigeration truck will be positioned near the food booths allowing food vendors access to refrigerated food supplies. A second refrigerated truck will sell ice and be positioned nearby.

Grease and oils will be collected separately and taken off-site to a licensed recycling center. Recyclables, compost and solid waste are collected from the vendor areas on a regular basis.

Beer, wine, and mixed drinks will be available at specific booths operated by the Mateel Community Center. They will be permitted by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Attendees will not be allowed to bring their own alcoholic beverages into the Concert Bowl.

Approximately 60 arts and craft booths will be located around the southeasterly perimeter of the concert bowl and adjacent to the concert stage. Craft booths are typically owned and operated by private companies and individuals. There will also be space for a number of nonprofit and agency booths to distribute information on various issues and programs.

10. Discards Management Plan

In 2015, a total of 63.17 tons of recycling and waste were generated through the event. Of this, 25.66 tons was recycled and 37.51 tons was waste. This represents a recyclable materials diversion rate of approximately 42.4% of the total amount of discards generated during the event.

The 2016 discards management plan is the same as last year's plan. It is designed to manage approximately 60 tons of solid waste and 40 tons of recyclables. Staffed discard stations will be strategically located throughout the venue. Additional 55-gallon drums will be positioned at selected locations such as the porta-potties and the food preparation areas. Solid waste and recyclables will be captured separately (sources separation) in 2-cubic yard, woven polypropylene fabric bags with lifting straps. The staff at the stations will assist attendees with the sorting process and complete regular sweeps of their areas of influence to pick up litter and talk to campers about the collection system. The stations will also include 5-gallon plastic buckets and one-gallon tin cans for batteries, cigarette butts and cooking oil. The presence of the staff at the discards stations will prevent corvids (crows, ravens, jays) from being attracted to or accessing the solid waste in the containers.

When the fabric bags are full, they will be tied shut, picked up with a forklift and transported to the dumpsters where their contents will be transferred into the dumpsters. The dumpsters will also be kept covered to exclude corvids. Approximately 240 cubic yards of solid waste will be collected at discards stations and from the ground during the cleanup operations, transferred into

40 cubic yard dumpsters and transported to a permitted facility by a commercial hauler. Approximately 80 cubic yards of recyclables will be similarly collected and transported to a recycling center. The locations of the discards stations and dumpsters are shown on the Sanitary and Discards Plan (Figure 7).

After the event, the entire site is inspected on foot by the final cleanup crew including several micro-trash pickup events. The goal is to collect any and all litter left behind and return the Site to its pre-event condition. An underwater survey (snorkel and mask) of the river will also be conducted to ensure that no waste or recyclables are left submerged or floating in the river.

11. Sanitary Facilities

Up to 200 commercial, portable toilets (1 per 52.5 people at the 10,500 attendance level) will be rented and serviced multiple times each day under contract with a licensed service provider. Accessible (ADA compliant) toilets and hand washing stations will be included in the mix. Sewage is disposed offsite at the Redway wastewater treatment plant.

Greywater generated by food preparation, kitchen sinks and shower facilities will be disposed in the three recently permitted onsite leach fields. The locations of the portable toilets, kitchen sinks (vendors, staff, back stage), and showers are shown on the Sanitary and Discards Plan (Figure 7). Dishwashing, hair washing and any use of soaps in the river is not allowed and will be monitored and enforced by the roving security patrols.

12. Water (Potable, Irrigation, and Dust Control)

The Water Distribution Plan (Figure 8) shows the proposed water storage, treatment and distribution system. The French's Camp Site is served by one existing on-site well capable of producing approximately 25 gallons of water per minute. The well pumps to an iron filtration system (a sand and gravel-filled tank) which gravity feeds into a chlorination system with two - 3,000 gallon contact tanks and then gravity feeds to a series of polyethylene storage tanks with 96,000 gallons of capacity. The storage tanks gravity feed to the points of use through an underground manifold of PVC piping.

The Site is accessed by boat in late April or early May to clean the system and fill the tanks. The Conditional Use Permit limits use of the well after May 15. The insides of the tanks are washed using chlorine bleach and water. The pipe network is filled with chlorinated water. The well pump and chlorination system are then activated and the tanks are filled. Water is stored in the tanks for up to three months. To keep it fresh, an ozonator is lowered into one of the tanks and all the water is occasionally circulated through the system using a separate pump.

In mid-July, before the setup crews arrive at the site, the stored water is once again circulated through the chlorinator and the pipes are flushed. Bacteriological tests are completed at the points of use to ensure a chlorine residual of approximately 1 part per million is present.

After the 2015 event, a polypropylene-lined, rainwater catchment pond was constructed on the Site with a capacity of approximately 780,000 gallons. The pond is currently filled to capacity with rainwater. The rainwater will be primarily used for irrigation of the grass in the concert bowl and for dust control before, during and after the event.

13. Other Infrastructure

Permanent structures at the Site include the Arthur's residence and various outbuildings on the west side of the river and a pole structure and an elevated concrete stage (40'x 80') with storage compartments around the perimeter on the east side. Temporary tent structures are erected during the festival to create a backstage area and for various other functions such as security and communications hub and medical facilities. An electrical service panel is located near the stage and is disconnected after the festival. Telephone lines are also already present. Temporary fencing will be erected around the concert bowl to control access.

In 2013, Mateel applied for and received the required permits to install the temporary rail car bridges including a Section1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) from CDFW as well as the Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the RWQCB and the Section 401 permit from US Army Corps of Engineers. Two rail car bridges will be installed in accordance with the permits in mid-June and be pulled by October 15th. The bridges will free span 50 feet and be set on concrete abutments. In accordance with these permits, an effort will be made to minimize any earth moving and heavy equipment activities occurring within the wetted channel of the river and controlling sediments that could potentially enter the water during or after the project.

If necessary Mateel may request an amendment to the CDFW's SAA to allow additional grading and smoothing of the river bar parking lots. This will be assessed in late May after the winter high flows have subsided and the site crew can survey the river bars.

14. Fire

No open fires, barbeques, or fireworks are allowed anywhere at the Site. Camp stoves are allowed when accompanied by a fire extinguisher. The grass at the Site is mowed and baled prior to the event to reduce fire hazard. Fireworks are strictly prohibited. A special crew is dedicated to interdicting and stopping the use of fireworks at the Site. Any fireworks discovered will be confiscated and anyone caught using them will have their wristband removed and be ejected from the Site.

A 24-hour fire lookout station will be located on the hill above the concert grounds, equipped by a Type-3 four-wheel drive fire engine and staffed by local VFD personnel. This station will be equipped with shovels and water packs for quick response and a hose will be pre-laid from the top of the hill to the base where water pump trucks can connect to it in the event of a fire.

Fire suppression apparatus will include, at a minimum: 2 Type III engines, 1 quick "Attack" Type IV engine, with required accompaniment, and pre-connections at the pumps. CICCS

certified trained crews will be on-site 24-hours a day before, during and after the event. Fire suppression apparatus will be stationed in strategic areas for quick access to any incident. Briceland Fire will provide/schedule all fire protection and rescue needs as required and needed. The Garberville and Redway Volunteer Fire Department, the Piercy Volunteer Fire Department, the Leggett Fire Department, and the Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department are also available to fight fires.

15. Emergency Response Plan

All emergency response actions will be planned and implemented by a core group known as the Critical Incident Team (CIT), led by Jim Fulton of Briceland Fire. This Team consists of the coordinators of the medical, fire, security, communications crews, and Mateel festival management. This Team meets and plans responses to hypothetical situations in advance of the event as well as meeting daily to address any current or potential areas of concern for the safety of event attendees. There will be a number of local fire chiefs in this group. They work under the Incident Command System (ICS), the same as most California emergency responders. They have a history of working well in cooperation with the Caltrans, the CHP, CalFire and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department. In addition to the Critical Incident Team, Caltrans, the CHP, CalFire and the Sheriff; emergency responders will also include security guards, staff and volunteers.

In the instance of a mass casualty incident (earthquake, etc) or the threat of an approaching wildland fire where all or part of the Site would need to be secured and cleared of attendees, the Critical Incident Team would follow these guidelines.

- Notify offsite emergency responders.
- Secure and clear the affected area.
- Shelter in place along the river bar in the case of approaching wild land fire dismantle tents & campsites.
- Responding agencies (Cal Fire, CHP, EMS) will determine extent of evacuation area.
- Clear the evacuation area on foot to the predetermined evacuation zones.
- Use existing onsite resources such as the stage, onsite FM radio broadcasting capabilities, communications central, security, traffic, parking, and camping crew personnel to communicate and direct the public.

The Communications/Dispatch center is in radio contact with Humboldt and Mendocino CalFire dispatch and other emergency frequencies. CIT and Fire, Medical and Security personnel also have Cal Fire dispatch radios. The CIT is assigned dedicated pagers and cell phones for dispatch purposes. All phone numbers and contact information is exchanged with all involved State and County agencies prior to the event.

A helipad is located at the north end of the Loop Lot adjacent to the emergency exit through the One Log House property.

16. Security Plan

The Security Plan covers three areas: 1) Offsite, 2) Perimeter of the Site, 3) Internal. The Head of Security, Tim Lyman will be in charge of security operations for the entire event. He will be in direct communication with all other security agents as well as the fire crews and outside emergency services through handheld radio, cell phone and a telephone landline. The event Security Crew will number in the hundreds, not counting California Highway Patrol, the Humboldt County Sheriff Department and Caltrans.

The Offsite security crew will be active in Piercy, at the Caltrans lot at Highway 271, along the 7-mile length of Highway 271, and in Garberville and Redway (Town Rovers). Generally, offsite safety and security will be coordinated with the CHP and the Sheriff. They will enforce the laws of the State and County. Access points along the South Fork of the Eel River from Piercy to Benbow will be regularly inspected to prevent illegal camping and camp fires.

Perimeter security crews will be stationed at all access points around the perimeter of the event and within sight of sections that have historically been breached. Their objective is to keep non-ticketed people from entering the Site and trespassing on neighboring properties. The perimeter security is controlled by a professional security company under the direction of the Head of Security- and will include coverage at RGRV (Richardson Grove Family Camp/ RV Park).

The Internal Security Crew will control access to the Concert Bowl and occupy various positions within the Site. They will also rove around the parking lots and camping areas especially during the night to watch for fires, fireworks, and any unsavory activity. They will mostly be checking for wristbands and escorting unauthorized people to the Perimeter Crew and Offsite Crew. Crew leaders will be equipped with two-way radios and are in contact with Security Central. All security crews have had non-violence training and are experienced with crowd control.

17. First Aid/Medical Facilities

On-site emergency medical services will be provided by JahMed (or other professional medical providers). JahMed is a local, nonprofit organization that has been providing professional medical services for events ranging in size from 100 to 20,000 attendees since 1996. A staff of licensed physicians, mid-levels, EMT-P, EMTs, Psych team and medical support work together in progressive conjunction to protect the health and well-being of event attendees. JahMed offers basic life support that includes triage and facilitating transport to higher level of care for those who may become seriously ill or injured. First Aid stations will be located inside and outside of the Concert Bowl. Two ambulances staffed with EMTs will be available on-site from Thursday morning until Monday morning. Additionally, a helipad will be provided for emergency medical evacuation. For emergency medical aid purposes, Figure 2 (Site Plan) has a grid by which incidents can be pinpointed to emergency responders. All security and medical staff will have site maps on their person in addition to two-way radios enabling them to communicate immediately with security central and other concert staff.

18. Communications

Six telephone lines will be temporarily installed to the back stage and communications/security centers. Staff/ crew onsite will be equipped with two-way radios and local Ham radio operators will also be onsite to supplement communications during emergencies. Expanded cellular phone service now exists in the local area, with a temporary tower expected to be installed by US Celluar for 2016.

19. Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Program

The Mitigation and Monitoring Program for the festival includes analysis of water quality (drinking and river); offsite noise emissions; aquatic surveys; inspections for oils and other fluids leaking from vehicles; litter; non-native, invasive plant species eradication; a water conservation and forbearance program; and dust control. Data will be collected and evaluated by qualified professionals and included with the post-event report to the County and other involved resource agencies.

Water Quality. In 2015, water samples were collected from the river at the upstream and downstream property lines before and after the event. The results are presented in Table 2. The same sampling program will be implemented in 2016.

Table 2. Water Test Results for 2015

Constituent	Pre (7/27/15)	Post Upstream (8/7/15)
Chemical Oxygen Demand	ND <5 mg/L	7.5 mg/L
Grease and Oils	ND (<5 mg/L)	ND (<5 mg/L)
Surfactants MBSA (soap)	ND (<0.05 mg/L)	ND (<0.05 mg/L)
Total Suspended Solids	ND (<1 mg/L)	ND (<1 mg/L)
Turbidity	0.30 NTU	0.42 NTU
Total Coliform	1,413 MPN	>2,420 MPN
E. coli	Absent (<1 MPN)	4.1 MPN
		Post Downstream (8/7/15)
Chemical Oxygen Demand		13 mg/L)
Grease and Oils		ND (<5 mg/L)
Surfactants MBSA (soap)		ND (<0.05 mg/L)
Total Suspended Solids		ND (<1 mg/L)
Turbidity		0.68 NTU
Total Coliform		>2,420 MPN
E. coli		2.0 MPN

The sampling results from the 2015 event show minimal changes to the water quality parameters of Chemical Oxygen Demand and Turbidity between the upstream and downstream sample locations and likewise between the pre- and post-festival sampling events. The parameters of Oils and Grease, Surfactants, and Total Suspended Solids were non-detectable in all samples.

The total coliform counts went up slightly between upstream and downstream points as well as between pre-and post-festival sampling events, probably due to sediments being stirred up into the water column.

The 2016 river water-monitoring program will be the same as the 2015 program. Constituents will include bacteria, turbidity and temperature and samples will be collected before and after the event at two locations (one upstream and one downstream of the event). Water samples will be collected by technicians trained in the collection of water samples, transported to an accredited laboratory under a chain of custody and analyzed in accordance with EPA standards.

Drinking water samples were also collected from the drinking water system and analyzed for total coliform and chlorine residuals. Staff from the Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health (HCDEH) participated in the sampling and analysis and were kept informed of the results of ongoing testing by the Mateel. The drinking water was determined to be safe and no drinking water illnesses were reported.

In 2016, the drinking water-monitoring program will be similar to the 2015 program. The sampling points, constituents tested for and timing of the sample collection will be discussed and agreed upon with the HCDEH. In the past samples from various end points were tested for chlorine a couple times each day and samples were collected for laboratory analysis of total coliform and E. Coli once a day at the various points of use. Ongoing results will be shared with the County and corrective measures implemented as necessary to maintain a safe potable water supply.

Aquatic Surveys. A submersible water temperature recorder (Hobo) was deployed in the deep pool at the upper end of the Site to monitor water temperatures for four weeks between mid-July and mid-August, in 2012. This information was provided to Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries. It shows the summertime water temperatures in the deepest pool in this reach of the South Fork of the Eel River rarely dropped below 68°F (lethal to salmonids). Temperatures in the shallower stretches of the river were much higher. The data indicates that if fish were present in the river that they would probably be found in deep pools. Indeed, a number of Northern Pike Minnow were observed in the pool.

A survey for the foothill yellow-tailed frog was done during the time period spanning May 21 to May 30, 2012. Representatives from Fish and Wildlife and volunteers from the Mateel walked the river and identified numerous egg masses and other stages of life. A field report from Fish and Wildlife was prepared.

No additional aquatic surveys are planned for 2016.

Auditory and Visual Disturbance of Birds and Wildlife. Various surveys have been completed for Northern Spotted Owls and Marbled Murrelets in Richardson Grove State Park by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies. The resource agencies were

not concerned that noise from the festival would create a significant impact due to the lack of birds that are documented to be in the area and because their nesting season is drawing to a close by the beginning of August and because it is over 1,000 feet to potential old growth habitat.

Audio data was collected during the 2013 festival. A decibel meter was used to document sound levels in and around the perimeter of the Site during the event. The findings were submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and showed that noise levels in the potential Murrelet habitat areas were not excessive. No additional noise sampling is planned for 2016.

Another issue of concern is the attraction of corvids (ravens, crows and jays) to the garbage generated at the event. These birds are known to prey on the Marbled Murrelets. The waste management plan for the festival includes covering the trash cans and keeping the entire venue free of litter and food scraps. Corvid attraction was not an issue during or after the 2015 event. The same procedures used to avoid attracting corvids will be employed in 2016.

Soil Contamination Associated with Vehicles and Generators. Vehicles queuing in the Loop Lot will be inspected for leaking fluids such as oil and antifreeze. A mirror on a long handle will be used by the inspection crew to look under the vehicles. Vehicles with obvious leaks will be directed to a parking area on the west side of the river and absorptive pads will be placed under the dripping components. After the festival is over and most of the parked vehicles have departed, all parking areas will be inspected for oils and wet spots. The absorptive pads and any contaminated soil will be collected and properly disposed of. The CDFW may complete an independent inspection at their discretion.

The camping areas will also be inspected. All debris (including cigarette butts and bottle caps) and suspect spills/stained rocks will be collected for legal disposal. A cooking oil recycling tank will be stationed in the food vendor area and at trash stations throughout the campground to minimize the improper disposal of cooking oil.

Attachment A

Reggae On The River Ticket Holder Information - 2016

Thank you for purchasing your tickets to the 32nd annual Reggae On The River. We are happy you'll be joining us. The information below will help you in planning for your Reggae On The River experience.

Note about ticketing:

Please note we will be using a print-at-home ticketing system (unless you bought a hard ticket at one of our local outlets). If you bought your tickets online, be sure to print out your tickets before coming to the event. Tickets will not be mailed to you. It is further advised not to make copies of your tickets (as they will be scanned at the event), to treat them as cash, and to store them in a safe place since there are no refunds. There are three ticket types for the festival: 3 day, 4 day, and Ambassador Pass.

Venue opens to public:

- 8am Thursday, July 30 (for 4-day and Ambassador Pass ticket holders)
- 8am Friday, July 31 (for 3-day main event ticket holders)
- *Please do not arrive at the venue any earlier than the times listed above for your type of ticket

Admission hours:

Thursday- 8AM to 12AM Friday- 8AM to 12AM Saturday- 8AM to 12AM Sunday- 8AM to 10PM

*Please note that arriving after dark is discouraged and it is advised to arrive on site no later than 8pm. Though admission will be granted during the times listed above, those arriving after dark will not be allowed to cross the bridge in their vehicle and will be parked and camped on the west side of the river.

**Remember to bring your print-at-home (or hard) ticket and some form of photo ID.

Music/ stage hours:

Thursday- 4PM to 1AM (for 4-day and Ambassador Pass ticket holders only) Friday- 12PM to 1AM

Saturday- 11AM to 1AM Sunday- 11AM to 12AM

Camping info/ protocol:

The option of camping on site (in designated areas only) is included in the price of your ticket. Please note that there are two types of tent camping options (listed below). You'll be placed in a site upon arrival at the venue according to your needs or available space.

- General- most camping on site is general and offers exposed camping on the river bar
- Alter-Able- available by advance registration only for a limited number of placard holding alter-able patrons (and up to one caregiver per alter-able attendee). Call Alter-Able Camping Coordinator, Tanya Lee Jackson, at 707 497-9319 or email tanyakaylee@gmail.com

Please note that camp hosts will interface with you upon arrival and will help ensure your camping space is reasonable for the size of your party and that you are clear on other

campground info and rules. Please note that camping setbacks of 25ft from the river's edge (100ft for vehicles) apply, as do strict space and shade limitations per campsite. Oversized (or unreasonably sized) tents and shade structures will not be allowed- so don't bring them. Be respectful of your neighbors and help us make space in the campground for everyone.

*All camping is at your own risk/ personal liability. Valuables should not be left unattended.

On-site parking:

On-site parking fees are not included in the price of your ticket. They are assessed upon your arrival at the event and you will be charged the following to park on site:

\$40- per standard size vehicle (oversized vehicles extra- no trailers)

\$600- per RV (advance reservation required for all RVs through the Mateel office at 707 923-3368 x21); please note that RV spaces are limited and we request that RV purchasers have a 4-day ticket and arrive on site with their RV on Thursday, August 4; RVs must be of no more than 40 total feet in length (including the truck length for tow-behind units) and standard RVs are not allowed to have trailers or vehicles in tow; please also note that any cars traveling with your RV will be assessed the standard parking fee and will be parked with the general public (not in the RV lots)

*Please note that the above parking options are good for the whole weekend, but do not allow for in and out privileges. All vehicles are subject to security search and environmental inspection upon arrival.

**All parking is at your own risk/ personal liability. Valuables should not be left unattended.

Day use parking:

There is no day use parking available on the festival site. A variety of exterior parking lots will allow for day use (and overflow) parking and this is available on a first come-first served basis. Please note that exterior day use parking fees vary depending on the lot. Stay tuned to the parking page of www.reggaeontheriver.com for more specific day use parking information.

Shuttle:

Free festival shuttles will offer regular service to Redway, Garberville, Benbow, and within the local French's Camp area from Thursday, August 4 through Monday, August 8.

- The town shuttle will pick up/ drop off approximately every 30 minutes with stops at the Majestic Center (Redway), Chevron (Garberville), the Golf Lot (Benbow), and the festival site.
- The local French's Camp shuttle will pick up/ drop off approximately every 30 minutes with stops at Richardson Grove State Park and the festival site.
- *Shuttle stops will be clearly marked with the approximate shuttle schedule posted and will operate continuously, starting approximately one hour before the concert bowl opens each day and ending 1 hour after the show ends each night, plus from 9am to 2pm on Monday, August 8. Stay tuned to www.reggaeontheriver.com for more specific shuttle times and information.

What to bring:

- Your print-at-home or hard ticket (plus a photo ID)
- Drinking/ camp water- lots of it (at least 1 gallon per person/ per day); please help us conserve water use on site
- Cooler and ice- ice also available for purchase on site
- Small tent and sleeping gear
- Shade for your tent- its hot and sunny on the river bar (though please be mindful of size limitations as large shade structures or oversized tents will not be allowed); please also note there

will be no private shade structures allowed in the concert bowl this year

- Layers of clothing- though it is hot in the day, nights can be quite chilly so make sure you're prepared with layers
- Organic biodegradable sunscreen/ soap only- please help us protect the Eel River and be sure use our public showers for bathing, not the river.
- Snacks- though we want you to support the non-profit food vendors in the concert bowl, you should also plan to have some camp food on hand. A handful of late night food vendors will also service the campground.
- Water toys- part of the festival fun is enjoying the river, but please note there is no lifeguard on duty and all swimming is at your own risk
- Flashlight- it can get dark in the campground at night so don't forget this basic necessity (and bring plenty of batteries too!)
- And most importantly- Irie vibes and good attitude!!!
- *Please also note that a variety of local businesses and festival concessionaires will have some of the above items available for sale should you forget anything. Consult the festival program guide or a venue map for the location of these retailers.

What not to bring:

Please... NO dogs or pets

NO firearms, fireworks, firecrackers (violators will be asked to leave)

NO charcoal BBQs (propane ok, though please be fire conscious)

NO glass on the river bar

NO private generators

NO private sound systems

NO nitrous tanks or illegal drugs

NO private ATVs or motorcycles will be allowed on site

NO illegal vending (all vendors must be registered with the festival in advance)

*Please note vehicles and camps are subject to security inspection

Trash & recycling:

Please note that all attendees are expected to adhere to the festival's strict Pack It In- Pack It Out philosophy. Trash and recycling barrels are conveniently located around the venue for standard camp trash and recycling (including vessels for used cooking oil- so please do not pour this on the river bar!). Otherwise we request you take all other items you brought with you back home with you when you leave.

Directions:

French's Camp is located approximately 10 miles south of the town of Garberville, CA at 657 N Highway US 101 in southern Humboldt County. Festival road signage will let you know you're in the right place when you're getting close and you can't miss us once you get there.

More info:

For additional questions or more information, please visit www.reggaeontheriver.com or contact the Mateel Community Center's festival office at 707 923-3368 x21 or office@mateel.org. See you on the River!

ATTACHMENT 3

Referral Agency Comments and Recommendation

All referral agencies that the proposed project was sent to for review and comment are listed below.

Referral Agency	Response	Recommendation	Attached	On File
HC Public Health Department -				
Division of Environmental Health				
HC Sheriff's Office				
Briceland Fire Department				
CA - Highway Patrol				
CA Department of Fish & Game				
CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection	*	Comments		✓
CA Department of Transportation - District #1				
Regional Water Quality Control Board - North Coast				

ATTACHMENT 4

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FROM THE ORIGINAL PERMIT (CUP-12-017 & SP-12-030)

Approval of the Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit is conditioned on the following terms and requirements:

A. Conditions of Approval

- 1. The project shall be developed and conducted in accordance with the *Preliminary Operations Plan for the 2013-2017 Reggae on the River Festival*, Revised October 23, 2012.
- 2. The applicant shall obtain approval for a special events permit from the County Department of Public Works. The applicant shall submit a letter from the Department of Public Works by May 1, 2013 stating they have no objections to the event being held that year.
- 3. On or before May 1 of each year, the applicant shall provide a letter from the following agencies stating they have no objections to the event being held that year:
 - Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health
 - Humboldt County Sheriff
 - CalTrans
 - California Highway Patrol
 - CalFire
 - Department of Fish and Game (DFG), and
 - Regional Water Quality Control Board

These letters may be included in the annual report reviewed by the Planning Commission.

- 4. Within 120 days after the use permit expires or the Mateel Community Center Board decides the event will no longer be held at the site (whichever comes first), the property shall be restored to its original condition. This includes removing all permanent structures used during the event, and grading to restore the original contours of the property. Upon request by the applicant and property owners, the time period for restoring the site may be extended or the requirements waived by the Planning Director based upon evidence that further renewal of the permit is being actively pursued, or evidence that restoration of the site is not necessary to encourage primary uses in the AL Plan designation.
- 5. Each year of the event, placement and operation of the temporary bridge across the South Fork Eel River shall conform to the following requirements, which may also become requirements of the 1600 Streambed Alteration Permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG):
 - There will be three 10' to 12' wide bridges (two for vehicles and one for pedestrians).
 - The bridges will free span a minimum of 40 feet and possibly as much as 50 feet.
 - The bridges will be installed in mid-June (after the winter rains have ceased) and pulled out by the end of August.
 - The applicants will minimize the work within wetted river channel including the
 movement of gravel and the use of heavy equipment. The intent is to minimize stirring
 up sediments in the flowing water.
 - The applicant will walk the river directly ahead of equipment when it crosses the river. The intent is to make sure that fish and amphibians move out of the way.

- The applicant will minimize the constriction of the river through the use of solid material abutments (such as logs or K-rail) rather than gravel.
- The applicant will backfill behind the abutments with clean, washed gravel. The intent is to minimize the introduction of fine sediments into the water after the bridges are removed.
- The applicant will use river run gravel to form the approaches to the bridge.
- The applicant will be prepared for spills of oils and fuels with a spill containment kit.
- The applicant will keep all asphaltic materials from adjacent roadways out of the river.
- 6. The applicant shall fill the existing 20,000 gallon water storage tank between December 1, 2012 and May 1, 2013, and then install and fill the additional 40,000 of storage as soon as they get the bridge in (mid-June, 2013). In subsequent years, the applicant will be required to fill all 60,000 gallons between December and May to avoid potentially dewatering the South Fork Eel River during the summer months. An additional mitigation measure was added to install a water flow meter on the pump for the well to monitor the time and amount of water withdrawl from the well, to report on the amount and dates of water used for the 2013 event, and to prohibit pumping from the well for the event from May 15 through December 15 beginning in 2014 except for emergency purposes. These requirements may be waived if the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of DFG the well used for water supply to the event is not hydrologically connected to the river.
- 7. The applicant shall provide to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and DFG the results from the 2013 sound meter study for use in evaluation of proposed events after 2013. (This condition is no longer applicable.)
- 8. The applicant shall prepare a food and trash management strategy to the satisfaction of the FWS which describes 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. Written verification the FWS has approved the food and trash management strategy shall be submitted to the Planning Division by May 1, 2013. The approved food and trash management strategy shall become part of the required Plan of Operation for the event each year.
- 9. Each year of the event, the applicant shall perform the environmental monitoring program described in the Plan of Operations unless specifically waived by the Planning Commission with the consent of DFG, FWS and the Army Corps of Engineers.
- 10. By May 1 of each year, the applicant shall provide written factual evidence demonstrating the Briceland Volunteer Fire Department will provide fire protection services for the event and that the proposed fire prevention equipment and personnel to be provided on-site throughout the event is sufficient for fire protection according to CalFire.
- 11. Each year of the event, vehicle parking throughout the event shall adhere to the proposed mitigation plan and the minimum requirements of DFG provided below, which involves screening vehicles for leaking oil, parking suspect vehicles off the river bar and placing oil absorbing pads under the vehicles. DFG shall be allowed to inspect the parking areas after the event and additional mitigation measures may be required as necessary 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 al-

ternative mitigation will have the same efficacy toward protecting the river from petrochemical contaminants from vehicles.

Minimum requirements of DFG to allow parking on active gravel bars throughout each event as of October 29, 2012:

- 1. Dedicates staff to pollution prevention, both at the access point and follow-up within the venue for the duration of the event.
- 2. Identifies "problem" vehicles (i.e., leaking, etc.) before they enter the venue.
- Intercepts "problem" vehicle that are leaking through either visual inspection, odor, and/or by asking the driver about the working condition of their vehicle.
- Quarantines vehicles that are known to be leaking by providing parking off the river bar.
- Creates a Best Management Plan/Contingency Plan for leaking vehicles discovered within the venue, such as providing absorbent pads effective to contain leaks until proper disposal after the event.
- Dedicates staff for clean-up and remediation of spots/spills during and after the event.
- 7. Reports the post clean-up findings to DFG after each event.

Lastly, DFG requests the opportunity to evaluate river bar condition after each festival, at our discretion. Access will be coordinated with the designated Project Point of Contact.

- 12. When the applicant requests an increase in attendance levels as part of their annual report, the annual 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, even with the limits imposed above in Condition #11.
- 13. The applicant shall temporarily store and periodically remove the greywater from the site in water hauling tanker trucks. Modification of this requirement to allow on-site disposal of greywater from food preparation, hand washing, and showers may be allowed upon demonstration the on-site grey water disposal system has been approved by the Division of Environmental Health and Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).
- 14. If the existing conditional use permit for the Reggae Rising event is activated in 2013 or 2014 on the adjacent property to the south (the Dimmick property APN 033-271-09), and the Reggae Rising organizers meet all the conditions of approval for holding an event consistent with the approved Conditional Use Permit for that event, this Conditional Use Permit shall be suspended to ensure both events do not occur in the same area at the same time. (This condition is no longer applicable. The Reggae Rising event was not activated in a way that caused conflicts with the Reggae on the River event in 2013 or 2014.)
- 15. 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 \$2,995.25. 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, 2013 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 DFG website at

www.dfg.ca.gov for a determination stating the project will have no effect on fish and wildlife. If DFG concurs, a form will be provided exempting the project from the \$2,995.25 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). (This condition is no longer applicable. The required fees were paid. They are a one-time-only fee unless further modifications are proposed. No further modifications are proposed)

- 16. The first year of the Condition Use Permit the applicant shall seek ways to improve the entrance to the festival for safety and access to local businesses by exploring other options such as using the Cook Valley Entrance, (Board of Supervisors revisions 2/11/2013) (This condition is no longer applicable.)
- 17. Planning staff shall collect data from the 2013 event to be included in the 2014 review of the permit including, but not limited to traffic flow data, actual attendance numbers, pedestrian safety and information from local businesses on their sales. (Board of Supervisors revisions 2/11/2013) (This condition is no longer applicable.)

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 31 of each year, the applicant shall prepare and submit fifteen (15) copies of a post-event annual report discussing that year's concert. The annual report shall be reviewed at a public hearing by the Planning Commission and shall include comment letters from the CHP, CalTrans and the other agencies commenting on the DSEIR reporting on the efficacy of the mitigation measures, and identifying any refinements to the mitigation needed for the event the following year, and setting the attendance levels within the range set by the Plan of Operations. All costs to the County for the review of the annual report shall be paid by the applicant prior to May 1 of each year. (Planning Commission revisions 1/3/2013)
 - b. Within 120 days of its receipt, the Planning Division shall schedule the review the annual report as an agenda item for the Planning Commission. 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's shall hold a minimum of one (1) community meeting in the Garberville/Redway area within 90 days of the event. This meeting may be waived by the Planning Director if no significant community issues have been reported.
- 2. If the Mateel Community Center ceases to be the organization with primary responsibility for the event, the conditional use permit shall expire automatically. 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.

C. Information Notes:

- 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 a resource watercourse subject to regulatory authority by various state and federal agencies including: the California Department of Transportation (state highways), California Department of Fish and Game (streambed alterations), State Lands Commission (fee-title over submerged lands), and the US Army Corps of Engineers (grading and filling in "waters of the United States"). The applicant is responsible for obtaining and securing all required permits and authorizations from these agencies prior to conducting the event.
- 3. The project site is not located near or within an area where known cultural resources have been located. As there exists the possibility that undiscovered cultural resources may be encountered during construction activities, the following mitigation measures are required under state and federal law:
 - a. If cultural resources are encountered, all work must cease and a qualified cultural resources specialist contacted to analyze the significance of the find and formulate further mitigation (e.g., project relocation, excavation plan, and protective cover).
 - b. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §7050.5, if human remains are encountered, all work must cease and the County Coroner contacted.
- 4. 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.
- 5. This permit shall expire on August 15, 2017.
- 6. The applicant must continue to work in a reasonable manner with the neighboring commercial businesses regarding security and access.