

# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION

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To: Humboldt County Planning Commission

From: John Ford, Director of Planning and Building Department

Subject: Northern Nights Music Festival and One-Day Event

Modification to the Conditional Use Permit for 2017

Application Number 13409

Case Numbers CUP-04-38MMMMM and MON 17-001

Assessor Parcel Number 033-271-007

240 Cooks Valley Road

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#### AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

May 18, 2017 N	Modification to the Conditional Use Permit for the 2016 Northern Nights Music Festival and One-Day Event	Contact Stephen Umbertis
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**Project:** A modification of Conditional Use Permit CUP-04-38MMMM on County Line Ranch (APN 033-271-007) for the outdoor music and art event known as Northern Nights Music Festival (NNMF) on the third weekend of July 2017 and a one day event usually held on the last weekend in August. The term of the existing permit was set to expire in 2016 and this modification will extend the validity of the CUP for five additional years, through 2022. The project involves auxiliary activities in support of the NNMF which is held on adjacent parcels in Mendocino County (APN 053-020-10, -11, -12,-13, -14 and -16). The Applicants are currently seeking approval from Mendocino County for a 6,000 person three-day event (CUP UM 2014-0011). The festival will continue to operate in accordance with changes approved in 2016 (CUP-04-38MMMM) to provide supplemental parking and camping to accommodate 2,000 attendees and 2,000 vehicles, food vendors, a silent disco and to provide site access for early arrivals on the Thursday preceding the mid July event. No changes are proposed for the operations of the three day NNMF event – this modification would simply extend the life of the permit through the year 2022.

The applicant also seeks, through this modification, the annual flexibility to move the date of the one-day concert previously authorized for the last weekend in August to either the last weekend in August (Labor Day) or the Fourth of July holiday weekend, and set the attendance of the one-day concert to 2,000 people. This annual flexibility is needed in order to work with local emergency service providers who provide traffic control and emergency medical services and often work other music and art events during the summer season. In addition, the flexibility would provide for better coordination with other events and booking acts for the one day event. The applicant also proposes to verify the date of the One Day Event with the County 60 days prior to the event date, and to submit a traffic control plan by April 15th of each year for the five year life of this permit. The applicant submitted a monitoring report for the 2016 event demonstrating continued compliance with conditions of approval (Attachment 4). The project proponent and applicant is Northern Nights Music Group, LLC. The owner of record for County Line Ranch is Outraged Orangutan, LLC.

The original EIR was certified in 1992 (SCH 92-033305), a Supplemental EIR was certified in 2006 and an additional Supplemental EIR was certified in 2008. An Addendum to the EIR was prepared in 2009 and for each of the 2014 and 2015 substantial conformance reviews and the 2016 modifications. An additional Addendum has been prepared for the 2017 permit modification.

**Project Location:** The project is located in Humboldt County, in the Cooks Valley area, on the east side of US Highway 101, extending east from the intersection of the Cooks Valley Road with US Highway 101 on the property known as "County Line Ranch" (240 Cooks Valley Road).

**Present Plan Designations:** Timberlands (T) as designated in the Humboldt County Framework General Plan. Slope Stability: Low (1) to Moderate (2) Instability

**Present Zoning:** Agricultural Exclusive/Timber Production Zone (AE/TPZ)

Assessor Parcel Number: 033-271-007

Case Number: CUP-04-38MMMMM, MON-17-001 Application Number: 13409

#### **Applicant**

Dr. Peter Huson Northern Nights Music Group, LLC Blap Productions 226 Union Street, Ste 2 San Rafael, CA, CA 94901

#### Owner

Duncan Ley Outraged Orangutan LLC 2961 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94110

#### **Agent**

Same as Applicant

**Environmental Review:** The original Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was adopted on May 14, 1992 (SCH# 92-033035). A Supplemental EIR was adopted on March 3, 2006. An additional Supplemental EIR was certified on May 2, 2008. An Addendum to the EIR was prepared in 2009 and for the 2014 and 2015 substantial conformance reviews and the 2016 modifications. An additional addendum to the EIR has been prepared for the 2017 modification.

Major Issues: None

State Appeal Status: Project is not located within the Coastal Zone.

### Modification to Conditional Use Permit for 2017-2022 Northern Nights Musical Festival Event and One-Day Concert

Case Number CUP-04-38MMMMM, MON-17-001 Assessor's Parcel Number 033-271-007

#### **RECOMMENDED COMMISSION ACTION:**

- 1. Describe the application as a part of the Consent Agenda
- 2. Call for public testimony regarding the agenda item.
- 3. If no one requests discussion, make the following motion to approve the application as a part of the Consent Agenda:

Move to adopt the Addendum pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines and make all of the required findings for approval of the Conditional Use Permit Modification, based on evidence in the staff report, and approve the application on the Consent Agenda subject to the recommended conditions.

#### **Executive Summary:**

This project involves a modification to Conditional Use Permit CUP-04-38MMMM on County Line Ranch (APN 033-271-007) for the outdoor music and art event known as Northern Nights Music Festival (NNMF) held on the third weekend of July, and a one day event held in the past on either on the Fourth of July Weekend or the Labor Day weekend, generally the last weekend in August or the first weekend in September. The Northern Nights Music Festival is held on adjacent parcels in Mendocino County (APN 053-020-10, -11, -12,-13, -14 and -16) and the applicant is currently seeking approval for a 6,000 person three-day event by Mendocino County (CUP UM 2014-0011) for the 2017 event. The Humboldt County property is largely used to support this event. In 2016, the Planning Commission approved modifications to provide supplemental parking and camping to accommodate 2,000 attendees, 2,000 vehicles, food vendors, and a silent disco, and to provide site access for early arrivals on the Thursday preceding the weekend of three day event. No operational changes are proposed for the 2017 NNMF 3 day event -rather the permit modification is seeking to extend the life of this permit for five years, through the year 2022. This year (2017) will be the fifth year the NNMF event will be held.

The applicant also proposes, through this permit modification, to allow the date of the one-day concert previously authorized for the last weekend in August to be held on <u>either</u> the last weekend in August (or Labor Day weekend) or the first weekend in July (Fourth of July weekend) for the 5 year life of the permit, and set the attendance of the one-day concert to 2,000 people. The one-day concert would allow attendees to enter the site beginning at 12pm and the event will take place between 5pm and 11:59pm. The attendees of the one day event will be allowed to camp at Cook's Valley Campground in Mendocino County. The term of the existing one day event permit was set to expire in 2016 and this modification will extend the validity of the CUP for the one day event for five years, through the year 2022.

The applicant submitted a monitoring report for the 2016 event demonstrating continued compliance with conditions of approval. The attached monitoring report (Attachment 4) includes evidence of compliance in the areas of traffic, water quality and public safety. The project proponent and applicant is Northern Nights Music Group, LLC. The owner of record for County Line Ranch is Outraged Orangutan, LLC.

Previously, several rounds of Environmental review have been conducted. The original Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared by Humboldt County and certified in 1992 (SCH 92-033035). A Supplemental EIR, prepared in association with project modifications, was certified on March 2, 2006. An additional Supplemental EIR was certified on May 2, 2008. An

Addendum to the EIR was prepared in 2009, and additional Addendum to the EIR was prepared for each of the 2014 and 2015 substantial conformance reviews and the 2016 modification. A new addendum has been prepared for the 2017 modification included as Attachment 5 of the staff report. The purpose of the 2017 addendum is to address the permit term extension (for both the 3- and 1-day events) and for the flexibility for scheduling the weekend date for the one-day concert. It has been concluded that the current project is within the scope of these original project reviews and therefore should not result in new or significant environmental impacts. As a result, no additional environmental reviews have been conducted.

**Staff Recommendations:** Based upon the on-site inspection, a review of Planning Division reference sources and a review of comments from all involved referral agencies, Planning staff believes that the applicant has submitted evidence in support of making all of the required findings for approving the Conditional Use Permit Modification.

#### Alternatives:

- 1. The Planning Commission could elect not to approve the project. This alternative should be implemented if the Commission is unable to make all of the required findings. Planning Division staff is confident that the required findings can be made. Consequently, planning staff does not recommend further consideration of this alternative.
- 2. The Planning Commission could elect to further clarify the Conditions of Approval. This alternative should be implemented if, based on public testimony or submission of additional evidence, the Commission feels further clarifications are appropriate.

## RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Resolution Number 17-

#### Case Numbers CUP-04-38MMMMM, MON-17-001 Assessor's Parcel Number 033-271-007

Makes the required findings for certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and conditionally approves the Northern Nights Music Festival Conditional Use Permit Modification (CUP-04-38MMMM, MON-16-002).

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Peter Huson of Blap Productions submitted an application and evidence in support of approving a Modification to Conditional Use Permit 04-38MMMM; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has submitted a Post Event Monitoring Report for 2016 demonstrating continued compliance with conditions of approval and mitigation measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Planning Division has reviewed the submitted application and evidence and has referred the application and evidence to involved reviewing agencies for site inspections, comments and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is seeking the annual flexibility to set the date of the one-day concert for either the Fourth of July weekend or the last weekend in August (or Labor Day) and to extend the term of the 3-day and 1-day events for five (5) additional years, through the year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2010, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution 10-23, which canceled the 2010 Reggae Rising event because the prior applicant (Dimmick Ranch LLC) failed to comply with required conditions of approval of the CUP; and

**WHEREAS**, if the applicant seeks to reinitiate a full-scale multi-day event on the property they will be subject to demonstrating compliance with the terms in Resolution 10-23; and

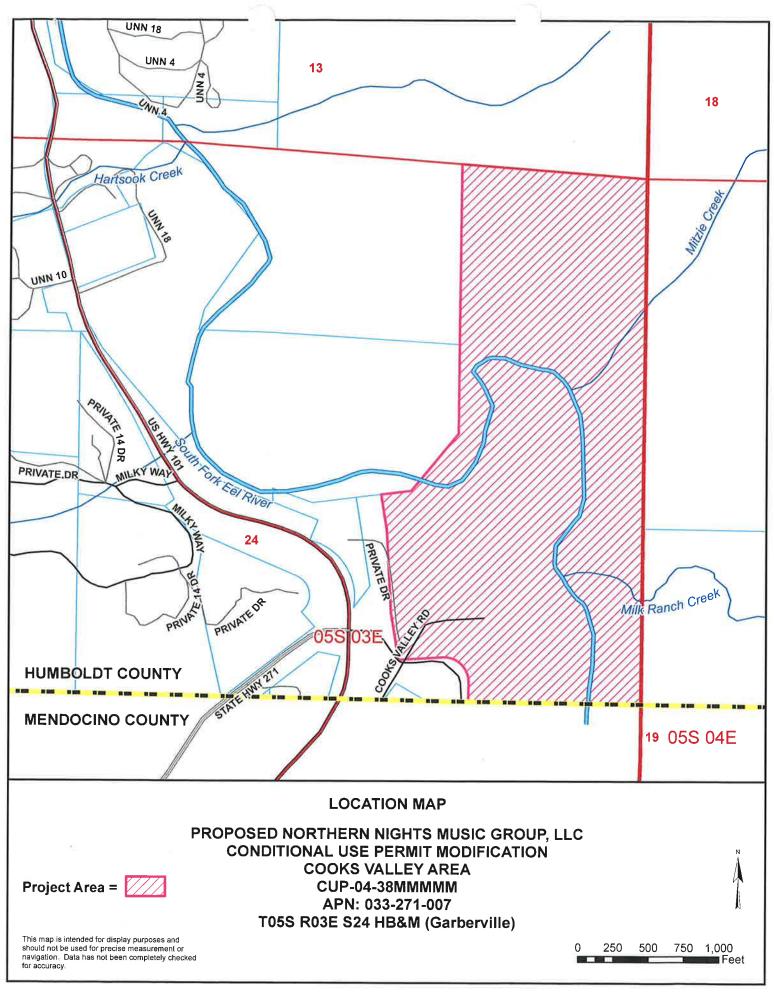
**WHEREAS**, recommendations of approval of future multi-day events will be dependent on submittal of complete annual reports and proof of compliance with required conditions of approval and mitigation measures prior to selling tickets; and

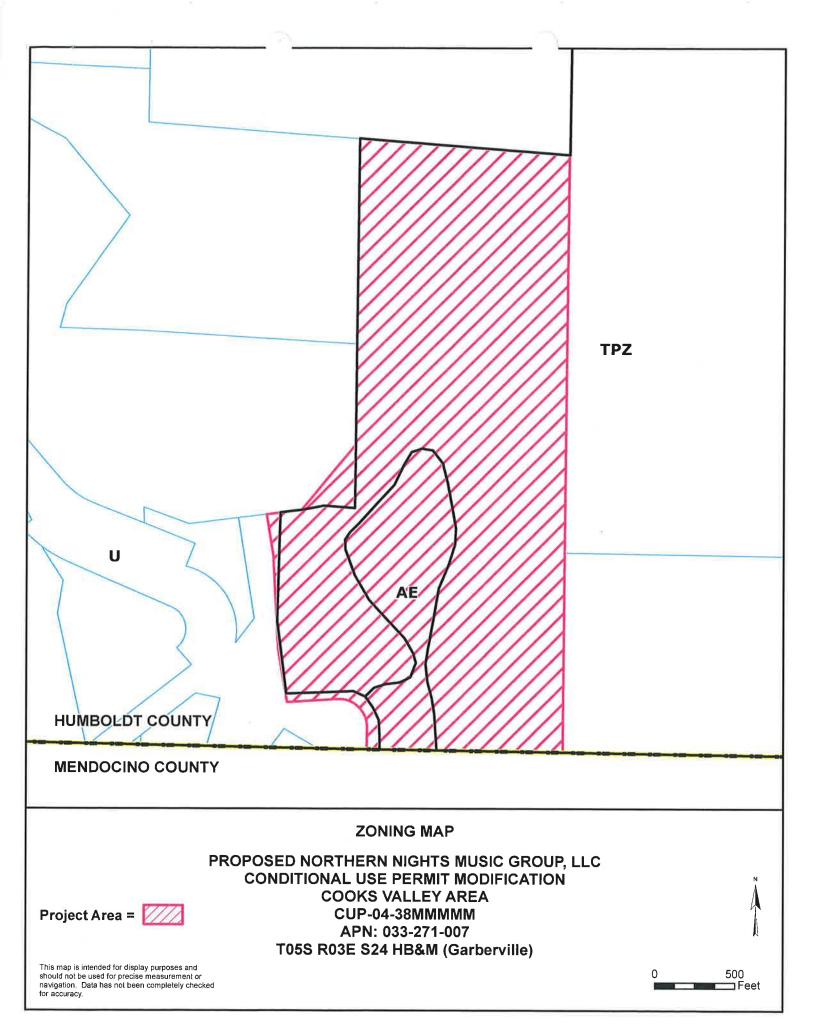
**WHEREAS,** the approval of this project is subject to environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); environmental review for the project was completed (SCH #92-033035), and an Addendum to the EIR was prepared for the 2017 event.

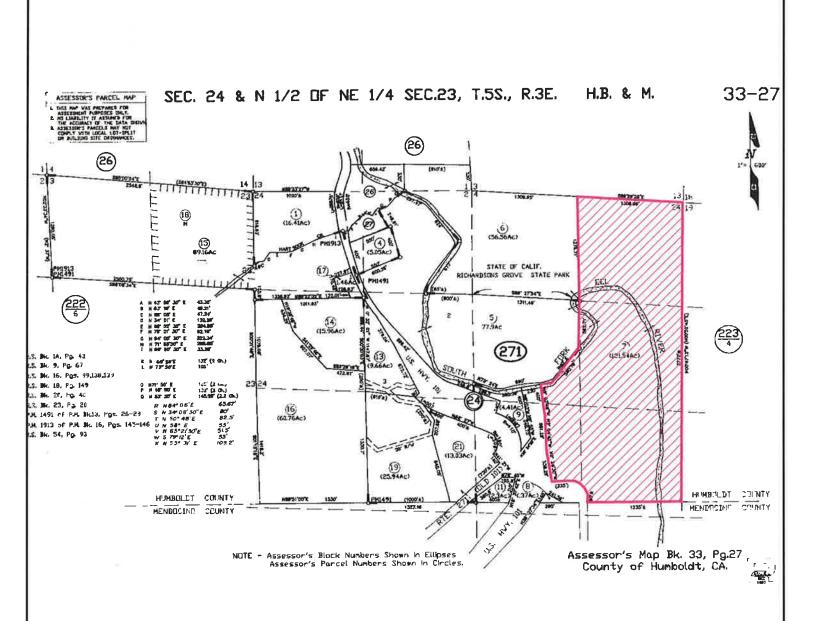
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined, and ordered by the Planning Commission that:

- The Planning Commission makes all of the findings included in Attachment 3 of the Planning Division staff report for Case Number CUP-0438MMMMM, MON-17-001 based on the submitted evidence and subject to the project's existing conditions of approval.
- 2. The Planning Commission approves the Addendum to the Supplemental EIR in Attachment 5 as required by Section 15074(b) of the CEQA Guidelines and finds that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.

3.	Permit c		approves the Modification to the Conditiono g Division staff report for Case Number CUP-0	
Ad	opted af	ter review and consideration of	all the evidence on May 18, 2017.	
The	e motion	was made by Commissioner	_ and seconded by Commissioner	
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			Suzanne Lippre, Clerk	
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#### **ASSESSOR PARCEL MAP**

PROPOSED NORTHERN NIGHTS MUSIC GROUP, LLC CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION **COOKS VALLEY AREA** CUP-04-38MMMMM APN: 033-271-007

T05S R03E S24 HB&M (Garberville)

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#### **AERIAL MAP**

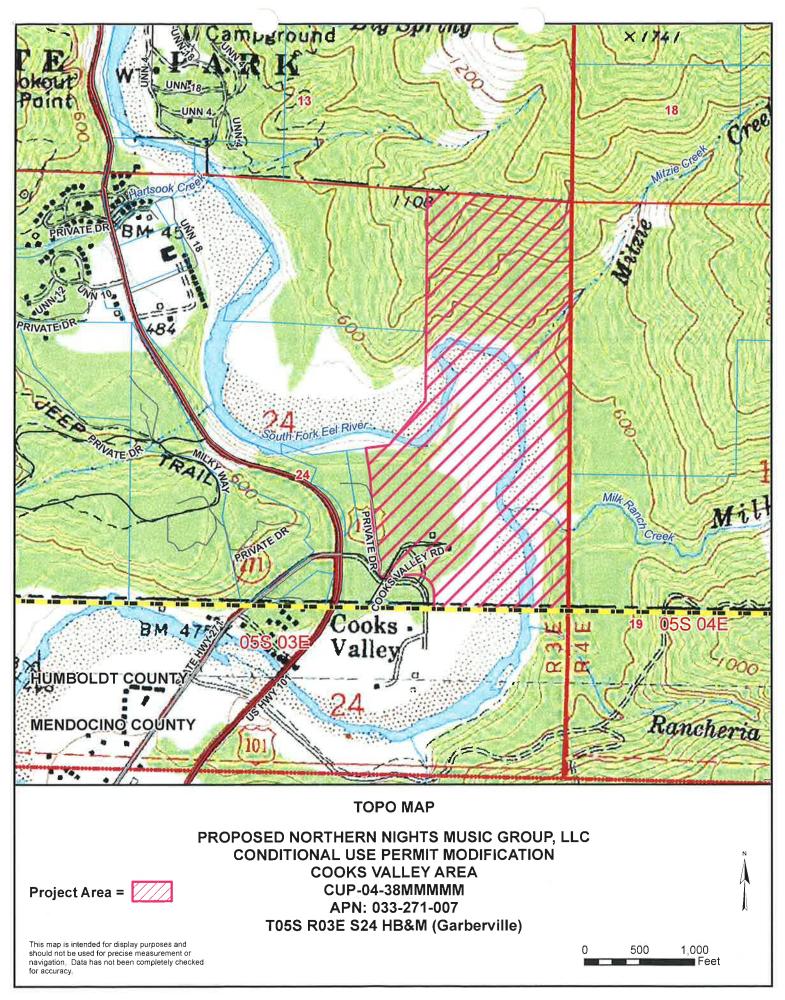
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#### **ATTACHMENT 1**

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE 2017 NORTHERN NIGHTS MUSIC FESTIVAL EVENT

Approval of the Modification to the Conditional Use Permit is conditioned on the same Conditions of Approval applied to CUP 04-38MMMM, except as noted in Informational Notes 1 and 2.

#### A. Conditions of Approval

- 1. All of the Conditions of Approval applied under authorization of CUP-04-38MMMM remain in full force and effect.
- 2. Prior to the initiation of either the 3- or 1-day events, the Applicant shall furnish the Planning Division with proof of a valid land use permit authorizing the associated festival activities in Mendocino County.

#### **B.** Informational Notes

The following Informational Notes have been added to the project Conditions to provide clarification on commitments made by the applicant and to clarify the relationship between the terms of the Modified Use Permit (CUP-04-38MMMM) applicable to the current proposal.

- 1. The project shall be developed and conducted in accordance with the *Plan of Operations* submitted to Humboldt County by the current applicant. Where applicable, the project shall maintain conformance with the *Plan of Operations* submitted January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for the CUP-04-38MMMMM event, as referenced in Condition of Approval #1.
- 2. Because this project is specifically seeking the authorization of event parking and camping only, some of the conditions of approval of CUP-04-38MMM do not apply. These include the following numbered conditions: "4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17."
- 3. Applicant is responsible for receiving all necessary permits and/or approvals from other state and local agencies. This includes compliance with the Department of Public Works Land Use Division's conditions of approval listed in their referral response and certification of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan by a licensed traffic engineer. Additionally, applicant is required to provide the Division of Environmental Health with sufficient information to demonstrate potable water will be provided to individuals at the Humboldt County campground area during the event.

- 4. Condition of Approval Number 10 states the requirements of the post event report. Because the current proposal is auxiliary support activities, not all requirements are applicable. Specifically, the following applies:
  - a. Provide an assessment of the effectiveness of the traffic plan, camping plan, vendor and silent disco venues and applicable mitigation measures.
  - b. Provide written correspondence from agencies participating in monitoring within Humboldt County and/or affected by parking and camping event activities (i.e. Planning Division, Division of Environmental Health, Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation) Responses to all concerns and issues identified pertaining to parking and camping shall be provided, and appropriate measures to be undertaken at the following year's event as needed.

The post event report for Northern Nights Music Festival may be combined with the post event report for the one-day event.

- 5. The applicant shall coordinate with law enforcement personnel from the Humboldt and Mendocino County Sheriff's office(s). This includes providing financial compensation for services rendered during any oversight and management of the event. Failure to coordinate with local law enforcement may impact future permit approvals.
- 6. The water quality plan referenced in Condition of Approval Number 11 shall not apply for the 2016 event. Because the event largely occurs in Mendocino County, the approved use permit (#U 5-2013) includes a condition of approval that adequate water quality testing and analysis be conducted. Therefore, the applicant is not required to perform the additional testing as outlined in CUP-04-38-MMM. However, the applicant shall be required to expand the existing water quality testing program to the northernmost extent of County Line Ranch (APN 033-271-007) and include the results in the 2016 post event report submitted to Humboldt County.
- 7. Annual Reports for the events shall continue to be provided by the end of each calendar year to the Humboldt County Planning Department for review. The Planning Director shall retain the option to refer this Monitoring Report to the Planning Commission during the 5 year lifespan of the permit if it is shown that the events were not held in accordance with the approved Plan of Operations or if there is a change in conditions that would engender a change in the Conditions of Approval for the permit.
- 8. The applicant shall provide the Planning Department, and all other State and local Departments with permitting and monitoring authority for the event, with the final date of the One Day Event at least sixty (60) days prior to the event.
- 9. The Traffic Control Plan must be submitted to the Humboldt County Department of Public Works Land Use Division annually by April 15 for approval.

#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE 2017 ONE DAY CONCERT EVENT

Approval of the 2017 Event is conditioned on the same Conditions of Approval applied to CUP-04-38MMMM, except as noted in Informational Notes 1-3.

#### A. Conditions of Approval

All of the Conditions of Approval applied under authorization of CUP-04-38MMMM, as well as previous permits and modifications, remain in full force and effect.

#### **B.** Informational Notes

The following Informational Notes have been added to the project Conditions to provide clarification on commitments made by the applicant and to clarify the relationship between the terms of the Modified Use Permit (CUP-04-38MMMM) applicable to the current proposal.

- 1. The project shall be developed and conducted in accordance with the *Plan of Operations* submitted to Humboldt County by the current applicant. Where applicable, the project shall maintain conformance with the *Plan of Operations* submitted for the CUP-04-38MMM event, as referenced in Condition of Approval Number1.
- 2. Condition of Approval Number 2 references a Memo submitted in 2009 by the Division of Environmental Health. Because this Condition was addressed in 2009, the current applicant is responsible for ensuring wastewater is stored and disposed of in a way that meets current Environmental Health standards. Applicant shall address this in the postevent report. Additionally, applicant is required to provide the Division of Environmental Health with sufficient information to demonstrate potable water will be provided to individuals at the Humboldt County campground area during the event.
- 3. Condition of Approval Number 8 references a Memo submitted in 2009 from Calfire. Because this Condition was addressed in 2009, the current applicant is responsible for ensuring current Calfire standards are met.
- 4. The water quality plan referenced in Condition of Approval Number 5 does not apply. Based on the annual report from the 2008 one-day event, a water quality test was not conducted as it was determined to be unnecessary. Because the event took place in the evening, patrons did not swim in the river. The same is expected for the 2016 event with the concert beginning at 5pm. Additionally, access will not be provided to attendees for recreational activities in the river and vehicles will not be parked in close proximity to the river bar. However, the post event report will need to include a discussion of whether impacts to water quality may have resulted despite these efforts.
- 5. Condition of Approval 14 reference the one-day event on the last weekend of August until the year 2015 for up to 5,000 attendees. The 2016 modification changed the one-day event to the first weekend in July, extended the permit until 2016 and limits attendance including all staff, volunteers and performers to 2,000 people. The 2017 modification would extend the permit for five (5) years and allows for flexibility in the selection of the weekend for the one day event, either the first weekend in July (4th of July weekend) or the last weekend in August (Labor Day weekend).

#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

#### STAFF ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE REQUIRED FINDINGS

**Required Findings:** To approve this project, the Hearing Officer must determine that the applicant has submitted evidence in support of making **all** of the following required findings.

The Zoning Ordinance, Section 312-17.1 of the Humboldt County Code (Required Findings for All Discretionary Permits) specifies the findings that are required to grant a Conditional Use Permit:

- 1. The proposed development is in conformance with the County General Plan;
- 2. The proposed development is consistent with the purposes of the existing zone in which the site is located;
- 3. The proposed development conforms with all applicable standards and requirements of these regulations; and
- 4. The proposed development and conditions under which it may be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare; or materially injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity.
- 5. The proposed development does not reduce the residential density for any parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development in determining compliance with housing element law (the mid-point of the density range specified in the plan designation) unless the following written findings are made supported by substantial evidence: 1) the reduction is consistent with the adopted general plan including the housing element; and 2) the remaining sites identified in the housing element are adequate to accommodate the County share of the regional housing need; and 3) the property contains insurmountable physical or environmental limitations and clustering of residential units on the developable portions of the site has been maximized.
- 6. In addition, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that one of the following findings must be made prior to approval of any development which is subject to the regulations of CEQA. The project either:
  - a. Is categorically or statutorily exempt; or
  - b. Has no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and a negative declaration has been prepared; or
  - c. Has had an environmental impact report (EIR) prepared and all significant environmental effects have been eliminated or substantially lessened, or the required findings in Section 15091 of the CEQA Guidelines have been made.

1. General Plan Consistency. The following table identifies the evidence which supports finding that the proposed project is in conformance with all applicable policies and standards in found in the Humboldt County Framework General Plan (FW).

Plan Section(s)	Summary of Applicable Goal, Policy or Standard	Evidence Which Supports Making the General Plan Conformance Finding
Timber Lands §2523.1D (FRWK)	To allow development of uneconomic or marginally viable agricultural lands.	Site is located within the 100-year flood plain of the Eel River, surrounded by steep terrain with marginal productive soils and limited grazing potential. No portions of the site require grading or vegetation removal. The site will be cleaned after the event, and during most of the year is available for agricultural use. The current permit modification would not result in additional grading or vegetation removal, and continues to leave the site available for agricultural use for most of the year. The change would only extend the term of the permit and allow flexibility in annual selection of the 1-day event date (either 4th of July or Labor Day weekend).
Land Use §2721 (FRWK) – Timber Production	Primary and compatible uses include Recreational uses under the control of the owner which will not significantly detract from or inhibit timber or agricultural production on the project site or adjoining lands.	The only parcel within Humboldt County where project activities will occur is on APN 033-271-007, which has a "Timber Production" (T) land use designation. Development of a recreational concert venue, including associated parking, camping and infrastructure, is consistent with the identified character and intended compatible uses in the T land use designation. The site is cleaned after each event, and during most of the year (October – June), the site is not being used for concert events, and is available for agricultural use. The site would continue to be available for agricultural use from October through June each year.
Flood Hazard, §3291.3 (FRWK)	Agricultural lands in floodplains shall be retained for agricultural uses.	Soils and slope are marginal for cropping, grazing or timber production (see FRWK §2523.1D, above). The project is a temporary use of the floodplain area for approximately 5 days, with no structural coverage. The current proposal does not preclude agricultural use during remainder of the year. The 5 year time frame of this modification does not include any structures or other modifications to the parcel that would preclude agricultural uses for the majority of the year.

Plan Section(s)	Summary of Applicable Goal, Policy or Standard	Evidence Which Supports Making the General Plan Conformance Finding
Fire Hazard, §3291.4 (FRWK)	Implementation of recognized fire protection practices.	The project site has a "high" fire hazard rating according to the General Plan Flooding and Fire Hazard Map. The applicant has provided an Emergency Response plan in the Plan of Operations for both the Northern Nights Music Festival (NNMF) and One-Day Event. In addition, Piercy Volunteer Fire Department will supervise on site fire safety support during both events. The flexible schedule for the One Day Event, and the 60 day notification requirement, will allow for continued coordination with the Piercy Volunteer Fire Department as necessary to ensure coverage of both events allowed under this permit. Both events will continue to be operated according to the Plan of Operations and the Emergency Response plan.
Noise Hazard, §3291.5 (FRWK)	Identify and evaluate potential noise problem areas.	No amplified music is permitted or proposed to occur for the auxiliary activities in association with NNMF. However, the one-day event will include amplified music beginning at 5:00 pm and ending at 11:59 pm. Exposure to attendees is voluntary and not at severe levels. The orientation of the performance staging and speakers direct the amplified music away from Highway 101. Additionally, surrounding landforms (steep cliffs) serve to buffer and attenuate noise exposure off-site, and significant ambient noise levels pre-exist from the traffic on US 101. No changes to the operations or physical orientation of the facilities are proposed under this modification.
Solid Waste, §3291.8 (FRWK)	Provide for healthy, safe, economical waste disposal systems; minimize environmental impact of waste handling and disposal.	The NNMF site plan has identified waste and sanitary facilities that will be located in parking and camping areas. Waste will be sorted and otherwise managed at Cook's Valley Campground in accordance with the approved Mendocino County Conditional Use Permit.  The One Day Event will have a minimum of one portable toilet for every 40-50 patrons, which will be located throughout the event area and will include handwashing stations. Additionally, waste disposal

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		facilities will be provided throughout the event area and will be monitored by a "Green Crew" to ensure disposal facilities are properly emptied and recyclables are properly sorted.
		For both events, wastewater will be stored in tanks and hauled to an appropriate waste water facility.
		No changes to this plan are proposed under this modification.
Water Resources, §3361 (FRWK)	Regulate development that would pollute watershed areas; ensure projects located within state-designated wild, scenic, or recreational river basins are consistent with Wild and Scenic Rivers Act guidelines.	Both site plans are designed to avoid potential sources of water pollution before they enter the river. Conditions of existing use permit approval require cars to be 100 feet setback from the daily high water flow of the river. Furthermore, based on the plan of operations for both events, no parking will be allowed on the river bar. In addition to parking regulation, waste disposal and sanitary facilities will be placed throughout event sites in order to prevent inappropriate disposal of all forms of waste. Waste will then be appropriately sorted and disposed of. In addition, outreach will be conducted prior to and during the event to encourage attendees to minimize their environmental impacts on the surrounding area, including protection of water quality. Finally, the applicants have committed to restoring the sites to pre-site condition following the events. With all of these measures in place, the project should not impede or prevent the recreational enjoyment of this segment of the Eel River. Both the NNMF and the One Day Event will be operated according to these conditions for the duration of the 5
		these conditions for the duration of the 5 year extension.

Plan Section(s)	Summary of Applicable Goal, Policy or Standard	Evidence Which Supports Making the General Plan Conformance Finding
Sensitive and Critical Habitats, §3420 (FRWK)	To protect designated sensitive habitats and cultural resources.	The subject parcel is located along the South Fork - Eel River and adjacent to the Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Site visits from previously approved events under CUP-04-38 by staff, State Parks, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, and United States Army Corps of Engineers biologists and ecologists indicated that, provided the event is conducted in accordance with the provisions within the Plan of Operation and approved site plans, no significant impacts to biological resources will occur as a result of this project. The proposed use is limited to auxiliary activities in support of the NNMF event, and a one-day event with 2,000 attendees. Based on the limited scope of this project in comparison to past approvals, no new impacts are anticipated. The current plan of operations was submitted with no changes from previous years. No new impacts are anticipated from this modification.
Historical and Archaeologic al Resources, §3510 (FRWK)	Protection of cultural resources.	The site is located along and adjacent to the Eel River floodplain where historical resources have been subject to past inundation scouring, and/or depositional coverage. Based on past review, it has been determined that there was a low possibility of historical resources, and further studies were not recommended. The project involves no grading, construction or other development that would disturb cultural resources. No new development or changes in operations are proposed as part of this permit modification that would create new or unanalyzed impacts to historic or archaeological resources at the site.

2. The proposed development is consistent with the purposes of the existing zone in which the site is located; and 3. The proposed development conforms to all applicable standards and requirements of these regulations. The following table identifies the evidence which supports finding that the proposed development is in conformance with all applicable policies and standards in the Humboldt County Zoning Regulations.

Relevant Zoning Section(s)	Summary of Applicable Requirement	Summary of Evidence
AE Zone, HCC §314-7.1; TPZ Zone HCC §314-7.2, Assemblages of Persons and Vehicles, HCC §314-62.1	Assemblages of persons and vehicles are allowed in any zone provided a Conditional Use Permit is secured and the use is consistent with the General Plan.	The project application requests a modification to Conditional Use Permit 04-38-MMMM for activities in support of the NNMF, and a one-day event with 2,000 attendees. This modification would extend the life of the permit through the year 2022, with continued requirements for event monitoring and post-event annual reports.
Off-Street Parking Requirements, HCC §314-109	Prescriptive requirements for the number, size and location of off-street parking spaces based upon building site footage and/or occupation.	Based on a review of the entire scope of NNMF, which includes activities in Mendocino County, parking has been calculated to accommodate one car per every two people. The same ratio is used for the one-day event.  If considering solely activities in Humboldt County, parking has been calculated to accommodate one car for every person during NNMF. This is based on the fact that the applicant is requesting parking for 2,000 persons and camping for 2,000 persons.
		Because the EIR calculated parking demand as one car per every 3.5 people, the project can be considered to provide ample parking for both NNMF and the one-day event. However, ultimate determination of adequacy of the required spaces provided for NNMF remains the responsibility of Mendocino County, who has assumed the role of lead agency in the permitting of the NNMF event. The modification under consideration here does not change the ratio of people to cars or camping spots from the previous analysis. There will continue to be ample parking availability based on the numbers discussed above.

**4. Public Health, Safety and Welfare:** The following table identifies the evidence which supports finding that the proposed location of the use and conditions under which it may be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

traffic plan was developed Whitlock & Weinberger Transportation, the Garberville office of the California Highway Patrol, and Caltrans, and has worked successfully for the event for the previous years that is has been used. including 2016. Because flexibility in scheduling the One Day Event is being requested under this permit, the traffic control plan shall be required to be submitted in the April preceding each event season, and shall incorporate any changes to the plan requested by Caltrans or the CHP based on the previous year's performance. If changes to the plan are required by the Public Works' Land Use Division prior to the events, the applicant shall make the changes and have the modified plan approved by the Public Works' Land Use Division no later than one month prior to the first event of the season. Based on the success of the last 5 years of the event, the positive feedback from the involved agencies, and the adequacy of the Plan of Operations to date, staff believes that there is no evidence before the Department that the proposed use of the property under CUP-04-38MMMM will be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare.

**5. Impact on Residential Density Target:** The following table identifies the evidence which supports finding that the proposed project will not reduce the residential density for any parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development in determining compliance with housing element law.

Code Section	Summary of Applicable Requirement	Evidence that Supports the Required Finding
312-17.1.5 Housing Element Densities	The proposed development does not reduce the residential density for any parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development in determining compliance with housing element law (the mid point of the density range specified in the plan designation), except where: 1) the reduction is consistent with the adopted	The proposed use will have no impact on the residential density target. The County Line Ranch property is zoned Agricultural Exclusive (AE) and Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) and is already occupied by an existing residence that will remain in use. Therefore, the project will not reduce the residential density for the parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community

general plan including the housing element; and 2) the remaining sites identified in the housing element are adequate to accommodate the County share of the regional housing need; and 3) the property contains insurmountable physical or environmental limitations and clustering of residential units on the developable portions of the site has been maximized.

Development in determining compliance with housing element law. The modification under consideration here will have no impact on the residential target density over the 5-year life of the permit.

#### 6. Environmental Impact

Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines allows addendums to be used in lieu of a supplemental or subsequent EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred. A subsequent EIR, in accordance with Section 15162 of CEQA, was not required for this project. The proposed project does not require any substantial revisions to the previous EIR as the proposed use for this project has considerably less environmental impacts than previous uses. The only information that has changed for this project is the change to extend the term of the permit for five (5) years, through 2022, and allow flexibility in annual selection of the One Day Event date to either the first weekend in July (4th of July weekend) or the last weekend in August/first weekend in September (Labor Day weekend). There are no substantial changes occurring with respect to the circumstances under which the project was undertaken. There is no substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Additionally, there is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known at the time and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence that would require a new or additional environmental review. The mitigation measures for the previously approved EIR are still applicable for this project and would continue to substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment. An Addendum has been prepared for the project and is included as Attachment 5. A CD has been included as Attachment 6, which includes digital copies of the original Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental (SCH# 92-033035), prepared for the music festival and in association with subsequent modifications.

The modification is not a substantial change in the project resulting in new significant environmental effects and no subsequent environmental review is required. Based on the environmental review provided in the original EIR and the Addendum completed for the 2016 event, both of the dates proposed for the One Day Event have been analyzed prior to the application for this modification. Therefore, staff concludes that the likely impacts associated with this added flexibility in scheduling have been adequately analyzed. Similarly, the 2016 modification significantly scaled back the intensity of the use on the Humboldt County property. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated as result of extending the life of this permit through the year 2022. No other changes to the project are proposed. No increases in the intensity of the use, and therefore the severity of the accompanying impacts, have been requested for the duration of the permit.

#### ATTACHMENT 4

#### APPLICANT'S EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUIRED FINDINGS

CUP-04-38MMMMM Modification Request for Use of County Line Ranch for NNMF on the Third Weekend of July 2017-2022 and for a One-Day Concert on either the Fourth of July Weekend or Labor Day Weekend, 2017-2022

Appendix A: 2016 Post Event Annual Report Prepared for Humboldt County

Appendix B: 2017 Humboldt County Plan of Operation for NNMF and One Day Event

Appendix C: 2017 Traffic Control Plan for NNMF and the One Day Event



Northern Nights Music Festival
Lumberstruck
Post Event Report
CUP 04-38MMM/MON 15-002
County Line Ranch, Humboldt County

Northern Nights Music Group BLAP Productions December 31, 2016

#### **Summary**

Northern Nights Music Festival took place on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Piercy, CA on the Mendocino/Humboldt County Line. Conditional Use Permit UM 2014-0011 was granted by Mendocino County for an event of 6,000 attendees and vehicles on two properties – Cook's Valley Campground in Mendocino and County Line Ranch in Humboldt County. Lumberstruck took place on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 on County Line Ranch with some parking and camping occurring in Cook's Valley Campground in Mendocino.

The following addresses the Conditions of Approval and Information Notes:

- **1.** The project was developed and conducted in accordance with the Plan of Operations submitted to Humboldt County.
- **2.** The following address the conditions of approval from CUP-04-38MMM that applied:
  - a. **COA #1** The project was developed and conducted in accordance with the Plan of Operations.
  - b. **COA #9** The applicants did that ensure that fire lanes are kept clear to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles throughout the event.
  - c. **COA #10** The applicant did not provide letters from the Army Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Fish and Game stating permission has been given to place a temporary bridge across the Eel River because no bridge was proposed or used.
  - d. **COA #12** All disturbed areas were stabilized and reseeded by October 15th to prevent excess soil erosion.
- <u>3.</u> All permits necessary permits and approvals from other state and local agencies were received.
- 4. Traffic and camping plans proved to be very effective during both events. Ingress and egress went smoothly, there was ample parking throughout the event and fire lanes were kept clear. Vehicles with any leaks were directed to parking areas away from the river. In anticipation of an increase in attendance in future years, the Lumberstruck and Northern Nights processing/box office team will be fully staffed two hours before opening of gates.



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- <u>5.</u> The project was discussed and coordinated with both Mendocino and Humboldt County Sherriff Offices, Garberville CHP and Piercy, Leggett, and Garberville Fire Departments.
- **<u>6.</u>** Water quality testing results can be found Exhibit A and the Avian Studies provided to DFW can be found in Exhibit B.



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#### Avian Nest Survey for County Line Ranch

#### Summer Music Festivals (July 3, 4, 15, 16, 17)

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#### Background:

County Line Ranch will host a one night event, Lumberstruck, on July 3, as well as host occupancy for the Northern Nights Music Festival on July 15, 16, and 17.

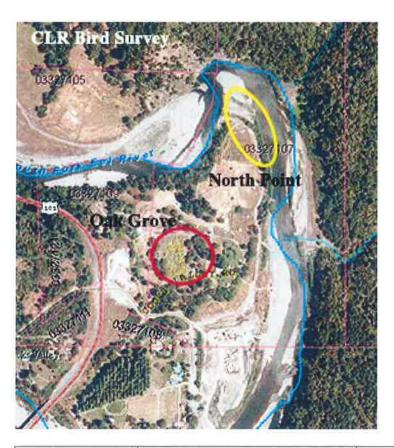
#### **Methods:**

Transect surveys were conducted to locate any active bird nests in the vicinity of the music events, which includes the Oak grove and habitat surrounding that region, as well the riparian vegetation along the South Fork of the Eel River (see Map).

Transects were walked and visual scans were conducted searching for all avian species in the vicinity of the event areas. Data was recorded including the species and number of individuals (see table).

#### **Conclusions:**

On June 19, 2016, one survey of the riparian vegetation along the Eel River was conducted at 6:00am. Four killdeer were observed, three of which appeared to be fledglings. At 7:00am, a survey was conducted in the oak grove near the event location. Another survey was conducted on June 30, 2016 at 9:00am along the Eel River. Three killdeer were observed. Finally, on July 1, 2016, at 8:30am, a survey along the Eel River resulted in the observation of five killdeer feeding together. Also on July 1, 2016 a survey of the oak grove and surrounding habitat showed no killdeer. No active avian nests were found on any occasion. We conclude that no avian species are currently nesting in the vicinity of the music events. Transects will be walked daily prior to, as well as during, the music events. Any and all species seen will be recorded and the data will be available on request.



Transect Date and time	Species Present	Individual Sighted	Habitat	Nests
06/19/16	Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)	2	Eel R. riparian vegetation	0
06/19/16	Acorn Woodpecker (Melanerpes formicivorus)	2	Eel R. riparian vegetation	0
06/19/16	Killdeer (Charadrius vociferus)	1	Eel R. riparian vegetation	0
06/19/16	Killdeer (Charadrius vociferus)	3 fledglings	Eel R. riparian vegetation	0
06/19/16	Redtailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis)	1	Redwood Grove along Eel River	0
06/19/16	Dark-eyed junco (Junco hyemalis)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
06/19/16	Nuttal's Woodpecker (Picoides nuttallii)	2	Oak Grove	0
06/19/16	Acorn Woodpecker (Melanerpes formicivorus)	1	Oak Grove	0
06/19/16	Morning Dove (Zenaida	2	Oak Grove	0

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06/30/16	Killdeer (Charadrius vociferus)	2	Eel R. water's edge	0
06/30/16	Turkey vulture (Cathartes aura)	2	Eel River	0
06/30/16	Common Grackle (Quiscalus quiscula)	3	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/01/16	Northern Flicker (Colaptes auratus)	1	OakGrove	0
07/01/16	Acorn Woodpecker (Melanerpes formicivorus)	4	OakGrove	0
07/01/16	Common raven (Corvus corax)	1	OakGrove	0
07/01/16	American Robin (Turdus migratorius)	2	OakGrove	0
07/01/16	Stellar Blue Jay (Cyanocitta cristata)	4	OakGrove	0
07/01/16	Western Scrub Jay (Aphelocoma californica)	1	OakGrove	0
07/01/16	Violet-green swallow (Tachycineta thalassina)	1	OakGrove	0
07/01/16	Great Blue Heron (Ardea herodias)	1	Eel River	0
07/01/16	Killdeer (Charadrius vociferus)	1	Eel River edge	0
07/01/16	Grackle (Quiscalus quiscula)	1	Eel River riparian vegitation	0
07/01/16	Killdeer (Charadrius vociferus)	5	Eel River edge	0
07/01/16	Swallow (Hirundo spp.)	5	Eel River	0

### Avian Nest Survey for Northern Nights Summer Music Festival (July 15, 16, 17)

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#### Background:

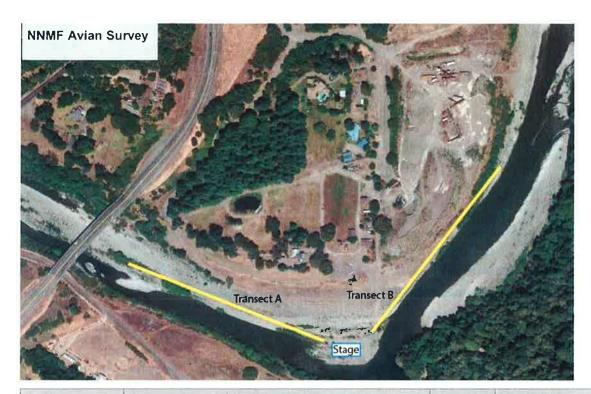
Avian surveys were carried out for the Northern Nights Music Festival, which will occur on July 15, 16, and 17 at the Cooks Valley Campground in Mendocino County, California.

#### Methods:

Transect surveys were conducted to locate any active bird nests in the vicinity of the music event. The assessment included surveying the site area 1000 feet before and after the location where activities will take place. (See transects A and B on map). Transects were walked and visual scans were conducted searching for all avian species. Data was recorded including the species and number of individuals (see table).

#### **Conclusions:**

On July 9, 2016, transect B was surveyed along the riparian vegetation of the Eel River from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. From 8:00pm until 9:00pm, transect A was surveyed. (see table below for records of species seen). Another survey was conducted the morning of July 10, 2016. Transect A was walked from 7:15am until 8:15am, and transect B from 8:15am to 9:15am along the Eel River. Finally, again on July 10, 2016, the Eel River riparian vegetation transect B was surveyed from 6:30pm until 7:30pm, and transect A from 7:30pm until 8:30pm. Species recorded are noted on table below. No active avian nests were found on any occasion, and therefore conclude that no avian species are currently nesting in the vicinity of the music events. The transects will be walked daily prior to, as well as during, the music events. Any and all species seen will be recorded and the data will be available on request.



Date	Transect	Species Present	Individu als Sighted	Habitat	Nests
07/09/16 PM	В	Bank swallow ( <i>Riparia</i> riparia)	20	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/09/16 PM	В	Violet-green swallow (Tachycineta thalassina)	4	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/09/16 PM	В	Common raven (Corvus corax)	2	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/09/16 PM	В	Morning Dove (Zenaida macroura)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/09/16 PM	В	Killdeer (Charadrius vociferus)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/09/16 PM	В	Western Tanager (Piranga ludoviciana)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/09/16 PM	A	Bank swallow ( <i>Riparia</i> riparia)	10	Eel River riparian vegetation	0

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07/10/16 AM	В	Bank swallow (Riparia riparia)	2	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 AM	В	Northern Rough-winged swallow (Stelgidopteryx serripennis)	2	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 AM	В	Killdeer (Charadrius vociferus)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 AM	В	Morning Dove (Zenaida macroura)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 AM	В	Violet-green swallow (Tachycineta thalassina)	3	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 PM	В	Northern Rough-winged swallow (Stelgidopteryx serripennis)	25	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 PM	В	Common raven (Corvus corax)	2	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 PM	В	Brewer's Blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus)	17	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 PM	В	Violet-green swallow (Tachycineta thalassina)	10	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 PM	В	Western Scrub Jay (Aphelocoma californica)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
)7/10/16 PM	A	Black Phoebe (Sayornis nigricans)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 PM	A	Violet-green swallow (Tachycineta thalassina)	10	Eel River riparian vegetation	0

07/10/16 PM	A	Northern Rough-winged swallow (Stelgidopteryx serripennis)	2	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 PM	A	Stellar Blue Jay (Cyanocitta cristata)	1	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
07/10/16 PM	A	Turkey vulture (Cathartes aura)	5	Eel River riparian vegetation	0
7/10/16 PM	A	Brewer's Blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus)	7	Eel River riparian vegetation	0



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## **WATER ANALYSIS**

Laboratory Specimen #: W161028

Sample Location: COUNTY LINE RANCH

Submitter:

H.C. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

100 H STREET

**EUREKA, CA 95501** 

Contact:

Phone:

445-6215

Bill To:

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Address: CL-2-SILENT DISCO HYDRATION STATION

226 UNION STREET SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901

(415) 302-4688

Phone:

PWSID:

## WATER SAMPLE INFORMATION

Collected By: M. RICHARD Collected Date/Time: 07/13/2016, 12:00

**Received Date/Time:** 07/13/2016, 15:50 **Test Start Date/Time:** 07/13/2016, 1609

Sampling Source: DRINKING WATER Test End Date/Time: 07/14/2016, 1613

Test Result Units

**WATER ANALYSIS PA** 

Chlorine Residue:

TOTAL COLIFORM - SM 9223, COLILERT 24 HR ABSENT 100 ML OF WATER

E.COLI - SM 9223, COLILERT 24 HR ABSENT 100 ML OF WATER

REPORTED BY: TYLER LLOYD

LAB ASSISTANT

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Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states there should be no bacteria in drinking water.

For more information contact:
Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1-800-426-4791

Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health: 445-6215 Visit the EPA website: www.epa.gov/safewater/index.html

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Sample Location: COUNTY LINE RANCH



# **BACTERIAL WATER SAMPLE**

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PUBLIC HEALTH BRANCH LABORATORY

Jeremy Corrigan, Laboratory Manager, ELAP Certification # 2033 529 | Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 268-2179

Hours: Monday through Friday, 08:30 am to 12 noon and 1 to 5 pm

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# CUP-04- 38MMMM Modification Request for Use of County Line Ranch for Northern Nights Music Festival on the Third Weekend in July and for One Day Event on July 4th or Labor Day Weekend 2017-2022

The following is proposed for a modification of Conditional Use Permit CUP-04-38MMM on County Line Ranch (APN 33-271-07), for use during a four-day outdoor music and art event known as Northern Nights Music Festival on the third weekend in July and during a one-day event on either July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend or Labor Day weekend from 2017-2022. The use(s) are proposed in conjunction with Mendocino County CUP (UM 2013/4 and AP 2016-0006). The intent is to continue and modify use entitlements of the CUP. This document will be shared and discussed among associated regulatory agencies and used to identify project improvements and mitigations that reduce environmental impact levels to less than significant.

## **Project Description - Northern Nights**

Conditional Use Permit 04-38MMMM has allowed auxiliary uses to occur at County Line Ranch (APN 033-271-07) during the third weekend of July in support of Northern Nights Music Festival and One Day event held on adjacent parcels in Mendocino County (APN 053-020-10, -11, -12, -13, -14 and -16). The Applicants are currently approved for a 6,000 person three-day event in and by Mendocino County (CUP UM 2014-0011). The Applicants propose to modify Humboldt County Conditional Use Permit 04-38MMMM in order to provide supplemental parking and camping to accommodate 2,000 attendees and 2,000 vehicles, food vendors, a silent disco, and to provide site access for early arrivals the Thursday prior to the event for four years. The project proponent and applicant is Northern Nights Music Group, LLC. The owner of record for County Line Ranch is Outraged Orangutan, LLC.

## **Northern Nights Mission Statement**

Northern Nights Music Festival is produced by an experienced and professional production company, with a mission to ensure high quality events that showcase the region to new audiences, facilitate positive and enlightening experiences rooted in art and music, and demonstrate ways to act sustainably. Northern Nights meets goals by implementing measures that ensure public safety, stimulate Humboldt and Mendocino economies, provide financial support to local school districts, public service providers, non-profits and charities, and protect the local environment and quality of life.

## Plan of Operations

The Applicants are proposing to use County Line Ranch for supplemental parking and camping during Northern Nights Music Festival to accommodate 2,000 attendees and 2,000 vehicles. The event is proposed to take place the third weekend of July in 2017-2020, falling on Thursday the 13th through Sunday the 16th in 2017. The event will include camping, local and international entertainment, as well as provisions for the on-site consumption of food and alcohol. The applicants also propose a Proposition 215 Area for medical cannabis education.

## Location and Environmental Setting

The Project Site known as County Line Ranch is approximately 160 acres in size and is located adjacent to and east of Highway 101 approximately 8 miles south of Garberville. The South Fork Eel River runs through the entire site, which extends east of the river. Proposed uses include music, camping and vending in the upland areas as well as music and camping along approximately 3,000 linear feet of gravel bar. The project extends onto over 100 acres into Mendocino County. The total use area is shown in Figure 1.

## Attendance

The Applicants are requesting a modification to CUP 04-38MMM for the use of County Line Ranch for supplemental parking and camping for 2,000 attendees and 2,000 vehicles during Northern Nights Music Festival.

A population of approximately 5% of the total attendance capacity will be on-site two weeks before and two weeks after the event as build and strike crews. Event vendors and staff will start arriving Wednesday before the event. It is estimated that a population of approximately 25% of the total event capacity will be on-site by Thursday evening and a population of another 50% of total event capacity will have arrived by Friday evening. The remaining 25% of the total event capacity will arrive Saturday resulting in peak capacities Saturday night.

It is expected that a minimum of 25% and maximum of 50% of the population will leave Sunday by 4 pm. It is estimated that 75% of attendees will stay on-site and that 25% will stay off site either at hotels or at their home.

The Applicants are event management professionals and ensure that the number of individuals on-site will not exceed the capacity for which infrastructure can reasonably and safely support. Total attendance of the festival in both Humboldt and Mendocino Counties at any one time will be verified through wristband counts, box office cross-verification, and on-site security.

## Schedule and Hours of Operation

May 1st - Water system preparation

*June 15th* – Fencing, electrical, signage and general infrastructure setup

Wednesday prior to event - vendors arrive for setup mid-day

Thursday prior to event - gates open in AM for up to 25% of total event capacity, amplified music from 6 PM to 10 PM

Friday of the event - gates open 8 AM, amplified music from 10 AM to 2 AM

Saturday of the event - gates open 8 AM, amplified music from 10 AM to 2 AM

Sunday of the event – gates open 8 AM, amplified music from 10 AM to 12 AM

*Monday following the event* – attendees depart, strike and cleanup begins

*July 31st* – strike and cleanup complete

*Dec 31st* – Post Event Report Submitted to County

## Concert and Infrastructure

Temporary stages will be built and oriented away from Highway 101 and developed residences in the Piercy area, keeping them shielded from the main source of light and sound. The stages will be separated from the highway by a number of mature trees and is at least 40 feet lower in elevation than the highway, further mitigating any paths of direct light to properties across the highway. Any lighting other than performance displays (such as light towers) will be downcast and shielded from adjacent properties. No organized outdoor amplified performances are currently proposed in Humboldt County, with the possible exception of a Silent Disco, which is not amplified.

Several permanent structures and systems were built between 2000 and 2009 on County Line Ranch. These include an electrical system, water system, viewing platforms, fencing, shade support beams, and various other structures. These systems and structures have been under repair and improvement by the property owners since the purchase of the land and much of this infrastructure will be utilized during Northern Nights.

## Camping and Parking

Camping and parking for the participants and staff will be provided on both County Line Ranch and adjacent Mendocino County properties. The on-site camping capacity of the event is approximately 8,410 attendees in eight designated camping areas spread over more than 25 acres. The on-site parking capacity is approximately 3,144 vehicles and 170 RVs and trailers in eight designated parking areas. Campers will be required to maintain a 30 ft. setback from the water's edge and vehicles will be required to maintain a 100 ft. setback. These setbacks will allow for pedestrian traffic as well as emergency access. Total camping and parking capacities are shown in Table 1 and are identified in Figure 2.

Table 1. On-Site Parking and Camping Capacities

<u>PARKING</u>	CARS AND TRUCKS	RVS AND TRAILERS	<u>CAMPING</u>	ATTENDEES
P1	514		<b>C</b> 1	2080
P2	784	50	C2	884
Р3	792	75	C3	1071
P4	193	25	C4	818
P5	91	10	C5	1029
Р6	111	10	C6	1250
P7	458		C7	915
P8	202		C8	363
TOTAL PARKING	3,144	170	TOTAL CAMPING	8,410

## Traffic Flow and Parking

The festival traffic flow, parking, and encroachment plans will be the same as previous years and can be found in Appendix A. The plan has been designed by the Applicant and Stop N Go Traffic and reviewed by Caltrans, Garberville CHP, and stamped by a licensed traffic engineer. The plan includes measures for required signage, CMS Boards, cones, light towers, in-and-out regulations, and cancellation procedures. Estimated total number of vehicles parked on-site is 2,000 vehicles and are based on an average of 3 people per vehicle. Parking areas are shown in Figure 2 and will be filled in sequential order – beginning with P1.

Wednesday (2 days prior to the event)

The only traffic allowed on-site two days prior to the event will be vendors and staff, resulting in approximately 10% of the total vehicle capacity on-site.

Thursday (day prior to the event)

The only traffic allowed on-site the day before the event includes 4 day ticket buyers and staff resulting in approximately 25% of the total vehicle capacity on-site.

Friday - Sunday (during the event)

Most of the traffic to the event will be paying ticket holders. The gates will open at 8:00 AM on Friday. If there is a need to open the gates early for safety concerns, the Applicants will

have staff in place to handle this, following any commands of on-site Garberville Highway Patrol. Northbound traffic will use the right turn lane at the intersection of Highway 101 and State Route 271. Southbound traffic will use the left turn lane at the intersection of Highway 101 and State Route 271. The Applicants utilize a thorough traffic plan implemented by an experienced traffic crew that has proven very successful during past events at the same location. All vehicles will be directed to traffic lanes away from Highway 101 for processing.

There will be two main access points – one into Humboldt for staff, volunteers and performers, and one into Mendocino for ticket holders. Upon arrival to Mendocino, the entry will be divided into four lanes for wristband retrieval and impact checks.

Monday (day after the event)

The campground will close no later than noon on the Monday following the event and it is estimated that 5% of the total vehicle capacity will remain on-site for clean up over the following two weeks.

Re-entry

During the event, attendees will be allowed to leave the event only as necessary and only by vehicle. Attendees will be prohibited from leaving the event as pedestrians, and this will be enforced by Northern Nights staff and on-site law enforcement.

## Public Safety

Contact with local law enforcement, fire agencies, and emergency response personnel will be made more than two (2) months prior to the event. Any warranted walkthroughs will be made during the week of the event. A briefing sheet will be supplied during the walkthrough with contact and schedule information for all on-site emergency personnel.

A detailed emergency plan will be finalized in conjunction with emergency providers to include fire, medical, law enforcement and evacuation procedures. The final plan will contain detailed checklists and direct contact information for use by security and safety personnel. The plan will be submitted to the Humboldt County Planning Division and

Sherriff's Office at least two months before the commencement of the event. The Applicant has and will continue to coordinate with Humboldt and Mendocino County Sherriff's Offices, Piercy, Leggett and Garberville Fire Departments, Howard Fire, City Ambulance and Garberville CHP to ensure cross-county safety and clear emergency service provider communication.

Communications will be conducted through the use of radios, cell phones, and a land line in the event that cell phone reception is poor.

## **Emergency Medical Plan**

An experienced medical service team will be contracted as the on-site medical care provider for the duration of the event. The ALS-staffed medical team will be available around the clock at an established medical tent accessible to anyone on-site. The team will consist of licensed E.M.T.'s, paramedics, M.D.'s, and nurses. Highly visible signage will identify the medical tent. All medical and security staff will communicate via radio with the command center. The Applicants will provide the identity and on-site contact information for medical team members at least 14 days prior to the event. Communication and transportation equivalent to Cal Fire dispatch will be on-site and available for any life-threatening emergencies. A helicopter landing area is available for emergency evacuation. Jerold Phelps Community Hospital in Garberville and City Ambulance will be notified of the event dates.

An evacuation plan satisfying emergency service agencies will be available prior to the event and the contracted medical team documentation will be submitted to the Planning Commission at least one month before the event.

## Emergency Fire Plan

A Cal Fire Safety Regulations Package will be submitted to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire). On-site fire safety support at the event will be supervised by Piercy Volunteer Fire Department who will be available for the duration of the event around the clock with a minimum of two (2) personnel and supported with a minimum of one (1) Type 3 fire engine and one (1) water tender for standby emergency

water and dust abatement, and radio communication equivalent to Cal Fire dispatch. An all-weather surfaced 20-ft fire lane existing around the perimeter of the campground will be designated for fire and emergency use. Visible signage will indicate designated locations for fire, medical, and security personnel. Fire extinguishers will be mounted accessibly around the event site.

The Applicants employ a team to specifically target prohibited burning and open flames, including fireworks, in addition to posting signage and informing patrons and staff of fire danger and the strict no burn and no fireworks policies. The Applicants will advertise this information on the event website, email, social media, and local radio.

The emergency fire plan will be reviewed by Cal Fire and Piercy Volunteer Fire Department and written correspondence with these agencies will be submitted to the Planning Division at least one month before the event.

## Emergency Response Plan

Prior to the event, members of the medical, security and fire teams will meet and plan responses to emergency scenarios as well as identify and correct potential safety risks. A Communications Leader will be designated. Contact information will be organized and shared to facilitate emergency communication during the event.

If there is an emergency situation during the event, the Communications Leader will coordinate response efforts involving the event producers, security, medical, and fire team leads, and on-site law enforcement. In the case of a medical evacuation, the Communications Leader will also communicate with City Ambulance dispatch, Jerold Phelps Community Hospital and coordinate with on-site law enforcement and traffic crew to ensure a clear path for emergency vehicles. A helicopter landing area is available for emergency evacuation.

The various emergency response teams will communicate using handheld radios and cell phones. The Communications Leader will be able to contact Cal Fire dispatch, as will fire, medical and security personnel.

As necessary, event producers will communicate information to event attendees using main stage amplification and provide instructions to ensure emergency service providers can safely and quickly access necessary locations.

If a fire occurs, the Communications Leader will coordinate with Piercy Volunteer Fire Department, Cal Fire dispatch, on-site law enforcement, event security, medical, and traffic teams to ensure a clear path for emergency vehicles and to implement the Emergency Fire Plan as follows:

- 1) Notify off-site responders
- 2) Secure and clear the affected area
- 3) Shelter in place along the river bar; in the case of approaching wild land fire dismantle tents and campsites.
- 4) Responding agencies will determine extent of evacuation area.
- 5) Clear the evacuation area on foot to the predetermined evacuation zones
- 6) Use on-site communications resources such as the stage PA, on-site FM radio broadcasting, and event staff to inform and direct the public.

The emergency response plan will be reviewed by Garberville CHP, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, and Piercy Volunteer Fire Department and written correspondence with these agencies will be submitted to the Planning Commission at least one month before the event.

## Security

Professional on-site security services will be contracted for periods before, during and after the event. An experienced security service provider will be used as a lead supervising company to organize and lay out security locations and protocols. This security team will police attendee activity, restrict access to off-limit areas, monitor the control of alcohol, and prevent illegal drug consumption. An additional security team will be contracted to monitor perimeter and off-site areas. It is estimated that approximately 50-100 security personnel will be contracted under Northern Nights.

Every attempt will be made to limit encroachment and trespassing onto neighboring properties including installation of temporary fencing around the site perimeter. The perimeter of the site will include fencing and posted signs restricting access to areas not used for camping and parking.

The Applicants will maintain contact with the emergency service providers before, during, and after the event, and are committed to responsible management practices and an open communication with local law enforcement. After the event, a post-event meeting open to community members will be held.

The security plan will be reviewed by Garberville CHP and the Humboldt Sheriff's Office and written correspondence with these agencies will be submitted to the Planning Division at least one month before the event.

## Water Supply and Distribution

County Line Ranch sources water from a well located on the eastern side of the property. The well water is pumped and stored in May in a 30,000-gallon storage tank on the northwest side and then distributed across the property. The well is approximately 125 feet from the bank of the Eel River. Due to its location, it is likely hydrologically connected to the river; however, there are numerous springs in the area which may also feed the well.

At an average of 3.5 gallons per person per day, 30,000 gallons is more than adequate to serve the needs of the 2,000 attendees in Humboldt County. Additional water storage infrastructure is under consideration and will be incorporated in future years. Water for dust abatement will be sourced from the 1 million gallon pond in Mendocino.

The Applicants will work with each County's respective environmental health department to ensure compliance of activities within each respective County. Locations of key features of the system are show in Figure 3.

Water samples will be collected before, during and after the event at point of service, at the source, and in the areas along the Eel River both upstream and downstream from the event.

Potable water is treated in four steps: (1) at the point of service via a sediment filter, (2) a 5-micron carbon block filter, (3) a UV filter and (4) a 1 micron carbon filter, as directed by Humboldt DEH.

## Sanitary Facilities

There will be up to 200 portable toilets (including ADA) placed around the venue by a licensed service provider, maintaining a 40-50 people per facility. Hand wash stations are provided wherever toilets are located with a minimum of one wash station for every 10 toilets. Sewage will be disposed off-site at an approved disposal facility by the service provider. Locations of sanitary facilities can be seen in Figure 4.

## Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

A "Green Crew" will roam the event area and periodically empty the barrels at each station and take materials to the recycling area to sort and store them for disposal. Forty yard dumpsters will be used for trash and large totes for recyclables and transferred to a permitted waste disposal facility or recycling center by a commercial hauler. Waste stations and recycling containers will be placed in strategic locations to discourage littering. The location of the waste stations can be found in Figure 5.

The "Green Crew" remains on-site for up two weeks following the event, sorting recyclables from solid waste, picking up "microtrash" from the entire site, including the full length of the river bar and swimming areas.

In 2013 Northern Nights generated diverted approximately 2,000 lbs of recyclables for a diversion rate of 10%. In 2014, the festival diverted approximately 6,000 lbs for a diversion rate of 18%. In 2015, Northern Nights diverted approximately 15,000 lbs of recyclables for a diversion rate of 25%. In 2016 Northern Night diverted approximately 20,000 lbs of recycling for a diversion rate of 30%.

Northern Nights goals are to increase the diversion rate to 35% in 2017 and 50% by 2018.

## Waste Water Disposal

An analysis of the on-site greywater disposal system was conducted by Mother Earth Engineering during the 2016 events on County Line Ranch. The goal was to complete the Final Installation Report that we left unfinished in 2009. The final report and enrollment letter with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board is expected to be received in early Spring 2017. Liquid waste is planned to be collected and stored on-site before being hauled off-site until the system has been approved by County and State agencies.

## Craft Booths

There will be approximately 20-30 craft booths located around the perimeter of performance and other high traffic areas.

#### Food Service

Food vendors in Humboldt County will be provided with hot and cold water by existing County Line Ranch water systems. Cooking will be done with propane gas supplied by each vendor. Solid waste will be disposed in general waste receptacles, until a full analysis of composting regulations is completed. Liquid waste is planned to be collected and stored on-site before being hauled off-site until the system has been approved by County and State agencies.

All food vendors operating in Humboldt County will be subject to Humboldt County Division of Public Health operating standards and criteria.

## Alcohol

Alcohol will be served at specific booths and managed by a professional concessions team. All ABC rules and regulations will apply and will be enforced. Attendees will not be allowed to bring their own alcoholic beverages into the concert area.

#### 215 Area

An existing, compliant, and local business will operate an educational Proposition 215 Area during "Northern Nights Music Festival" between 12 PM – 12 AM daily for caretakers and patients with valid doctor's recommendations under Proposition 215 and/or state-issued medical marijuana patient card.

Proof of medical need (valid doctor's recommendation) and identification card shall be required to enter the Proposition 215 area. Security will be checking for valid and current Proposition 215 cards at the entrance to the area and identifying the following:

- Photo of the cardholder (21+ only)
- Designation of "Patient" or "Primary Caregiver"
- A unique user identification number issued by California Department of Public Health.
- Expiration date
- A Web-based Internet URL that will enable state and local law enforcement officers to have immediate access to verify the validity of the card
- Once a patient has been verified and approved, they will be provided with a distinct wristband 1) to allow in and out access, and 2) a method for security personnel to easily and quickly identify those in the 215 area who are authorized to be there. Even with wristbands, patients can be asked to re-show their identifications at random. Patients will not be allowed to use any medical products outside of the designated proposition 215 area.

Temporary fencing around the perimeter of the area will be installed to prevent noneligible persons from entering the event. Twenty-four hour per day security will be provided with additional security stationed at various locations during operating hours.. The perimeter of the site shall be clearly identified and fenced, and signs shall be posted to limit access beyond the approved area site. Fencing will be opaque to facilitate security, privacy and limit other event participants from easily observing 215 activities. Each caregiver will be provided a  $10 \times 20$  area within the fence to store valuables. Overnight security will monitor 24 hours a day both inside and outside the fence. A California licensed physician will be

onsite to assist patients' needs. The location for the doctor will be immediately in front and to the side of the 215 area entrance, in a private tent to protect patients' privacy and comply with HIPAA regulations.

## Environmental Monitoring

The proposed project incorporates mitigation measures in the project design to minimize environmental impacts as documented in the Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. Aspects of the Environmental Monitoring program will continue to include:

- Vehicles will be subjected to an "Impact Check" when arriving to look for leaking fluids, fireworks, and other prohibited items.
- Water quality (potable and river) will be monitored before, during and after the event by a qualified water treatment operator.
- Noise levels will be monitored throughout the event by a qualified acoustical engineer. One key mitigation technique that has worked extremely well in the past has been the implementation of a Silent Disco. Attendees that which to continue to participate in music-related activities after the noise curfew are given a set of wireless headphones, mitigating both noise from amplified speakers as well as renegade sound systems.
- Dust will be controlled through the use of a water truck as necessary.
- No significant vegetation removal is required or proposed, other than for fire safety.
- No camping will be permitted within 30 ft of the river and no parking permitted within 100 ft of the river.
- An avian survey will be conducted two weeks prior to the event by a qualified biologist.

#### **Event Cancellation Protocol**

This is in case of a cancellation of event for any reasons such as fire, earthquake, or any other occurrence that may harm the public. In case of event cancellation, there will be several methods used for notifying the public that the event is cancelled and not to arrive at County Line Ranch.

## Notification techniques include:

- Posting on event website and social media outlets notifying public of cancellation.
- Computerized message boards on Highway 101 notifying regional travelers of cancellation
- Targeted emails to all ticketholders with notification of cancelled event.
- Local newspaper and radio advertisements.

## Commitment to Local Schools, Non-Profit Organizations and Economic Boost

Non-profit and community organizations that benefit directly from Northern Nights Music Festival include Piercy Volunteer Fire Department, Southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino school districts, The Eel River Recovery Project, Salmonid Restoration Federation, EPIC, The Eel River Clean-up Project, Friends of the Eel River, KMUD Community Radio, Southern Humboldt Community Park, the Surfrider Foundation and Healthy Planet US. In 2015, a detailed Economic Impact Analysis was conducted and demonstrated that Northern Nights increased local economic impact of over \$2,000,000 in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

## Conclusion

The Applicants have proven over the past four years that they can successfully manage large events in the Cook's Valley area. Positive feedback has been received from both Mendocino and Humboldt County officials, law enforcement agencies, local fire departments, service providers, press outlets, and the local community. The Applicants continue to review, improve, and refine event management practices in order to produce a

safe event, abide by permit regulations, and continue dialogue with the local community on			
how to best stimulate local business and promote tourism into the area.			
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## **Project Description - One Day Event**

Conditional Use Permit 04-38MMMM allowed for an additional 2,000 person event to be held on the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 called Lumberstruck. The Applicants are requesting to use County Line Ranch for a one day, 3,000 person country/bluegrass concert on either July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend or Labor Day weekend 2017-2022. Events on either weekend have been previously approved by Humboldt County under this CUP.

## Plan of Operations - One Day Event

The Applicants are proposing to use County Line Ranch for a one day concert to accommodate 3,000 attendees and 2,000 vehicles on either the first weekend of July or last weekend of August from 2017-2022. Camping and parking areas will be located on both County Line Ranch as well as adjacent Mendocino County parcels. The applicants also propose a Proposition 215 Area for medical cannabis education.

## Attendance

Total campground attendance will be limited to 3,000 attendees (2,500 attendees and 500 staff). The Applicants are event management professionals that will ensure the number of individuals on site does not exceed the capacity for which infrastructure can reasonably and safely support. Should the area reach capacity, as determined by staff or emergency personnel, advance signage on the Caltrans Encroachment Permit mandated CMS boards for both north and south bound traffic will read "EVENT SOLD OUT" and notifications posted through the event website, emails, social media, and local radio, indicating a sold out event.

## Concert and Hours of Noise

The Applicants request permission to host live music between the hours of 5:00 pm and 11:59 pm on the event date. The stage will be oriented away from Highway 101 and developed residences in the Piercy area, keeping them shielded from the main source of light and sound. The stage will be separated from the highway by a number of mature trees and is at least 40 feet lower in elevation than the highway, further mitigating any paths of direct light to properties across the highway.

## Camping and Parking

Camping and parking for volunteers and staff will be provided on site, as well as adjacent Mendocino County properties as shown on the proposed Site Map. Camping and parking will be prohibited on the river bar.

## Traffic Flow and Parking

The Site Map shows how concert participants will access the site. An extensive set of hazard mitigation measures will be used to ensure public safety.

The traffic plan used for the one day event was used for Northern Nights Music Festival previously held on the properties. The traffic flow, parking, and encroachment guidelines have been designed and reviewed by BLAP Productions, Stop N Go Traffic, Caltrans, and Garberville CHP, and stamped by a licensed traffic engineer. This includes measures for required signage, CMS Boards, cones, light towers, in-and-out regulations, and cancellation procedures.

Beginning at 12:00 pm on the event date, traffic control personnel will allow traffic to enter from Highway 101 and into designated parking areas without impeding traffic on 101. Parking will be permitted only in designated parking areas, as shown in the attached Site Map. Signs will be posted informing that parking vehicles, including motorcycles, is prohibited on the river bar. Traffic control personnel will be assigned to effectively prohibit early arrivals from lining up along the highway during the night and early morning before the event. The campground will close no later than noon on the day following the event. The Applicants will advertise this information on the event website to discourage early arrivals and emphasize noon departures on the day following the event.

## Day prior to the event

The only traffic allowed on site the day before the event includes staff, volunteers, and vendors. Traffic control personnel will be assigned to effectively prohibit early arrivals from lining up along the highway during the night and early morning before the event.

## Morning/Afternoon of the event

The gates will open at 12:00 pm. If there is a need to open the gates early for safety concerns, the Applicants will have personnel in place to handle this, following any commands of on-site Garberville Highway Patrol. Northbound traffic will use the right turn lane at the intersection of Highway 101 and State Route 271. Southbound traffic will use

the left turn lane at the intersection of Highway 101 and State Route 271. All vehicles will be directed to traffic lanes away from Highway 101 for processing. The Applicants utilize a thorough traffic plan implemented by an experienced traffic crew that has proven very successful during past events at the same location.

Evening/night of the event)

Most of the traffic from the event will be paying ticket holders. The show will end at 11:59 pm. Both northbound and southbound traffic will be monitored and regulated by the CHP and traffic crew. Camping options will be offered to ticket holders that wish to depart the following morning.

Day after the event)

The event site and campgrounds will close no later than noon.

Re-entry

During the event, attendees will be allowed to leave the event only as necessary and only by vehicle. Attendees will be prohibited from leaving the event as pedestrians, and this will be enforced by event staff and on-site law enforcement.

## **Public Safety**

Contact with local law enforcement, fire agencies, and emergency response personnel will be made more than two (2) months prior to the event. Any warranted walkthroughs will be made during the week of the event. A briefing sheet will be supplied during the walkthrough with contact and schedule information for all on-site emergency personnel.

A detailed emergency plan will be finalized in conjunction with emergency providers to include fire, medical, law enforcement and evacuation procedures. The final plan will contain detailed checklists and direct contact information for use by security and safety personnel. The plan will be submitted to the Humboldt County Planning Commission and County Sherriff offices at least two months before the commencement of the event.

## **Emergency Medical Plan**

An experienced medical service team will be contracted as the on-site medical care provider for the duration of the event. The ALS-staffed medical team will be available around the clock at an established medical tent accessible to anyone on-site. The team will consist of licensed E.M.T.'s, paramedics, M.D.'s, and nurses. Highly visible signage will identify the medical tent. All medical and security personnel will communicate via radio with the command center. The Applicants will provide the identity and on-site contact information for medical team members at least 14 days prior to the event. Communication and transportation equivalent to Cal Fire dispatch will be on-site and available for any life-threatening emergencies. A helicopter landing area is available for emergency evacuation. Garberville Community Hospital and City Ambulance will be notified of the event dates.

An evacuation plan satisfying emergency service agencies will be available prior to the event and the contracted medical team documentation will be submitted to the Planning Commission at least one month before the event.

## Emergency Fire Plan

A Cal Fire Safety Regulations Package will be submitted to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire). On site fire safety support at the event will be supervised by Piercy Volunteer Fire Department. They will be available around the clock for the duration of the event with a minimum of two (2) personnel and supported with a minimum of one (1) Type 3 fire engine and one (1) water tender for standby emergency water and dust abatement, and radio communication equivalent to Cal Fire dispatch. An all-weather surfaced 20-ft fire lane existing around the perimeter of the campground will be designated for fire and emergency use. Visible signage will indicate designated locations for fire, medical, and security personnel. Fire extinguishers will be mounted accessibly around the event site.

The Applicants employ a team to specifically target prohibited burning and open flames, in addition to posted signage and information campaigns informing of fire danger and the

strict no burn policy. The Applicants will advertise this information on the event website, email, social media, and local radio.

The emergency fire plan will be reviewed by Cal Fire and Piercy Volunteer Fire Department and written correspondence with these agencies will be submitted to the Planning Commission at least one month before the event.

## Emergency Response Plan

Prior to the event, members of medical, security, and fire teams will meet and discuss responses to emergency scenarios as well as identify and correct potential safety risks. Contact information will be organized and shared to facilitate emergency communication during the event. A Communications Leader will be designated.

If there is an emergency situation during the event, the Communications Leader will coordinate response efforts involving the event producers, security, medical, and fire team leads, and on-site law enforcement. In the case of a medical evacuation, the Communications Leader will also communicate with City Ambulance dispatch, Jerold Phelps Community Hospital and coordinate with on-site law enforcement and traffic crew to ensure a clear path for emergency vehicles. A helicopter landing area is available for emergency evacuation.

The Communications Leader will be able to contact Cal Fire dispatch, as will fire, medical and security personnel. The various emergency response teams will communicate using handheld radios and cell phones. As necessary, event producers will communicate information and provide instructions to using main stage amplification.

If a fire occurs, the Communications Leader will coordinate with Piercy Volunteer Fire Department, Cal Fire dispatch, on-site law enforcement, security, medical, and traffic teams to ensure a clear path for emergency vehicles and to implement the Emergency Fire Plan as follows:

- 7) Notify off-site responders
- 8) Secure and clear the affected area

- 9) Shelter in place along the river bar; in the case of approaching wildfire dismantle tents and campsites.
- 10) Responding agencies will determine extent of evacuation area.
- 11)Clear the evacuation area on foot to the predetermined evacuation zones
- 12)Use on-site communications resources such as the stage PA, on-site FM radio broadcasting, and event personnel to inform and direct the public.

The emergency response plan will be reviewed by Garberville CHP, Humboldt County Sheriff, and Piercy Volunteer Fire Department and written correspondence with these agencies will be submitted to the Planning Commission at least one month before the event.

## Security

Professional on-site security services will be contracted for periods before, during, and after the event. An experienced security service provider will be used as a lead supervising company to organize and lay out security locations and protocols. This security team will police attendee activity, restrict access to off-limit areas, monitor the control of alcohol, and discourage drug consumption. The contracted team will be given distinctive colored clothing as approved by the Sheriff's Office.

Temporary fencing around the perimeter of the site will be installed to mitigate trespassing onto adjacent properties. Every attempt will be made to limit encroachment and trespassing onto neighboring properties. The perimeter of the site will be fenced and signage posted restricting access not used for camping and parking.

The Applicants will maintain contact with the emergency service providers before, during, and after the event, and are committed to responsible management practices and an open communication with local law enforcement. After the event, a post-event meeting open to community members will be held.

The security plan will be reviewed by Garberville CHP and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and written correspondence with these agencies will be submitted to the Planning Commission at least one month before the event.

## Water Supply and Distribution

County Line Ranch sources water from a well located on the eastern side of the property. The well water is pumped and stored in May in a 30,000-gallon storage tank on the northwest side and then distributed across the property. The well is approximately 125 feet from the bank of the Eel River. Due to its location, it is likely hydrologically connected to the river; however, there are numerous springs in the area which may also feed the well.

At an average of 2 gallons per person per day, 6,000 gallons is adequate to serve the needs of the 3,000 attendees. Additional water storage infrastructure is under consideration and will be incorporated in future years. Water for dust abatement will be sourced from the 1 million gallon pond in Mendocino.

The Applicants will work with each County's respective environmental health department to ensure compliance of activities within each respective County.

Water samples will be collected before, during and after the event at point of service, at the source, and in the areas along the Eel River both upstream and downstream from the event.

Potable water is treated in four steps: (1) at the point of service via a sediment filter, (2) a 5-micron carbon block filter, (3) a UV filter and (4) a 1 micron carbon filter, as directed by Humboldt DEH.

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There will be approximately 10 craft booths this year around the perimeter of the performance area, composed of both for profit and non-profit organizations.

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## Environmental Impacts

The proposed project incorporates mitigation measures in the project design to minimize environmental impacts as documented in the Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report from events in previous years.

- Parking and camping will be prohibited on the river bar.
- Vehicles are subjected to an "Impact Check" when arriving to look for leaking fluids, fireworks, and other prohibited items.
- No significant grading is required, as existing roads will be used.
- No temporary bridges are proposed.
- No permanent structures are proposed to be constructed.
- No significant vegetation removal is required nor proposed.
- The area utilized for the event will not include the steep forested east of the river, which is nearly half the total acreage of the parcel.
- Significant efforts are taken to minimize water quality impacts, including education campaigns before and during the event to raise awareness related to responsible use of our waterways.

## **Event Cancellation Protocol**

The purpose of this Protocol is in case of a cancellation of event for any reasons such as fire, earthquake, or any type of event that could cause harm to the public. In the event of a cancellation, there will be several methods to use for notifying the public that the event will not take place and the Applicants will discourage arrival to County Line Ranch.

## Methods that will used for this purpose:

- Post notifications on website and social media outlets informing of cancellation.
- Computerized message boards on Highway 101 notifying travelers of cancellation.
- Notify presale ticket holders using email that the event is cancelled.
- Local newspaper and radio ads.

## Conclusion

Over the past four years, the Applicants have proven that they can successfully manage large events in the Cook's Valley Area. Positive feedback has been received from both Mendocino and Humboldt County officials, law enforcement agencies, local fire departments, service providers, press outlets and Southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino communities. The Applicants continue to review, improve, and refine event management practices in order to produce a safe event, abide by permit regulations, and continue dialogue with the local community on how to best stimulate local business and promote tourism into the area.



## **2017 Traffic Control Plan**

Traffic Control Start: Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Traffic Control End: Monday July 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY JULY 13, 2017 (PRIOR TO EVENT)

Access into the site on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> (one day prior to the event) will be limited to staff, volunteers, vendors and VIP patrons. No items shall be placed within the County road right of way without specific approval and issuance of an encroachment permit from the Department of Transportation. The permit should be available at the event site upon request.

#### **Traffic Control on US 101**

- Northbound traffic on US 101 will use the right turn lane at the intersection of US 101 and SR 271/Cook's Valley Road.
- Southbound traffic on US 101 will use the left turn lane.

## **Early Arrivals Information Campaign**

- Unauthorized early arrivals shall be discouraged by prohibiting the line-up of cars along US 101
   before the official gate opening to the public on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- To discourage unauthorized early arrivals, the following will be used:
  - CMS signs on US 101 (See Map 1 for placement)
  - o Information placed on the official event website
  - o E-mails sent to attendees, event organizers, sponsors, vendors, staff, and the media.
  - Social media posts (Facebook, Twitter and/or others as appropriate)
  - Announcements on local radio stating "NN camping prohibited on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

## FRIDAY JULY 14, 2017 - SUNDAY JULY 16, 2017 (DURING EVENT)

By 6:00 a.m. on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>, all signs, cones and personnel will be full setup and in position. Most of the traffic to the event will be paying patrons. The gates to the public will open at 8:00 am on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. If there is a need to open the gates early for safety concerns then staff should be in place to handle this. All NNMF traffic on US 101 will be directed to traffic lanes on Cook's Valley Road and into the Cook's Valley Campground & County Line Ranch for processing.

## Traffic Control on US 101 (see Map 1)

Traffic control on US 101 in Piercy, CA in the vicinity of Cook's Valley Campground & County Line Ranch will consist of field personnel, the use of additional traffic control devices such as cones and signs, and a temporary extension of the southbound left turn lane approaching SR 271/ Cook's Valley Road.

#### **Personnel**

- One person shall be placed at the intersection of US 101 and SR 271/Cook's Valley Road to direct traffic during the periods of heavy traffic. The largest concentration of traffic is expected on Friday afternoon and early evening.
- When traffic is heavy, the field personnel at the US 101 and SR 271/Cook's Valley Road intersection should ask for an additional person to assist them with traffic control at this intersection.
- Periodic monitoring of traffic should occur throughout the NNMF to see if additional personnel are needed at this intersection.
- All traffic personnel should wear a fluorescent orange vest, have a fluorescent flag, a whistle, and have a walkie talkie at all times.
- All traffic personnel should receive training on traffic safety
- Traffic personnel at this intersection should give priority to traffic movements so that traffic back-ups on US 101 are minimized in both directions.

#### **Traffic Control**

 The US 101 southbound left turn pocket at SR 271/Cook's Valley Road shall be lengthened as directed by CHP, Sherriff's Department or CalTrans. This will allow for additional stacking of southbound vehicles turning left onto Cook's Valley Road.

#### **Cones**

- Cones will be used to discourage on-street parking and keep traffic in the proper lanes.
- Cones should be placed alongside US 101 in the northbound and southbound directions approaching the intersection with SR 271/ Cook's Valley Road.
- Cones should be placed on northbound US 101 all the way to the intersection of SR 271/Cook's Valley Road. This will encourage motorists to turn properly at the intersection and not beforehand.
- All cones shall be reflective.

# <u>Signs</u>

- Changeable Message Signs (CMS) should be placed as noted on Map 1, as follows:
  - On US 101 approximately 1,000 feet north of the SR 271/Cook's Valley Road intersection for southbound traffic.
  - On US 101 approximately 1,000 feet south of the SR 271/ Cook's Valley Road intersection for northbound traffic.
  - Care should be taken so that all signs are placed in a manner that is visible to motorists and well in advance of any decision making points.
  - "No Parking" signs should be placed on US 101 north and south of the SR 271/ Cook's
     Valley Road intersection to alert US 101 traffic that parking is not allowed on shoulders
     or along roadways within Cook's Valley Campground & County Line Ranch.
  - "NNMF Special Event" signs shall be placed on US 101 for both northbound and southbound traffic.
  - All traffic signs shall be clean and legible and of good quality.
  - o All traffic signs shall be reflective.

### **Notes**

- All traffic control shall be reviewed and monitored on a 24-hour basis by a qualified professional
  of Stop and Go Traffic Control.
- Any necessary adjustments shall be corrected immediately.
- Any modification requested by the CHP, Sherriff's Department or CalTrans shall be performed immediately.

- During placement and removal of all traffic devices, traffic control shall be done in accordance with the California MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices).
- No parking shall be permitted along County maintained roads and will be communicated through temporary no parking/tow-away signs in conformance with CA MUTCD.

## Traffic and Parking Control in Venue (see Map 2)

#### Personnel

On—site traffic control will allow traffic entering from 101 to move into the site and parking area without excessive delays to traffic on 101. Traffic control personnel will be assigned to effectively prohibit early arrivals from lining up along the highway the night/early morning before the event. Early arrivals will not be accommodated.

- There should be at least 8 field personnel dedicated to traffic and parking operations at any one time, indicated by the pink dots on Map 2.
- Personnel should be mobile and shift positions as needed (after the parking in GA-1 is fully loaded, then shift personnel to GA-2, and so on).
- Lead Personnel/Contacts
  - O Derek Spence (Operations Manager) & Keith Bowman (Land Owner)
  - Encroachment Wes Nally (Stop N Go Traffic) & Kelly Shultz (Cal Trans)
  - Support Leads Shiloh (Traffic) & Sherie (Parking)
  - All personnel should have walkie talkies on them at all times (cell phone reception may not be reliable)

# Location of primary and secondary entry/exit gates

- The primary entrance to the NNMF is at Box Office.
- During the busiest arrival period (Friday afternoon and early evening) there should be multiple
  lanes approaching the Box Office to increase stacking area as well as to expedite the check-in
  process at the Box Office.
- Vehicles will be stopped at the Box Office to pick up their credentials and parking passes.
- Personnel assigned as "processing runners" will go to the cars with scanners to check people in.
- Vehicles will then be guided by flaggers to Parking in GA1, then GA2, GA3, etc.
- The primary exit is through GA-3 along the red dotted line and out.

# **Parking**

- Parking lots should be loaded from the rear of lot first, then forward towards the lot entrance.
- Parking lots should be loaded in order, starting with GA 1, then GA 2, etc. Once a lot is full, personnel should move to the next lot, and block off access to the full lot.
- RV & Car camping parking will require a special escort from the main entrance.
- Parking management should include the use of CMS Boards, cones, arrows, field personnel,
   printed parking passes, and flaggers.
- Parking enforcement should include the use of "No Parking" signs, enforced by warning the drivers when needed.
- No parking should be permitted on internal roadways or in any non-designated areas, including Cook's Valley Road and will be enforced by NNMF staff.
- All cars will have parking pass with a name & number so that PA announcements can be made for warning if needed.
- Towing of vehicles can be used if the vehicle is not moved in a timely manner.

# **Emergency Vehicle Access and Loading (see Map 3)**

- The location and access points for emergency vehicles and loading are noted on Map 3.
- The red dotted line near the entrance will have 24 hour in/out access for loading, staffing, shuttles and emergency vehicles.

#### **Off-Site Parking and Shuttles**

- Shuttle service will be offered from off-site parking lots by a licensed transportation company
  from Garberville to the site to provide a safe means of transportation for the local community
  and to encourage out-of-town attendees to utilize local travel hospitality options. The 2017
  locations will be at the Benbow Inn and the Best Western Humboldt House Inn in Garberville.
- Southbound shuttle buses transporting attendees will access the NNMF site at the SR
   271/Cook's Valley Road intersection and turnaround within the site near the Will Call Office.
- The shuttle buses will run continuously from:
  - o 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. on Friday July 14

- o 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday July 15
- o 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) on Sunday July 16
- o 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Monday July 17
- Information on off-site parking for hotel guests and locals should be announced using:
  - the official event website
  - o e-mails sent to attendees and the media
  - Social media posts (Facebook, Twitter and/or others as appropriate)
  - Announcements on local radio stating "Off-site parking is available at the Benbow and Best Western Hotels."

# **Re-Entry Policy**

- During the event, patrons will be allowed to leave the event only as necessary and only by vehicle.
- Patrons will be prohibited from leaving the premises as pedestrians, and this will be enforced by highway security staff and/or CHP.
- The General Store will have reasonable prices to discourage attendees from leaving the property for additional supplies.

# **MONDAY JULY 17, 2017 (AFTER EVENT)**

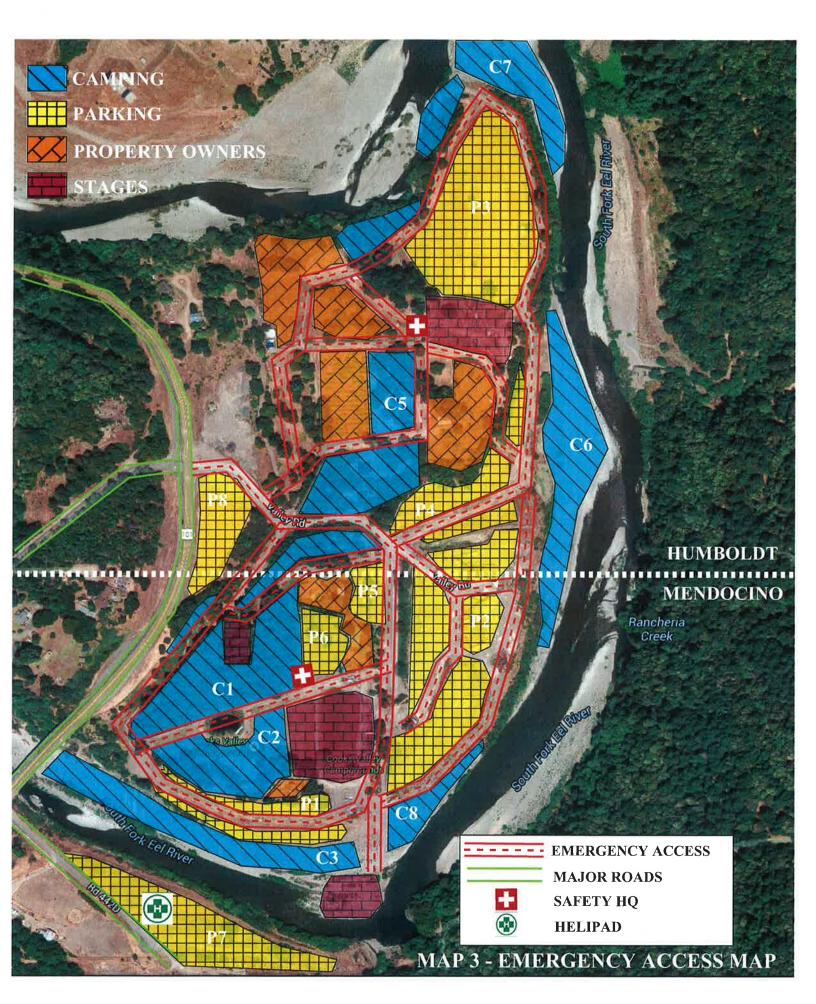
The campground shall close no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Monday July 17. All traffic control elements in the campground as well as on US 101 should be removed by 2:00 p.m.

# MAP 1 - Traffic Control on US 101



PARKING CAMPING CAR CAMPING BAR ZONES GA-4 GA-5 GA-30 GA-2 GA-1

MAP 2 - Traffic /Parking Control in Venue



# Attachment 5

# **ADDENDUM TO EIR (SCH# 92-033035)**

# ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

EXTENSION OF PERMIT TERM AND FLEXIBILITY IN SETTING DATE FOR THE ONE DAY EVENT FOR NORTHERN NIGHTS MUSIC FESTIVAL (formerly Reggae Rising, formerly Reggae on the River)

SCH NO. 92-033035

APN: 033-271-007

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## Background

Modified Project Description and Project History - The current project involves a modification to a previously approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP-04-38MMMM) The modification is to extend the permit entitlements for five (5) additional years, to December 31, 2022, and allow flexibility in the annual selection of the 1-day event date (either 4th of July or Labor Day weekend). The permit originally authorized an annual music festival to be held over the first weekend of August with attendance levels between 10,500 and 16,900 persons, in addition to a one-day event held on the last weekend in August with a maximum attendance level of 5,000 persons on APNs 033-271-05, -07, & -09. In 2016, this permit was modified to reduce the scope of event activities held in Humboldt County but still allow for auxiliary parking, camping, vending and silent disco on APN 033-271-007 during Northern Nights Music Festival (NNMF) located in Mendocino County on the third weekend in July. Parking and camping was approved to accommodate approximately 2,000 cars and 2,000 people and the silent disco was also authorized during the NNMF. The 2016 permit moved the One Day Event from the last weekend in August to the first weekend in July (July 2<sup>nd</sup> or July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016). The one-day concert event will last from 5pm until 11:59 pm and will accommodate up to 2,000 attendees. Attendees will be allowed to arrive as early as 12 pm the day of the event and camp overnight at Cook's Valley Campground in Mendocino County.

This addendum to the original and supplemental Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) (SCH 92-033-035) addresses the potential effects of the following:

- 1. Extending the term of the existing permit as most recently modified by CUP-04-38MMMM for five additional years, to 2022; and
- 2. Providing the flexibility to the event organizer to select either the first weekend in July (4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend) or the last weekend in August/first weekend in September (Labor Day weekend) for the One Day (Concert) Event.

<u>Purpose</u> - Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provides that the lead agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously adopted Environmental Impact Report (EIR) if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for a subsequent EIR have occurred. Section 15162 states that when an EIR has been adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

- 1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
- 3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete, shows any of the following: A) the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR; B) significant effect previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR; C) mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or D) mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the

previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

- No substantial changes are proposed which would require major revisions to the previously approved EIR. None of the proposed changes to the project will increase the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- No substantial changes to the project will result in a new environmental effect. Any potential impacts of significance have been mitigated through the project design currently proposed.
- All feasible mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project design. No additional mitigation is required. Since the project has been modified to effectively mitigate for all identified potential impacts, an addendum remains appropriate.

The purpose of this Addendum is to provide an analysis of the modification to the approved Conditional Use Permit as it was not discussed under its previously adopted EIR.

## Summary of Significant Project Effects and Mitigation Recommended

The change in the scope of the project does not generate any significant effects that require mitigation.

# Other CEQA Considerations

Staff suggests no further changes to the project as currently proposed.

# EXPLANATION OF DECISION NOT TO PREPARE A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT DECLARATION

The proposed project will contain either the same or reduced potential impacts and mitigation measures as the originally approved project under CUP-04-38MMM (SCH 92-033035). The current project retains all changes made with the 2016 permit modification (CUP-04-38MMMM) that significantly reduced the scope of the project by restricting numbers of campers and parking to 2,000 persons for the 3 day event and set the maximum number of participants for the 1-day event at 2,000 as described in the Addendum dated March 2016. The current modification is restricted to two elements: 1) extending the term of the modified permit for five (5) additional years, to 2022; and 2) providing the flexibility to the event organizer to select either the first weekend in July (4th of July weekend) or the last weekend in August/first weekend in September (Labor Day weekend) to hold the One Day (Concert) Event. The requested modifications do change the project description but not to the degree necessitating the preparation of a subsequent EIR pursuant to Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines as referenced above.

# Extension of Permit Term through 2022

The extension will authorize the reduced scope project to continue as an adjunct to the Northern Nights Music Festival (NNMF) held annually in Mendocino County. Prior modifications to this permit now authorize the site to be used for auxiliary parking, camping, vending and silent disco. The One Day Event reduced previously to 2,000 participants would similarly be extended for five additional years. This extension maintains this status quo. No changes to the intensity of use are proposed. All previous conditions and mitigations shall continue to apply. The permit is subject to annual performance monitoring.

# Change of Date of One-Day Event

This modification provides the annual flexibility to move the date of the one-day concert previously authorized for the last weekend in August to <u>either</u> the last weekend in August or the

Fourth of July holiday weekend. This annual flexibility is needed in order to work with local emergency service providers who provide traffic control and emergency medical services and often work other music and art events during the summer season. The attendance limit will remain at 2,000 people. In addition, the flexibility would provide for better coordination with other events and booking acts for the one day event. The applicant also commits to verify the date of the One Day Event with the County 60 days prior to the event date, and to submit a traffic control plan by April 15th of each year for the five year life of this permit. Furthermore, in the original EIR and the Addendums completed for the 2014 and 2016 events, both of the dates proposed for the One Day Event were analyzed and found not to have new significant environmental effects (see discussion from the 2016 Addendum below).

According to the original Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the project (1993), one of the alternatives that was evaluated was to hold the event during a different date at the current site, which, at the time, was French's Camp site (APN 033-271-005). The evaluation of this alternative concluded that, "The temporary and minimal environmental impacts of the proposed 2-day concert event would likely be similar if the event were held earlier or later in the summer season. Most environmental impacts would be the same" (EIR pg. 41). Although this was included in the EIR for the French's camp site location, French's camp is biologically similar and would have many of the same impacts as the current location, County Line Ranch (APN 033-271-007), because it is located immediately to the north. County Line Ranch was the project location for the Supplemental EIR prepared in 2006 (2006 FSEIR) and the Supplemental EIR prepared in 2008 (2008 FSEIR), which evaluated effects not included in the 1993 EIR. The Addendum that was prepared for the 2014 NNMF event evaluated the effects of the change in event date on the breeding season for Marbled murrelets and Spotted owls, and concluded that no new impacts would result because the breeding season spanned from late-March until late-September (Addendum 2014). Therefore, the same can be concluded from holding the event on the first weekend in July or the last weekend in August.

The change in the one-day event date from the last Saturday in August (August 29) to the first weekend in July (July 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>) must, however, be evaluated for its potential impacts to demands on public services. Historically, the project (CUP-04-38MMM) allowed an annual music festival to be held during the first weekend of August and a one-day concert event to be held during the last weekend of August. Considering those dates, there would be a four-week gap between events. Currently, the events are proposed to be held over the third weekend in July and the first weekend in July. There is a two-week gap between these dates which is two weeks less than previously evaluated. The NNMF festival is largely confined to Mendocino County, and therefore primarily relies on Mendocino County public services. The one-day event will be located in Humboldt County and will primarily rely on Humboldt County public services. Using public services from two different counties reduces the demand of public services on one county. The first weekend in July is considered a holiday weekend with the Fourth of July falling on Monday. The public service agencies will be fully staffed and support moving the date of the one-day concert to the first weekend of July. No new impacts to demand on public services is expected to result.

In conclusion, in every impact category analyzed in this review, the projected consequences of the current project proposal are either the same or less than significantly increased than the initial project for which the EIR was adopted. Based upon this review, the following findings are supported:

#### **FINDINGS**

For the modified project there are no substantial changes proposed in the project which
require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant
environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified
significant effects.

- 2. For the modified project no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- 3. For the modified project there has been no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was adopted as complete. Furthermore, it is concluded that: the current project will not have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR. Also, significant effects previously examined will not be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR. There are no mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible that would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project. Finally, there are no mitigation measures or alternatives identified in this analysis which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR, and which would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

### CONCLUSION

Based on these findings it is concluded that an Addendum to the adopted Environmental Impact Report is appropriate to address the requirements under CEQA for the current project proposal. All of the findings and mitigation requirements of the EIR are applicable to the current project proposal.

# Attachment 6

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTAL EIR (SCH# 92-033035)** Note: This attachment is located on CDs provided to the Planning Commissioners

# **ATTACHMENT 7**

# REFERRAL AGENCY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The project was referred to the following referral agencies for review and comment. Those agencies that provided written comments are checked off.

Referral Agency	Response	Recommendation	Attached	On File
Building Inspection Division	<b>√</b>	Approval		<b>✓</b>
HC Department of Public Works – Land Use Division	<b>√</b>	Conditional Approval		<b>√</b>
Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health	<b>√</b>	Conditional Approval		<b>✓</b>
Piercy Fire Protection District		No response		
California Highway Patrol		No response		
CA Department of Fish & Wildlife	✓	Comments		✓
CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection		No response		
CA Department of Transportation - District #1		No response		
US Army Corps of Engineers		No response	*	
National Marine Fisheries Service		No response		
Regional Water Quality Control Board - North Coast		No response		
Mendocino County - Planning & Building Services Department	<b>~</b>	Conditional Approval		<b>V</b>

# **ATTACHMENT 8**

# CUP-04-38MMM (One Day Event) CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND MOST RECENTLY APPROVED REGGAE RISING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

# CUP04-38MMM REVISED\* CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION FOR THE ADDITIONAL ONE-DAY EVENTS IS CONDITIONED ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS (the conditions of approval for the annual Reggae music events held each year during the first weekend in August are not addressed, and are not modified in this staff report):

# A. Conditions of Approval

- 1. The project shall be developed and conducted in accordance with the *Plan of Operation* submitted February 13, 2009, as amended from time to time subject to the review and approval of the Planning Director.
- 2. The applicant shall annually submit a letter from DEH at least two months prior to the scheduled beginning of the event held in each year indicating they have no objections to the additional one-day event taking place. All of the requirements of the DEH noted in their June 4, 2009 memo shall be met to the satisfaction of that agency.\*
- 3. The applicant shall annually submit a letter from CalTrans at least two months prior to the scheduled beginning of the event held in each year indicating they have no objections to the additional one-day event taking place.
- 4. Verification of attendance levels at each year's event shall be included in each year's annual report. A consultant shall be retained to provide the verification based on accepted methodologies, such as an aerial survey, approved by the Planning Director. A numbered wristband system of admitting people into the event and turnstiles or similar method of counting individuals entering and leaving the performance area shall be used each year to facilitate verification of attendance levels.
- 5. The applicant shall submit a water quality testing plan subject to the review and approval of the Planning Director that describes how the applicants will conduct water quality testing for temperature, coliform bacteria, pH and urea (ammonia). The applicants are required to perform water quality testing as described by the approved water quality testing plan. The water quality testing plan and the report submitted for the 2009 event shall incorporate the recommendations of the 2008 report by Curtis Miller included in the annual report for the 2008 event. In addition, the water quality testing plan and the report submitted for the 2009 event shall assess the water quality impacts of sunscreen and suntan lotion introduced into the South Fork of the Eel River by attendees, and make recommendations on how to mitigate these impacts if they are found to be significant.\*
- Within 120 days after the use permit expires or lapses, 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 Agricultural Lands and Timber Plan designation.
- 7. The project is subject to the following annual reporting and review requirements:
  - a. By December 31st of each year, the applicant shall prepare and submit fifteen (15) copies of a post-event report discussing that year's concert. This report may be combined with the post-event report for the annual Reggae music events held each year during the first weekend in August. The report should focus on assessing the effectiveness of the plan of operation, mitigation measures, and monitoring program. The report shall also contain written correspondence from agencies participating in monitoring and/or affected by the concert event (i.e., Planning Division, Division of Environmental

<sup>\*</sup> Revised by Planning Commission on June 4, 2009.

Health, Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Parks and Recreation and California Department of Transportation). Responses to all concerns and issues identified in the report shall be provided, and appropriate measures to be undertaken at the following year's event identified as needed. The report shall also include a breakdown of how the event benefited local non-profit organizations.\*

- b. Within 120 days of its receipt, the Planning Commission shall review the post-event report. The review shall be presented as an informational item on the agenda with no formal action required insofar as the issues of concern identified in the post-event report are being accommodated and responded to in a pro-active manner. Pursuant to the County Code, and as deemed appropriate for the protection of public health and safety, the Planning Commission may initiate a public hearing to further modify or revoke the Conditional Use Permit modification for cause.
- The annual report shall include a third-party independent assessment of the total daily attendance.
- d. The annual report shall also include a traffic report documenting traffic volume, intensity, and deficiencies in the traffic management plan.
- e. The annual report shall include sufficient data to assess the effectiveness of all required mitigation measures in relation to the total daily attendance, traffic volume and intensity, and potential water quality impacts.
- 8. The applicant shall annually submit a letter from CDF CalFire at least two months prior to the scheduled beginning of the first event held in each year indicating they have no objections to the event taking place. All of the requirements of CalFire noted in their April 2, 2009 memo shall be met to the satisfaction of that agency.\*
- 9. The applicants shall ensure that fire lanes are kept clear to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles throughout the event.
- 10. The applicant shall annually provide letters from the Army Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Fish and Game stating permission has been given to place a temporary bridge across the Eel River.
- 11. All cars must be parked more than 100 feet from the daily high water flow during the event, and any car with visible leaking fluids shall be prohibited from parking on the river bars.
- 12. All disturbed areas shall be stabilized and reseeded by October 15th of each year to prevent excess soil erosion.
- 13. Best Management Practices shall be used in all parking areas to minimize potential impacts to the Eel River.
- 14. The modification is approved for a one event on the last weekend of August 2009 and in each subsequent year to the year 2015. The total attendance at each the event shall be no more than 5,000 persons, including all staff, volunteers, performers, etc.

#### B. Information Notes:

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

<sup>\*</sup> Revised by Planning Commission on June 4, 2009.

- 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.
- 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, 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 modification approval shall expire on December 31, 2015.

# CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE 2016 NORTHERN NIGHTS MUSIC FESTIVAL EVENT

Approval of the Modification to the Conditional Use Permit is conditioned on the same Conditions of Approval applied to CUP 04-38MMM, except as noted in Informational Notes 1 and 2.

# A. Conditions of Approval

All of the Conditions of Approval applied under authorization of CUP-04-38MMM remain in full force and effect.

### B. Informational Notes

The following Informational Notes have been added to the project Conditions to provide clarification on commitments made by the applicant and to clarify the relationship between the terms of the Modified Use Permit (CUP-04-38MMMM) applicable to the current proposal.

- 1. The project shall be developed and conducted in accordance with the *Plan of Operations* submitted to Humboldt County by the current applicant. Where applicable, the project shall maintain conformance with the *Plan of Operations* submitted for the CUP-04-38MMM event, as referenced in Condition of Approval #1.
- 2. Because this project is specifically seeking the authorization of event parking and camping only, some of the conditions of approval of CUP-04-38MMM do not apply. These include the following numbered conditions: "4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17."
- 3. Applicant is responsible for receiving all necessary permits and/or approvals from other state and local agencies. This includes compliance with the Department of Public Works Land Use Division's conditions of approval listed in their referral response and certification of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan by a licensed traffic engineer. Additionally, applicant is required to provide the Division of Environmental Health with sufficient information to demonstrate potable water will be provided to individuals at the Humboldt County campground area during the event.
- 4. Condition of Approval Number 10 states the requirements of the post event report. Because the current proposal is auxiliary support activities, not all requirements are applicable. Specifically, the following applies:
  - a. Provide an assessment of the effectiveness of the traffic plan, camping plan, vendor and silent disco venues and applicable mitigation measures.
  - b. Provide written correspondence from agencies participating in monitoring within Humboldt County and/or affected by parking and camping event activities (i.e. Planning Division, Division of Environmental Health, Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation) Responses to all concerns and issues identified pertaining to parking and camping shall be provided, and appropriate measures to be undertaken at the following year's event as needed.

The post event report for Northern Nights Music Festival may be combined with the post event report for the one-day event.

- 5. The applicant shall coordinate with law enforcement personnel from the Humboldt and Mendocino County Sheriff's office(s). This includes providing financial compensation for services rendered during any oversight and management of the event. Failure to coordinate with local law enforcement may impact future permit approvals.
- 6. The water quality plan referenced in Condition of Approval Number 11 shall not apply for the 2016 event. Because the event largely occurs in Mendocino County, the approved use permit (#U 5-2013) includes a condition of approval that adequate water quality testing and analysis be conducted. Therefore, the applicant is not required to perform the additional testing as outlined in CUP-04-38-MMM. However, the applicant shall be required to expand the existing water quality testing program to the northernmost extent of County Line Ranch (APN 033-271-007) and include the results in the 2016 post event report submitted to Humboldt County.

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE 2016 ONE DAY CONCERT EVENT

Approval of the 2016 Event is conditioned on the same Conditions of Approval applied to CUP-04-38MMM, except as noted in Informational Notes 1-3.

# A. Conditions of Approval

All of the Conditions of Approval applied under authorization of CUP-04-38MMM remain in full force and effect.

### B. Informational Notes

The following Informational Notes have been added to the project Conditions to provide clarification on commitments made by the applicant and to clarify the relationship between the terms of the Modified Use Permit (CUP-04-38MMMM) applicable to the current proposal.

- 1. The project shall be developed and conducted in accordance with the *Plan of Operations* submitted to Humboldt County by the current applicant. Where applicable, the project shall maintain conformance with the *Plan of Operations* submitted for the CUP-04-38MMM event, as referenced in Condition of Approval Number 1.
- 2. Condition of Approval Number 2 references a Memo submitted in 2009 by the Division of Environmental Health. Because this Condition was addressed in 2009, the current applicant is responsible for ensuring wastewater is stored and disposed of in a way that meets current Environmental Health standards. Applicant shall address this in the postevent report. Additionally, applicant is required to provide the Division of Environmental Health with sufficient information to demonstrate potable water will be provided to individuals at the Humboldt County campground area during the event.
- 3. Condition of Approval Number 8 references a Memo submitted in 2009 from Calfire. Because this Condition was addressed in 2009, the current applicant is responsible for ensuring current Calfire standards are met.
- 4. The water quality plan referenced in Condition of Approval Number 5 does not apply. Based on the annual report from the 2008 one-day event, a water quality test was not conducted as it was determined to be unnecessary. Because the event took place in the evening, patrons did not swim in the river. The same is expected for the 2016 event with the concert beginning at 5pm. Additionally, access will not be provided to attendees for recreational activities in the river and vehicles will not be parked in close proximity to the river bar. However, the post event report will need to include a discussion of whether impacts to water quality may have resulted despite these efforts.
- 5. Condition of Approval 14 reference the one-day event on the last weekend of August until the year 2015 for up to 5,000 attendees. This modification changes the one-day event to the first weekend in July, extends the permit until 2016 and limits attendance including all staff, volunteers and performers to 2,000 people.