



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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**Title:** Cooks Valley Events (2023-2027)  
Conditional Use Permit & Special Permit Modifications  
Northern Nights Music Group, LLC - Application Number PLN-2023-18107  
Mateel Community Center, Inc. - Application Number PLN-2023-18108  
Cooks Valley area  
Assessor's Parcel Number(s): (APN's): (Humboldt County): 033-271-007, 033-271-009, 033-271-008, 033-271-004, 033-271-005, and 033-271-015

Modification and renewal of two Conditional Use Permits by two different applicants for events to occur annually at the County Line Ranch.

### PLN-2023-18107 Northern Nights Music Group

Renewal and modification of a Conditional Use Permit to allow for two music festivals to be held annually. Both events feature live music, camping and various vendors, including cannabis-related concessions and consumption within discrete areas on the properties. The County Line Ranch and Cooks Valley Campground span both Humboldt and Mendocino Counties and will serve as the principal venue for all events. One event includes camping and parking at the County Line Ranch during a three or four-day, 8,000-person event, ordinarily held on the third weekend of July, known as the Northern Nights Music Festival. The applicant is seeking to expand this event to 10,000 persons. The second event includes entertainment, camping and parking for a day, 3,000-person event ordinarily held on a weekend in either July or September. The applicant is seeking to expand this event to two (2) days and 5,000 persons.

### PLN-2023-18107 Mateel Community Center

Renewal and modification of a Conditional Use Permit to allow for two music festivals to be held annually. Both events feature live music, camping and various vendors, including cannabis-related concessions and consumption within discrete areas on the properties. The County Line Ranch and Cooks Valley Campground span both Humboldt and Mendocino Counties and will serve as the principal venue for all events. One event is the Summer Arts and Music Festival which occurs over two days and is ordinarily held during the third weekend in June. The event was first held at the County Line Ranch in 2022 and the applicant is seeking to increase attendance from 4,000 to 5,000 persons under the modification request. The second event is Reggae on the River, which ordinarily occurs over three days and is held during the first weekend in August. The Reggae on the River event has not occurred since 2018 and is planned to be held annually beginning in 2024. The event will not be held in 2023. The applicant is seeking to expand attendance at this event to 8,000 persons.

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