



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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Modification to the Conditional Use Permit for 2016 Northern Nights Music Festival and One-Day Event

A modification of Conditional Use Permit CUP-04-38MMM 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 2016. 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 approved for a 6,000 person three-day event by Mendocino County (CUP UM 2014-0011). The applicants propose to modify CUP-04-38MMM 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 on Thursday, July 14, 2106. The applicant also proposes to move the date of the one-day concert previously authorized for the last weekend in August to July 2 or July 3, 2016, which is the Fourth of July holiday weekend and set the attendance of the one-day concert to 2,000 people. The term of the existing permit was set to expire in 2015 and this modification will extend the validity of the CUP for one additional year. The applicant submitted a monitoring report for the 2015 event demonstrating continued compliance with conditions of approval. 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 the 2014 and 2015 substantial conformance reviews. An additional addendum to the EIR has been prepared this year in order to address early entry into the NNMF, moving the date of the one-day concert to July 2 or July 3, 2016 and locating food and craft vendors and the silent disco in Humboldt County.

Staff Recommendation: 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 subject to the recommended conditions.