

### ATTACHMENT 3

#### Referral Agency Comments and Recommendation

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

| Referral Agency  | Response | Recommendation             | Attached | On File |
|--|----------|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| HC Public Health Department - Division of Environmental Health   | x        | Comments                   | x        |         |
| CA Department of Fish & Wildlife                                 |          | Comments                   | x        |         |
| Humboldt County Sheriff  |          | No Comments                |          |         |
| Mendocino County Sheriff   |          | No Issues                  | x        |         |
| CA Highway Patrol – Garberville Office                           | x        | No Comments<br>or Concerns | x        |         |
| HC Public Works Department - Land Use Division                   | x        | No Issues                  | x        |         |
| Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria                     | x        | No Comments                |          |         |
| HC Planning & Building Department - Building Inspection Division |          |                            |          |         |
| Mendocino County – Planning & Building Services Department       |          |                            |          |         |
| CA State Parks – North Coast District                            |          |                            |          |         |
| CA Department of Transportation – District #1                    |          |                            |          |         |
| CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection                      |          |                            |          |         |
| Garberville Fire Protection District                             |          |                            |          |         |
| Mendocino County Sheriff   |          |                            |          |         |
| Redway Fire Protection District                                  |          |                            |          |         |
| Briceland Fire Protection District                               |          |                            |          |         |
| Sprowel Creek Volunteer Fire Department                          |          |                            |          |         |
| Piercy Volunteer Fire Department                                 |          |                            |          |         |
| Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District                  |          |                            |          |         |
| Regional Water Quality Control Board – North Coast               |          |                            |          |         |
| State Water Resources Control Board – Water Rights Division      |          |                            |          |         |

**From:** [Rian, Kathryn\(Katie\)@Wildlife](mailto:Rian_Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife)  
**To:** [Lazar, Steve](mailto:Lazar, Steve)  
**Subject:** RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2025 events at Cooks Valley  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2026 11:46:50 AM

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Hi Steve,

Thank you for sharing this report. I was happy to see that the Mateel has acquired more permanent water storage, which should theoretically help to reduce water diversion during the event itself. However, the substantial increase in water use between 2024 and 2025 is concerning. I understand some of that may be attributed to aging infrastructure on the property, which would fall within the landowners' responsibility. Perhaps we can improve accountability measures in the next round of environmental review when the Conditional Use Permits are up for renewal. In the meantime, I recommend inspecting and testing all temporary aboveground plumbing prior to and during the event, as mentioned in Attachment B of the report. It would also be helpful to understand approximately what percentage of the water is used for dust suppression. If it's a substantial amount, perhaps additional dust abatement measures could be implemented, such as adding wood chips to high-traffic areas and trails. I believe most of the dance floors are on the gravel bar, but if some stages are in upland grassy or dirt areas, temporary rubber mats might help. Just a thought.

Finally, CDFW understands there was a delay in the removal of dumpsters following the event. To minimize wildlife access and inadvertent spread of litter, CDFW recommends removing dumpsters no more than seven days after the event and ensuring that dumpsters remain covered and inaccessible to wildlife during the intervening post-event clean-up.

Thanks,  
Katie

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**From:** Lazar, Steve <SLazar@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2026 1:28 PM  
**To:** Bocast, Kalyn@Wildlife <Kalyn.Bocast@Wildlife.ca.gov>; Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov>  
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Thanks!

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**From:** [Will, Kevin@CHP](mailto:Will, Kevin@CHP)  
**To:** [Lazar, Steve](mailto:Lazar, Steve)  
**Cc:** [Parker, Gabriel@CHP](mailto:Parker, Gabriel@CHP)  
**Subject:** RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2025 events at Cooks Valley  
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Hello, Steve,

The CHP Garberville Area office does not have any comments or suggestions for event improvements. We appreciate you reaching out for comments. I've included the Garberville Area's new Lieutenant, Gabe Parker, on this email thread for future reference.

Thank you,

**Kevin Will, Sergeant**

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**Subject:** RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2025 events at Cooks Valley

Good afternoon,

Sorry for the delayed response but I was out of the office on vacation. I transferred to a different office and Lt McCanless retired. Please contact Sergeant Kevin Will who I have cc'd in this email any further assistance you might need.

Thanks,

*Craig Geddes, #17642*

*Sergeant*

**California Highway Patrol**

**Monterey Area (730)**

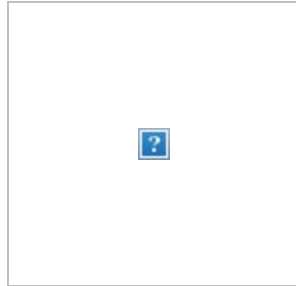
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**From:** [Owen, Patrick J](#)  
**To:** [Lazar, Steve](#)  
**Cc:** [Whittlesey, Joseph](#); [Kalsou, Mario](#); [Dolf, Benjamin](#); [Cook, Morgan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2025 events at Cooks Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026 1:29:09 PM  
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Hi Steve,

We will work on getting you feedback regarding the 2025 Mateel events held at County Line Ranch -- to summarize, there were some deficiencies noted last year by our Land Use Program regarding maintenance of the potable water supply and by our Consumer Protection Program regarding both inadequate pressure and leaking plumbing at temporary sinks, along with electrical outages affecting hot and cold food holding temperatures, inadequate number of potable water faucets for food vendors, and inadequate refrigerated space for food vendors. Let us know if you have a deadline for our formal response.

Thanks,  
Patrick

**Patrick Owen, REHS**

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**To:** ENVHEALTH <ENVHEALTH@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Owen, Patrick J <powen@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Whittlesey, Joseph <jwhittlesey@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
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DPW COMMENTS – REC'D 3/19/2025:

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

**From:** [Quincy Cromer](#)  
**To:** [Lazar, Steve](#)  
**Cc:** [Matthew Kendall](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PLN-2023-18108 Annual Monitoring Report – Mateel 2025 events at Cooks Valley  
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Steve,

I received your email inquiry regarding the Mateel Community Center and the events held annually at the County Line Ranch (Cooks Valley Campground).

For the last several years we have been involved with the approval and letter of adequacy for the Northern Nights Music Festival but have not been involved with the Reggae on the River event for more than a decade. It is my understanding that the agreement is for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office to take primary responsibilities for the Reggae event and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office does the same for the Northern Nights event (I believe both are at the County Line Ranch – Cooks Valley Campground).

I researched our computer system and did not locate any calls for service related to this event held last year in August of 2025. The only calls we had there last year were theft calls in September and July of 2025. The last call prior to that was a welfare check in August of 2024. The welfare check was for a subject reportedly working the event, who was found to be fine.

I also researched calls for service at the Humboldt / Mendocino County Line and did not locate any calls handled by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office related to the Reggae event.

I do not have any additional information or input related to this event and will defer to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, as I am sure you contacted them for input as well.

Feel free to contact me by email or phone (contact info listed below) if you need any additional information.

Take care,

Quincy

**Quincy Cromer**  
Sheriff's Captain  
Field Services

Public Information Officer

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