



Monterey County
SPECIAL EVENT TASK FORCE MEETING
MINUTES

JANUARY 27, 2023, 9: 00a.m – 10: 00a.m

TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM
Monterey County Government Center
1441 Schilling Place – South, 2nd Floor Salinas, CA 93901

The overview of the Special Events Task Force is to form a partnership between event planners and regulatory agency staff to provide support addressing life, health, and safety issues. The purpose of this meeting is to guide event organizers through the County permit process and to familiarize them with agency staff who will be their points of contact, and to have an open discussion with stakeholders on any concerns regarding an event.

Welcome and Introductions

Scheduled Events for Discussion

1) 2023 AT&T PRO-AM (APN: 008-401-001-000)

PERMITS: 22SE00098, 22CP03742

Presenter: Cheryl Burrell

Set up: 12/12/2022 Event Starts: 01/20/2023 Event Ends: 02/05/2023 Teardown: 02/06/2023

Location: Pebble Beach Golf Course (various)

- Organizer Cheryl Burrell was present and provided the following comments.
 - Event has been occurring for 78 years
 - Set up began in December
 - Have been having building and fire inspections
 - Final inspection might take place until Monday 01/30/2023.
 - Teardown will begin on 02/06/2023 and should take a month to 6 weeks.
- **Regulatory agencies comments pertaining to this event-NONE**
- **Public comments pertaining this event- NONE**

2) Stonefish Music Festival (apn:173-011-023-000)

Presenter: Joe Flesher, Jim Miller

Permits: 23SE00003

Set up: 06/16/2023 Event Starts: 06/16/2023 Event Ends: 06/18/2023 Teardown: 06/19/2023

Location: WeatherTech® Raceway at Laguna Seca, 1021 Monterey Salinas Highway, Salinas CA

- Organizers Joe Flesher and Jim Miller were present and provided the following comments.
 - Will be a 3-day event.
 - Event dates will be 06/16/2023, 06/17/2023, and 06/18/2023
 - Music will begin approximately at 12:00p.m. and end at 10:00p.m.

- No official music lineup has been released.
 - Music lineup will be released to the public until tickets are ready to go on sale.
 - Food will be sold.
 - There will be about 10,000 attendees per day.
 - On-site camping will be available for festival attendees during all 3 days of the festival.
 - They are expecting about 500 campers per night.
 - Laguna Seca does have capacity for about 5,000 campers.
 - Alcohol and cannabis will be sold.
 - State regulations require that the alcohol and cannabis be separated.
 - There will be individual tents for alcohol and cannabis sales that will be quite a distance apart from each other.
 - The island at Laguna Seca will be utilized for Cannabis sales.
 - All attendees will be required to present a valid identification card to verify they are of legal age to purchase alcohol/cannabis.
 - Attendees who purchase cannabis will be able to take their purchases into the festival/campsites.
 - Attendees will not be required to consume their purchases
 - The remainder of the lakebed will be utilized for the rest of the festival.
 - Event organizer clarified that the Monterey Herald did not speak to him prior to publishing their article.
 - Event will have a silent disco that will begin around 10:00p.m.
 - Silent discos are part of almost every Music Festival across the world.
 - Headphones will be provided to attendees.
 - Music will only be played through the headphones, meaning that no music will be played out loud.
 - Would like to present the cannabis component of the festival in a way that is regulated/monitored and legal.
 - Security will be on-site.
 - All gates will be staffed.
 - Metal detectors will be utilized.
 - The island will have its own security entrance and security check point.
- **Regulatory agencies comments pertaining to this event:**
 - **Michelle House (Monterey County Public Health) provided the following comments:**
 - Requested clarification of how they will be monitoring if an attendee is of legal age to purchase cannabis and alcohol.
 - Requested clarification if there will be a requirement for attendees to consume the purchased cannabis within the tent or if they will be able to take their purchase with them to the rest of the festival and campsites.
 - Noted that since cannabis purchases will not be required to be consumed within the tent it may potentially provide attendees to share their purchases with others, included attendees that are under the legal age.
 - Expressed concern pertaining crossfading and safety.
 - Laguna Seca next to Highway 68.
 - Concern of having drivers, who leave the festival, on the road

after possibly consuming cannabis/alcohol.

- **David Jensen (Monterey County Reginal Fire District) Provided the following comments:**
 - Requested clarification pertaining the number of attendees for each day and the number of campers camping each night.
- **Christopher Pia (California Highway Patrol) provided the following comments:**
 - Requested to have meetings with event organizers.
 - Requested that a traffic plan be provided ahead of time.
 - **Liz Gonzales** stated she would send the contact information of event organizers to the regulatory agencies to meet in person.
- **Public comments pertaining this event:**
 - **Michael Weaver provided the following comments:**
 - Monterey Herald reported that this would be a Cannabis Music Festival.
 - Article reported there would be cannabis presentations that would occur and that the event would be focused on cannabis.
 - Article mentioned event would have a silent disco.
 - Mr. Weaver requested clarification on this subject.
 - Started attending car racing events at Laguna Seca in the late 50's.
 - The venue was originally designed as a sports car track, and along the years other events have taken place at the venue.
 - Previously requested the last Environmental Impact Report done for Laguna Seca.
 - Report was certified on March 30, 1983.
 - Read the document many years ago and recalls that there was nothing in the document pertaining drug sales at Laguna Seca, festivals that would go until 10:00p.m., or party like atmospheres.
 - Was advised that the document was not located, but Monterey County staff is still trying to locate it.
 - Requesting Monterey County to please produce that Environmental Impact Report.
 - Requesting a justification for having an event like this, because there has not been an environmental review ever done for this, to his knowledge.
 - This opens Monterey County for litigation.
 - **Evan Allen provided the following comments:**
 - Requested clarification pertaining the music lineup for the event.

3) **NorCal Interscholastic Cycling League East Bay & Central Regions Race**

Presenter: Storm Glover

Permits: 22SE00004

Set up: 03/23/2023 Event Starts: 03/25/2023 Event Ends: 03/26/2023 Teardown: 03/26/2023

Location: Fort Ord Travel Camp, 15301 Watkins Gate Road, East Garrison, CA

- Organizer Storm Glover was present and provide the following comments.
 - Will be a mountain bike event
 - Event will take place at Fort Ord Travel Camp.
 - Race has taken place at this venue for at least 10 years.
 - Set up will begin on 03/24/2023.
 - Will be having their own EMS team
 - Will also be working with the local fire station
 - Will be sending out a letter to homeowners around the area advising of potential traffic impact.
 - About 100 kids will pre ride the course that will be raced the following day.
 - There will be 2 days of racing.
 - Saturday they are expecting about 400 total attendees.
 - This number includes participants, spectators, and staff.
 - Racing will begin around 9:00a.m. and ends around 3:00 p.m.
 - Around 3:00p.m. the course will open for riders that will race the following day.
 - Pre-ride will shut down right before sundown.
 - No riders will be on the course before sunup.
 - Sunday they are expecting about 500 total attendees.
 - This number includes participants, spectators, and staff.
 - Racing will begin around 9:00a.m. and ends around 3:00 p.m.
 - Teardown will begin around 3:00p.m.
 - Teardown should be completed by 6:00p.m.
 - No riders will be on the course before sunup.
- **Regulatory agencies comments pertaining to this event:**
 - **Dona Luna (Monterey County Parks) provided the following comments:**
 - She has been working with event organizers.
 - Has received the following documents:
 - Facility use application
 - Special Event Questionnaire
 - Medical Plan
 - Course Map
 - Is waiting for additional documents from the event organizer
 - Will be getting the agreement together
 - There are two events one will take place in March and the other will take place at the end of April.
 - Both events will be handled under the same agreement.
 - Is aware that event organizer has been working with Monterey County HCD's Permit Center pertaining any potential permits that might be needed.
 - **David Jensen (Monterey County Reginal Fire District) Provided the following comments:**
 - Requested clarification as to whether they will be having their own medical
 - Requested that event organizer work with Chief Anderson

New Items

❖ Art Black (Monterey County Reginal Fire District) Provided the following comments:

- Advised meeting attendees that with the adoption of the new fire codes starting first of January 2023 the following will now be required.
 - Fire Marshals in all fire districts will be enforcing the requirement for crowd managers at events.
 - Any event over 500 people will require a crowd manager.
 - Any event at an outside venue with 1,000 people or more will require a crowd manager.

Old Items

This is a time set aside for the public and agencies to comment on a matter that is not on the agenda.

Adjournment

If you have any questions about any of the items listed on this agenda, please contact Monterey County Housing & Community Development Department at:

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