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Dear EBRPD Board of Directors,

I am writing to you today to express my disappointment that you are not willing to support the Two Day Town event at the Del Valle Reservoir. I know that might sound harsh, but when you continue to site generic park rules and, in some case just bringing up issues that *might* happen, to come up with more and more rules for this special event to follow, it sounds like you are just trying to avoid having the event at all. Of course, that would be so much easier, right?

In reading your rationales, it seems like you are always considering the worst-case scenario, without any actual data. As an example, this rationale: "parking on either side of Del Valle Road is ... a public safety issue". Yet we did this for 18 years, so what data do you have to site it as a public safety issue?

Please approach the rules creation from a positive perspective.

This is the only music festival that I've ever attended. The casual, everyone-is-equal nature of the event is special. That combined with the leave-no-trace camping really fits well with the overall philosophy of the East Bay Park District.

Thank you.

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