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Recently, the Los Angeles Times published an article about state audits of California's county fairs, highlighting issues at 26 fairs—including the Del Norte County Fair.

State audits are routine at both local and state levels, and we welcome them. They serve two vital purposes: First, they help us identify and correct any mistakes. Second, they inform us of evolving procedures—what was acceptable for years can change overnight, and it's our responsibility to adapt.

It's important to note that small fairs like Del Norte operate on tight budgets and lack the dedicated staff (such as compliance officers) that larger government entities often employ. We do the best we can with limited resources and use audits as a tool to continually improve.

Regarding our own audit: Even before it was finalized, our team had completed required training, updated policies to meet new state regulations, and revised accounting practices for full compliance.

Most importantly, the audit confirmed that no funds were missing—only that certain procedures needed updating, which we have now done.

We are incredibly proud of our little fair and fairgrounds. Judging by our strong attendance numbers, our community feels the same. We promise to keep doing our very best, following the rules diligently, and making any required changes promptly.

Thank you for your continued support!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kara Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

41st District Agricultural Association
Board Chair, Kara Miller