COMMUNITY OF MATTOLE LOOKS AT HISTORY AND BRIGHT NEW ERA

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Away to the west of the Valley of the Giants, on the south side of the Rainbow mountains, there is a hidden valley. Mattola, the Indians called it — which means “clear water.” Hot springs and the valley of abundance and beauty, their understanding of the land and its potential was vast. The valley would have vast potential in the future.

The valley is now known as the Mattole River, which runs through the center of the community. The river is home to a variety of fish, including the steelhead trout, which is an important part of the local culture.

The valley is a beautiful place. Fields of wildflowers bloom along the riverbanks, and the air is filled with the scent of pine trees. The river is a source of water for the community, and it is also a source of recreation for the locals, who enjoy fishing and kayaking on the river.

PETALIA WAS HARD

Petalia is the center of the great Mattole valley — a tiny town that got its start in the late 1800s, and which now looks much like it did then. The town is still a bustling center of activity, with a variety of businesses and services available to the community.

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Today, Petalia is a thriving community, with a variety of businesses and services available to the community. The town is located in the heart of the Mattole Valley, and it is a great place to live and work.

Looking across John Chambers ranch and farmlands, below Petalia.

The Walker ranch of 22 rooms was completed in early 1890s.

The Walker family sold the ranch to various owners over the years, who continued to farm the land and maintain the beautiful ranch house.

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