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Mr. Eric Torbet
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3944 Pine Ave

Subject: Letter of Support for possible Experimental Onsite Wastewater Treatment System located at 3944 Pine Ave, Clearlake, CA 95422.

Dear Mr. Torbet,

I would like to thank you for your submittal of an application for an Experimental Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Permit. The nature of your proposal is the use and maintenance of a Composting Toilet. At this time, composting toilets are not permitted in Lake County, but may be permitted as an Experimental System. This office has reviewed your proposal and finds it to be complete and thorough. It is the intent of this office to consider your proposal for approval.

Due to the experimental nature of your proposal, there may be conditions which will be required prior to the installation and use of the Composting Toilet. These details have not yet been worked out at this time. However, this letter should be used to demonstrate both mine and the Health Officer's desire to work with you toward the implementation of this system. I believe this system, as proposed, offers an alternative approach to human wastewater treatment that provides a significant reduction in water usage which could prove beneficial to the people of Lake County.

As with all experimental efforts, great care must be taken to ensure that the use of the system does not present a harmful or hazardous condition which could affect public health. It is my intent to work with you in the development of your system and to issue a permit should it be feasible to do so.

Should you require any further information or assistance from me, please do not hesitate to contact me at Craig.Wetherbee@lakecountyca.gov or (707)263-1164.
Sincerely,

Craig Wetherbee
Director of Environmental Health

