

From: [Whittlesey, Joseph](#)
To: [Whitney, Andrew](#)
Cc: [Molofsky, Adam](#)
Subject: RE: PLN-2024-19115 Sacred Groves Green Burial
Date: Friday, January 10, 2025 4:49:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Andrew,

Thank you for providing the updated Operations Plan. DEH has reviewed the subject conditional use permit application, providing the following comments in response to activities proposed in the most recently submitted Operations Plan (revised 12/28/24), provided by the applicant:

The proposed operations must be supported by an approved means of sewage disposal. Occasional interment and chapel congregation activities may be supported by portable toilets maintained by a licensed sewage cleaning service provider or by installing a permitted onsite wastewater treatment system. Permanent congregation activities must be supported by a permanent means of sewage disposal via installation of a permitted onsite wastewater treatment system.

If drinking water is provided to visitors and staff, please be advised that any water system serving 25 or more people per day any sixty (60) days out of the year constitutes a public water system regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water.

I have added a corresponding note to the project record. Please let us know if you have any questions or if DEH can provide further assistance.

Thank you,

Joey Whittlesey
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Hello Joey, Here is the revised plan. It will be revised again soon. See attached email. Initial impressions are appreciated but the formal referral should wait until the proposal is solidified. Thank you,



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Good morning Andrew,

I'm wrapping up DEH's comments for this project and plan to complete our workflow step this afternoon. Would you be able to send me a copy of the updated Operations Plan?

Thank you,

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Hi Adam, thanks for the update. I have a meeting with the applicant next week so DEH comments prior to the Monday meeting would be very helpful.



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Andrew,

We are okay with portable toilet for the chapel and not having water onsite. Applicant says that they are not pursuing a campground. Joey is working on a response to this referral that should come your way this week.

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Hello Adam, Has the staff at DEH had a chance to review this Sacred Groves Green Burial CUP project that was referred on 11/18/2024? The applicant states DEH said they were OK with porta-potty and the shelter/chapel not having water or septic services. **Can you confirm that?** I have spoken to Keith Ingersoll about the proposed Chapel structure, and he is ready to defer to DEH regarding the need for water and OWTS at the site. Building Department will require ADA compliant parking, structure, portable toilets, and handwashing stations. Are there any other issues with this proposal that warrant referral comments from DEH? A neighbor has raised concerns about surface and groundwater contamination. Please let me know if you have questions about this project or require additional information.

Thank you,



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Subject: Amended Operations Plan

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Good morning Andrew.

I have attached an updated Operations Plan.

The camping has been dropped. The project is for day-use only.

The promotional fluff about green burial is removed. A preface remains that describes the overall service.

I got a call from Adam at Environmental Services this morning. He asked about water supplies for camping and I let him know that camping has been dropped from the proposal. He said they were OK with porta-potty and the shelter/chapel not having water or septic services.

I will coordinate a visit from the Bear River THPO.

Michael J. Furniss

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