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RE: Draft Discharge Permit Renewal, DP-328, Elephant Butte Lake State Park

Dear Colleen Baker:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) hereby provides notice to the State parks Division, ENMRD of the proposed approval of Ground Water Discharge Permit Renewal, DP-328, (copy enclosed), pursuant to Subsection H of 20.6.2.3108 NMAC. NMED will publish notice of the availability of the draft Discharge Permit in the near future for public review and comment and will forward a copy of that notice to you.

Prior to making a final ruling on the proposed Discharge Permit, NMED will allow 30 days from the date the public notice is published in the newspaper for any interested party, including the Discharge Permit applicant, i.e., yourself, to submit written comments and/or a request a public hearing. A hearing request shall set forth the reasons why a hearing is requested. NMED will hold a hearing in response to a timely hearing request if the NMED Secretary determines there is substantial public interest in the proposed Discharge Permit.

Please review the enclosed draft Discharge Permit carefully. Please be aware that this Discharge Permit may contain conditions that require the permittee to implement operational, monitoring, or closure actions by a specified deadline.

Please submit written comments or a request for hearing to my attention at the address below, via email to gerald.knutson@env.nm.gov or to pps.general@env.nm.gov, or directly into the NMED Public Comment Portal at <https://nmed.commentinput.com/comment/search>. If NMED does not receive written comments or a request for hearing during the public comment period, the draft Discharge Permit will become final.

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Thank you for your cooperation during the review process. Feel free to contact me with any questions at (505) 660-7189.

Sincerely,

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enc: Draft Discharge Permit Renewal, DP-328

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GROUND WATER QUALITY BUREAU
DISCHARGE PERMIT
Issued under 20.6.2 NMAC

Facility Name: Elephant Butte Lake State Park

Discharge Permit Number: DP-328

Facility Location: 101 Highway 195
 Elephant Butte, NM
 Sections 12 and 13, Township 13 South, Range 04 West

County: Sierra

Permittee: State Parks Division, EMNRD
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Permitting Action: Renewal

Permit Issuance Date: DATE
Permit Expiration Date: DATE

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Discharge Permit Summary
New Mexico Environment Department Ground Water Quality Bureau Monitoring Well
Construction and Abandonment Guidelines, Revision 1.1, March 2011 (Monitoring
Well Guidance)

I. INTRODUCTION

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issues this groundwater discharge permit Renewal (Discharge Permit or DP-328) to the State Parks Division, EMNRD (Permittee) pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Act (WQA), NMSA 1978 §§74-6-1 through 74-6-17, and the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Ground and Surface Water Protection Regulations, 20.6.2 NMAC.

NMED's purpose in issuing this Discharge Permit, and in imposing the requirements and conditions specified herein, is to control the discharge of water contaminants from Elephant Butte Lake State Park (Facility) in order to protect groundwater and those segments of surface water gaining from groundwater inflow for present and potential future use as domestic and agricultural water supply and other uses, and to protect public health. It is NMED's determination in issuing this Discharge Permit that the Permittee has met the requirements of Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC. The Permittee is responsible for complying with the terms and conditions of this Discharge Permit pursuant to Section 20.6.2.3104 NMAC; failure to do so may result in enforcement action by NMED (20.6.2.1220 NMAC).

Described below are the activities that produce the discharge, the location of the discharge, and the quantity, quality, and flow characteristics.

The Facility discharges domestic/RV wastewater at a volume of up to 20,000 gallons per day (gpd) to seven septic tank leachfield disposal systems and to two holding tanks.

Discharge Permit Location Information:

Physical Address	101 Highway 195
Nearest Town/City	Approximately one mile northeast of Elephant Butte
Section, Township, Range	Sections 12 and 13, Township 13 South, Range 04 West
County	Sierra
Depth to Groundwater	84
Pre-Discharge TDS	784

Discharge Permit Issuance History:

Original Permit Issuance	April 30, 1984
Permit Renewal	March 23, 1989
Permit Renewal and Modification	July 28, 1995
Permit Renewal and Modification	April 30 2002
Permit Renewal	January 22, 2014
Permit Renewal	May 24, 2019

The application (i.e., discharge plan) associated with this Discharge Permit consists of the materials submitted by the Permittee dated May 8, 2024 and materials contained in the administrative record prior to issuance of this Discharge Permit.

The Permittee shall manage the discharge in accordance with all conditions and requirements of this Discharge Permit.

NMED reserves the right to require a Discharge Permit modification in the event NMED determines that the Permittee is or may be violating, or is likely to violate in the future, the requirements of 20.6.2 NMAC or the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. NMED reserves this right pursuant to Section 20.6.2.3109 NMAC. An NMED requirement to modify the Discharge Permit may result from a determination by the department that structural controls and/or management practices approved under this Discharge Permit are insufficiently protective of groundwater quality and human health. NMED reserves the right to require the Permittee to implement abatement of water pollution and remediate groundwater quality.

NMED issuance of this Discharge Permit does not relieve the Permittee of the responsibility to comply with the WQA, WQCC Regulations, and any other applicable federal, state and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements and nuisance ordinances.

This Discharge Permit may use the following acronyms and abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Explanation	Abbreviation	Explanation
BOD ₅	biochemical oxygen demand (5-day)	NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
CAP	Corrective Action Plan	NMSA	New Mexico Statutes Annotated
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	NO ₃ -N	nitrate-nitrogen
Cl	chloride	QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency	TDS	total dissolved solids
gpd	gallons per day	TKN	total Kjeldahl nitrogen
LAA	land application area	total nitrogen	= TKN + NO ₃ -N
LADS	Land Application Data Sheet(s)	TSS	total suspended solids
mg/L	milligrams per liter	WQA	New Mexico Water Quality Act
mL	milliliters	WQCC	Water Quality Control Commission
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative Code	WWTF	Wastewater Treatment Facility

II. FINDINGS

In issuing this Discharge Permit, NMED finds the following.

1. The Permittee is discharging effluent or leachate from the Facility so that such effluent or leachate may move into groundwater of the State of New Mexico that has an existing concentration of 10,000 mg/L or less of TDS, within the meaning of Subsection A of 20.6.2.3101 NMAC, without exceeding standards of 20.6.2.3103 NMAC for any water contaminant.
2. The Permittee is discharging effluent or leachate from the Facility directly or indirectly into groundwater pursuant to this Discharge Permit and Sections 20.6.2.3000 through 20.6.2.3114 NMAC.
3. The discharge from this Facility has the potential to contain water contaminants or toxic pollutants elevated above the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC and is not subject to the exemption at Subsection 20.6.2.3105 NMAC.

III. AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring that discharges authorized by this Discharge Permit are consistent with the terms and conditions herein pursuant to 20.6.2.3104 NMAC.

This Discharge Permit authorizes the Permittee to discharge domestic/RV wastewater of up to 20,000 gpd to seven septic tank leachfield disposal systems and to two holding tanks as described below.

- 1) Comfort Station #1 (restrooms, boat holding tanks, marina lunch counter, and marina/parking lot restrooms) consists of two septic tanks in parallel. Clarified wastewater discharges to a leachfield.
- 2) Comfort Station #2 (restrooms) consists of two septic tanks in parallel. Clarified wastewater discharges to two separate leachfields.
- 3) Desert Cove (restrooms and Desert Cove's RV Dump Station) consists of five septic tanks. The east system consists of one septic tank. The west system consists of three septic tanks in series and one septic tank parallel to the three tanks. Clarified wastewater discharges to two separate leachfields.
- 4) The Administration & Maintenance Buildings consists of one septic tank. Clarified wastewater discharges to a leachfield.
- 5) The Training Center consists of one septic tank. Clarified wastewater discharges to a leachfield.
- 6) The Pay Booth consists of one septic tank. Clarified wastewater discharges to a leachfield.
- 7) Lions Beach consists of two holding tanks equipped with high level alarms. The Permittee pumps and hauls wastewater off-site to a permitted facility.

[20.6.2.3104 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3106 NMAC, Subsection D of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

IV. CONDITIONS

NMED issues this Discharge Permit for the discharge of water contaminants subject to the following conditions.

A. OPERATIONAL PLAN

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1.	The Permittee shall implement the following operational plan to ensure compliance with Title 20, Chapter 6, Parts 2 and 4 NMAC. [Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
2.	The Permittee shall operate in a manner that does not violate standards and requirements of Sections 20.6.2.3101 and 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. [20.6.2.3101 NMAC, 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

Operating Conditions

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3.	The Permittee shall visually inspect the area above each leachfield (disposal system) semi-annually to ensure proper maintenance. The Permittee shall correct any conditions that indicate damage to the disposal system. The Permittee shall ensure conditions corrected include erosion damage, animal activity/damage, woody shrubs, evidence of seepage, or any other condition indicating damage. The Permittee shall keep a log of the inspections that includes the date of the inspection, any findings and repairs, and the name of the inspector. The Permittee shall make the log available to NMED upon request. In the event of a failure of a disposal system, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan set forth in this Discharge Permit. [Subsections A and D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
4.	The Permittee shall inspect all septic tanks identified in this Discharge Permit semi-annually for the accumulation of scum and solids. In the event that the scum layer exceeds three inches or the settled solids occupy 30% or more of the tank volume, the contents of the tanks shall be pumped by a septage pumper meeting the qualification

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	<p>requirements identified in Subsection D of 20.7.3.904 NMAC, Liquid Waste Disposal and Treatment Regulations.</p> <p>The Permittee shall create and maintain a log of all septic tank inspections which describes the findings, repairs, and removals, the date of the inspection, and the name of the person responsible for the inspection. The Permittee shall make the log available to NMED upon request.</p> <p>The Permittee shall maintain a record of solids removal and disposal, including the name of the septage hauler, date of off-site shipment, volume of solids removed, disposal method, and disposal location.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

B. MONITORING AND REPORTING

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5.	<p>The Permittee shall conduct the monitoring, reporting, and other requirements listed below in accordance with the monitoring requirements of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
6.	<p>METHODOLOGY - Unless otherwise specified by this Discharge Permit, or approved in writing by NMED, the Permittee shall use sampling and analytical techniques that conform with the references listed in Subsection B of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC.</p> <p>[Subsection B of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

Due Dates for Monitoring Reports

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7.	<p>Semi-annual monitoring - The Permittee shall perform monitoring and other Permit required actions during the following periods and shall submit semi-annual reports to NMED by the following due dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1st through June 30th – due by August 1st; and • July 1st through December 31st – due by February 1st. <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

Groundwater Monitoring Conditions

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8.	<p>The Permittee shall perform semi-annual groundwater sampling in the following groundwater monitoring wells and analyze the samples for TKN, NO₃-N, TDS, and Cl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) MW-6, located hydrologically upgradient of the Desert Cove leachfields b) MW-7, located hydrologically downgradient of the Lions Beach (abandoned) leachfield. c) MW-8, located hydrologically downgradient of the Desert Cove west leachfield. d) MW-9, located hydrologically downgradient of the Comfort Station #1 leachfield. <p>The Permittee shall perform groundwater sample collection, preservation, transport, and analysis according to the following procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Measure the depth-to-most-shallow groundwater from the top of the well casing to the nearest one-hundredth of a foot. b) Purge three well volumes of water from the well prior to sample collection. c) Obtain samples from the well for analysis. d) Properly prepare, preserve, and transport samples. e) Analyze samples in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. <p>The Permittee shall submit the depth-to-most-shallow groundwater measurements and the laboratory analytical data results including the laboratory QA/QC summary report and Chain of Custody for each well, and a Facility layout map showing the location and number of each well to NMED in the semi-annual monitoring reports.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
9.	<p>In the event that groundwater is detected in the following monitoring wells, the Permittee shall perform semi-annual groundwater sampling in the following monitoring wells and analyze the samples for TKN, NO₃-N, TDS, and Cl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) MW-2, intended to be located hydrologically downgradient of the Lions Beach leachfield. b) MW-3, intended to be located hydrologically upgradient of the Desert Cove leachfields. c) MW-5, intended to be located hydrologically downgradient of the Lions Beach leachfield. <p>The Permittee shall perform groundwater sample collection, preservation, transport, and analysis according to the following procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Measure the depth-to-most-shallow groundwater from the top of the well casing to the nearest hundredth of a foot. b) Purge three well volumes of water from the well prior to sample collection.

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	<p>c) Obtain samples from the well for analysis. d) Properly prepare, preserve, and transport samples. e) Analyze samples in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit the depth-to-most-shallow groundwater measurements and the laboratory analytical data results including the laboratory QA/QC summary report and Chain of Custody for each well, and a Facility layout map showing the location and number of each well to NMED in the semi-annual monitoring reports.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
10.	<p>The Permittee shall develop a groundwater elevation contour map, i.e., potentiometric surface map, on a semi-annual basis using the top of casing elevation data from the monitoring well survey and the most recent depth-to-most-shallow groundwater measurements, referenced to mean sea level, obtained during the groundwater sampling required by this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>The groundwater elevation contour map shall depict the groundwater flow direction based on the groundwater elevation contours. The Permittee shall estimate groundwater elevations between monitoring well locations using common interpolation methods. The Permittee shall use a contour interval appropriate to the data but shall not be greater than two feet. Groundwater elevation contour maps shall use arrows to depict the groundwater flow direction based on the orientation of the groundwater elevation contours and shall locate and identify each monitoring well and contaminant source.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit to NMED a groundwater elevation contour map in the semi-annual monitoring reports.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
11.	<p>NMED shall have the option to perform downhole inspections of all groundwater monitoring wells identified in this Discharge Permit. NMED shall establish the inspection date and notify the Permittee. The Permittee shall remove any existing dedicated pumps at least 48 hours prior to NMED inspection to allow adequate settling time of sediment agitated from pump removal.</p> <p>Should the Permittee decide to install a pump in a monitoring well without a dedicated pump, the Permittee shall notify NMED at least 90 days prior to pump installation so that NMED can schedule a downhole well inspections prior to pump placement.</p> <p>[Subsections A and D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

Facility Monitoring Conditions

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12.	<p>The Permittee shall on a monthly basis estimate the volume of wastewater received by the Facility by submitting water bills from the City of Elephant Butte showing the amount of water received by the Facility.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit the monthly water bills and notes and estimated volume of significant uses to NMED in the semi-annual monitoring reports.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
13.	<p>The Permittee shall collect samples of wastewater from the Comfort Station #1 east septic tank and the Desert Cove west distribution box, prior to the leachfield, on an annual basis and analyze the samples for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TKN;• TDS; and• Cl. <p>The Permittee shall ensure the samples are properly prepared, preserved, transported, and analyzed in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall submit the laboratory analytical data results, including the QA/QC summary and Chain of Custody, to NMED in the subsequent quarterly monitoring report.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

C. CONTINGENCY PLAN

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14.	<p>In the event that groundwater monitoring indicates that groundwater exceeds a standard identified in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, the Permittee shall collect a confirmatory sample from the monitoring well within 15 days of receipt of the initial sampling results to confirm the initial sampling results.</p> <p>Within 60 days of confirmation of groundwater contamination, the Permittee shall submit to NMED a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that proposes, at a minimum, contaminant source control measures and an implementation schedule. The Permittee shall implement the CAP as approved by NMED.</p>

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	<p>This condition shall apply until the Permittee completes groundwater monitoring for a minimum of eight (8) consecutive quarterly samples demonstrating groundwater does not exceed the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC.</p> <p>Violation of the groundwater standard beyond 180 days after the confirmation of groundwater contamination may cause NMED to require the Permittee to abate water pollution consistent with the requirements and provisions of Section 20.6.2.4101, Section 20.6.2.4103, Subsections C and E of 20.6.2.4106, Section 20.6.2.4107, Section 20.6.2.4108, and Section 20.6.2.4112 NMAC.</p> <p>[20.6.2.3103 NMAC, Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection E of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
15.	<p>In the event that information available to NMED indicates that a well is not constructed in a manner consistent with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance, contains insufficient water to effectively monitor groundwater quality, or is otherwise not completed in a manner that is protective of groundwater quality, the Permittee shall install a replacement well(s) within 120 days following notification from NMED.</p> <p>The Permittee shall survey the replacement monitoring well(s) within 30 days following well completion.</p> <p>The Permittee shall install replacement well(s) at locations approved by NMED prior to installation and shall complete replacement well(s) in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance. The Permittee shall submit well construction and lithologic logs, survey data, and a groundwater elevation contour map to NMED within 60 days following well completion.</p> <p>The Permittee shall properly plug and abandon monitoring well(s) requiring replacement upon completion of the replacement monitoring well(s). The Permittee shall complete the well plugging and abandonment, and shall document the abandonment procedures, in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The Permittee shall submit a copy of the well abandonment documentation to NMED within 60 days following the replacement well(s) completion.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
16.	<p>In the event that groundwater flow information obtained pursuant to this Discharge Permit indicates that a monitoring well is not appropriately located, e.g., hydrologically downgradient of the discharge location it is intended to monitor, the Permittee shall install a replacement well within 120 days following notification from NMED. The</p>

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	<p>Permittee shall survey the replacement monitoring well within 30 days following well completion.</p> <p>The Permittee shall install the replacement well at the location approved by NMED prior to installation and shall complete the replacement well in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance. The Permittee shall submit construction and lithologic logs, survey data and a groundwater elevation contour map within 60 days following well completion.</p> <p>The Permittee shall properly plug and abandon a monitoring well requiring replacement upon completion of the replacement monitoring well. The Permittee shall complete the well plugging and abandonment, and shall document the abandonment procedures, in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The Permittee shall submit a copy of the well abandonment documentation to NMED within 60 days following the replacement well completion.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
17.	<p>In the event that the Permittee identifies failure of <i>any</i> leachfield, such as surfacing wastewater, the Permittee shall implement the following Contingency Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Within 24 hours following the discovered failure, the Permittee shall:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Notify NMED of the failure in accordance with the notification requirements described in the Contingency Plan for unauthorized discharges; andii) Restrict public access to the area.b) The Permittee shall conduct a physical inspection of the septic tank leachfield disposal system to identify additional potential failures and record them in the inspection log.c) The Permittee shall propose actions to address the failure and methods of correction by submitting a CAP to NMED for approval within 15 days following the discovered failure. The Permittee shall ensure the CAP includes a schedule for completion of corrective actions. The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the CAP following NMED approval. <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
18.	<p>In the event that a release occurs that is not authorized under this Discharge Permit (commonly known as a “spill”), the Permittee shall take measures to mitigate damage from the unauthorized discharge and initiate the notifications and corrective actions required in Section 20.6.2.1203 NMAC and summarized below. A release is defined as such quantity as may with reasonable probability injure or be detrimental to human health, animal or plant life, or property, or unreasonably interfere with the public welfare or the use of property.</p>

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	<p>Within <u>24 hours</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall verbally notify NMED and provide the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person or persons in charge of the Facility, as well as of the owner and/or operator of the Facility.b) The name and address of the Facility.c) The date, time, location, and duration of the unauthorized discharge.d) The source and cause of unauthorized discharge.e) A description of the unauthorized discharge, including its estimated chemical composition.f) The estimated volume of the unauthorized discharge.g) Any actions taken to mitigate immediate damage from the unauthorized discharge. <p>Within <u>one week</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall submit written notification to NMED providing the information listed above and any pertinent updates.</p> <p>Within <u>15 days</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall submit a CAP to NMED describing any corrective actions previously taken and corrective actions to be taken relative to the unauthorized discharge. The CAP shall include the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A description of proposed actions to mitigate damage from the unauthorized discharge.b) A description of proposed actions to prevent future unauthorized discharges of this nature.c) A schedule for completion of proposed actions. <p>In the event that the unauthorized discharge causes or may with reasonable probability cause water pollution in excess of the standards and requirements of Section 20.6.2.4103 NMAC, and the water pollution will not be abated within 180 days after notice is required to be given pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of 20.6.2.1203 NMAC, NMED may require the Permittee to abate water pollution pursuant to Sections 20.6.2.4000 through 20.6.2.4115 NMAC.</p> <p>The Permittee shall not construe anything in this condition as relieving them of the obligation to comply with all requirements of Section 20.6.2.1203 NMAC.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1203 NMAC]</p>
19.	In the event that NMED or the Permittee identifies any failures of the discharge plan, i.e., the application, or this Discharge Permit not specifically noted herein, NMED may require

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	<p>the Permittee to submit a CAP and a schedule for completion of corrective actions to address the failure(s). Additionally, NMED may require a discharge permit modification to achieve compliance with 20.6.2 NMAC.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection E of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

D. CLOSURE PLAN

Permanent Facility Closure Conditions

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20.	<p>The Permittee shall perform the following closure measures in the event the Facility, or a component of the Facility, is proposed to be permanently closed, and upon ceasing discharge.</p> <p>Within <u>90 days</u> of ceasing discharge to the septic tank leachfield system(s) (or closed system components), the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Plug all lines leading to and from the closed system(s) so that a discharge can no longer occur. b) Wastewater and septage shall be pumped from the system components (e.g., septic tanks, lift stations, distribution boxes) and it shall be contained, transported, and disposed of in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations, including 40 CFR Part 503. The Permittee shall maintain a record of all wastes transported for off-site disposal. <p>Within <u>180 days</u> of ceasing discharge to the septic tank leachfield system(s) (or closed system components), the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Remove all lines leading to and from the closed system(s) or permanently plug them and abandon them in place. b) Remove or demolish all closed septic tanks, lift stations, distribution boxes or other system(s) components (with the exception of leachfields) and re-grade the area with suitable fill to blend with surface topography to promote positive drainage and prevent ponding. <p>The Permittee shall continue groundwater monitoring until the Permittee meets the requirements of this condition and groundwater monitoring confirms for a minimum of eight consecutive quarterly groundwater sampling events that groundwater does not exceed the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. This period is referred to as “post-closure.”</p>

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	<p>If at any time monitoring results show an exceedance of a groundwater quality standard in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC or the total nitrogen concentration is greater than 10 mg/L in groundwater, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan required by this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>Following notification from NMED that the Permittee may cease post-closure monitoring, the Permittee shall plug and abandon the monitoring wells in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance.</p> <p>When the Permittee has met all closure and post-closure requirements and verified appropriate actions with date stamped photographic evidence or an associated NMED inspection, the Permittee may submit to NMED a written request, including photographic evidence, for termination of the Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, 40 CFR Part 503</p>

E. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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21.	<p>RECORD KEEPING - The Permittee shall maintain a written record of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and data used to complete the application for this Discharge Permit; • Information, data, and documents demonstrating completion of closure activities; • Any releases (commonly known as “spills”) not authorized under this Discharge Permit and reports submitted pursuant to 20.6.2.1203 NMAC; • The operation, maintenance, and repair of all facilities/equipment used to treat, store, or dispose of wastewater; • Facility record drawings (plans and specifications) showing the actual construction of the Facility and bear the seal and signature of a licensed New Mexico professional engineer; • Copies of logs, inspection reports, and monitoring reports completed and/or submitted to NMED pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • The volume of wastewater or other wastes discharged pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • Groundwater quality and wastewater quality data collected pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • Copies of construction records (well log) for all sampled groundwater monitoring wells pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • The maintenance, repair, replacement, or calibration of any monitoring equipment or flow measurement devices required by this Discharge Permit; and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data and information related to field measurements, sampling, and analysis conducted pursuant to this Discharge Permit, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ the dates, locations, and times of sampling or field measurements;○ the name and job title of the individuals who performed each sample collection or field measurement;○ the sample analysis date of each sample;○ the name and address of the laboratory, and the name of the signatory authority for the laboratory analysis;○ the analytical technique or method used to analyze each sample or collect each field measurement;○ the results of each analysis or field measurement, including raw data;○ the results of any split, spiked, duplicate, or repeat sample; and○ a copy of the laboratory analysis chain-of-custody as well as a description of the quality assurance and quality control procedures used. <p>The Permittee shall maintain the written record at a location accessible to NMED during a Facility inspection for a minimum of five years. The Permittee shall make the record available to NMED upon request.</p> <p>[Subsections A and D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
22.	<p>SUBMITTALS - The Permittee shall submit both a paper copy and an electronic copy of all notification and reporting documents required by this Discharge Permit, e.g., monitoring reports. The Permittee shall submit paper and electronic documents to the NMED Permit Contact identified on the Permit cover page.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
23.	<p>INSPECTION and ENTRY - The Permittee shall allow NMED to inspect the Facility and its operations that are subject to this Discharge Permit and the WQCC regulations. NMED may, upon presentation of proper credentials, enter at reasonable times upon or through any premises in which a water contaminant source is located or in which any maintained records required by this Discharge Permit, the regulations of the federal government, or the WQCC are located.</p> <p>The Permittee shall allow NMED to have access to and reproduce for their use any copy of the records, and to perform assessments, sampling, or monitoring during an inspection for the purpose of evaluating compliance with this Discharge Permit and the WQCC regulations.</p>

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	<p>No person shall construe anything in this Discharge Permit as limiting in any way the inspection and entry authority of NMED under the WQA, the WQCC Regulations, or any other local, state or federal regulations.</p> <p>[Subsection D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-9.B and 74-6-9.E]</p>
24.	<p>DUTY to PROVIDE INFORMATION - The Permittee shall, upon NMED's request, allow for NMED's inspection/duplication of records required by this Discharge Permit and/or furnish to NMED copies of such records.</p> <p>[Subsection D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
25.	<p>MODIFICATIONS and/or AMENDMENTS - In the event the Permittee proposes a change to the Facility or the Facility's discharge that would result in a change in the volume discharged; the location of the discharge; or in the amount or character of water contaminants received, treated, or discharged by the Facility, the Permittee shall notify NMED prior to implementing such changes. The Permittee shall obtain NMED's approval (which may require modification of this Discharge Permit) prior to implementing such changes.</p> <p>[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections E and G of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
26.	<p>PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS - In the event the Permittee proposes to construct a wastewater system or change a process unit of an existing system such that the quantity or quality of the discharge will change substantially from that authorized by this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall submit construction plans and specifications of the proposed system or process unit to NMED for approval prior to the commencement of construction.</p> <p>In the event the Permittee implements changes to the wastewater system authorized by this Discharge Permit that result in only a minor effect on the character of the discharge, the Permittee shall report such changes (including the submission of record drawings where applicable) to NMED prior to implementation.</p> <p>[Subsections A and C of 20.6.2.1202 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 61-23-1 through 61-23-32]</p>
27.	<p>CIVIL PENALTIES - Any violation of the requirements and conditions of this Discharge Permit, including any failure to allow NMED staff to enter and inspect records or facilities, or any refusal or failure to provide NMED with records or information, may subject the Permittee to a civil enforcement action. Pursuant to WQA 74-6-10(A) and (B), such action may include a compliance order requiring compliance immediately or in a specified time, assessing a civil penalty, modifying or terminating the Discharge Permit, or any combination of the foregoing; or an action in district court seeking injunctive relief, civil</p>

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	<p>penalties, or both. Pursuant to WQA 74-6-10(C) and 74-6-10.1, civil penalties of up to \$15,000 per day of noncompliance may be assessed for each violation of the WQA 74-6-5, the WQCC Regulations, or this Discharge Permit, and civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day of noncompliance may be assessed for each violation of any other provision of the WQA, or any regulation, standard, or order adopted pursuant to such other provision. In any action to enforce this Discharge Permit, the Permittee waives any objection to the admissibility as evidence of any data generated pursuant to this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1220 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-10 and 74-6-10.1]</p>
28.	<p>CRIMINAL PENALTIES - No person shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make any false material statement, representation, certification, or omission of material fact in an application, record, report, plan, or other document filed, submitted, or maintained under the WQA;• Falsify, tamper with, or render inaccurate any monitoring device, method, or record maintained under the WQA; or• Fail to monitor, sample, or report as required by a permit issued pursuant to a state or federal law or regulation. <p>Any person who knowingly violates or knowingly causes or allows another person to violate the requirements of this condition is guilty of a fourth-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the requirements of this condition is guilty of a third-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who knowingly violates the requirements of this condition or knowingly causes another person to violate the requirements of this condition and thereby causes a substantial adverse environmental impact is guilty of a third-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who knowingly violates the requirements of this condition and knows at the time of the violation that he is creating a substantial danger of death or serious bodily injury to any other person is guilty of a second-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1220 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-10.2.A through 74-6-10.2.F]</p>
29.	<p>COMPLIANCE with OTHER LAWS - Nothing in this Discharge Permit shall be construed in any way as relieving the Permittee of the obligation to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws, regulations, zoning requirements, nuisance ordinances, permits, or orders.</p> <p>[NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.L]</p>

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30.	<p>RIGHT to APPEAL - The Permittee may file a petition for review before the WQCC on this Discharge Permit. Such petition shall be in writing to the WQCC within thirty days of the receipt of postal notice of this Discharge Permit and shall include a statement of the issues raised and the relief sought. Unless the Permittee files a timely petition for review, the decision of NMED shall be final and not subject to judicial review.</p> <p>[20.6.2.3112 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.O]</p>
31.	<p>TRANSFER of DISCHARGE PERMIT - Prior to the transfer of any ownership, control, or possession of this Facility or any portion thereof, the Permittee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify the proposed transferee in writing of the existence of this Discharge Permit;• Include a copy of this Discharge Permit with the notice; and• Deliver or send by certified mail to NMED a copy of the notification and proof that the proposed transferee has received such notification. <p>The Permittee shall continue to be responsible for any discharge from the Facility, until both ownership and possession of the Facility have been transferred to the transferee.</p> <p>[20.6.2.3111 NMAC]</p>
32.	<p>PERMIT FEES - The Permittee shall be aware that the payment of permit fees is due at the time of Discharge Permit approval. The Permittee may pay the permit fees in a single payment or they may pay the fee in equal installments on a yearly basis over the term of the Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall remit single payments to NMED no later than 30 days after the Discharge Permit issuance date. The Permittee shall remit initial installment payments to NMED no later than 30 days after the Discharge Permit issuance date; with subsequent installment payments remitted to NMED no later than the anniversary of the Discharge Permit issuance date.</p> <p>Permit fees are associated with <u>issuance</u> of this Discharge Permit. No person shall construe anything in this Discharge Permit as relieving the Permittee of the obligation to pay all permit fees assessed by NMED. A Permittee that ceases discharging or does not commence discharging from the Facility during the term of the Discharge Permit shall pay all permit fees assessed by NMED. NMED shall suspend or terminate an approved Discharge Permit if the Permittee fails to remit an installment payment by its due date.</p> <p>[Subsection F of 20.6.2.3114 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.K]</p>



New Mexico Environment Department Ground Water Quality Bureau Discharge Permit Summary

Facility Information

Facility Name	Elephant Butte Lake State Park
Discharge Permit Number	DP-328
Legally Responsible Party	Colleen Baker, Bureau Chief, Design and Development Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department- State Parks Division 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505 (505) 699-4669

Treatment, Disposal and Site Information

Primary Waste Type	Domestic
Facility Type	Septic Tank Leachfield Disposal Systems

Treatment Methods

Type	Designation	Description & Comments
Septic Tank	Comfort Station #1-West	A 1,500-gallon capacity septic tank that services one of Comfort Station #1's restrooms.
Septic Tank	Comfort Station #1-East	A 3,000-gallon capacity septic tank that services one of Comfort Station #1's restrooms and receives wastewater from boat holding tanks, the marina lunch counter, and marina/parking lot restrooms.
Septic Tank	Comfort Station #2-West	A 1,500-gallon capacity septic tank that services one of Comfort Station #2's restrooms.
Septic Tank	Comfort Station #2-East	A 1,500-gallon capacity septic tank that services one of Comfort Station #2's restrooms.
Septic Tank	Desert Cove-East	A 3,000-gallon capacity septic tank that services one of Desert Cove's restrooms.
Septic Tank	Desert Cove-West	A 3,000-gallon capacity septic tank that services one of Desert Cove's restrooms.
Septic Tank	Desert Cove-RV Dump Station	A 3,000-gallon capacity septic tank followed by two 1,500-gallon capacity septic tanks, in series, that services Desert Cove's RV Dump Station and discharges to a distribution box prior to the west leachfield.
Septic Tank	Administration and Maintenance Buildings	A 1,500-gallon capacity septic tank.
Septic Tank	Training Center	A 1,000-gallons capacity septic tank.
Septic Tank	Pay Booth	A 500-gallon capacity septic tank.

Discharge Locations

Type	Designation	Description & Comments
Leachfield	Comfort Station #1	Receives clarified wastewater from the east septic tank and west septic tank.



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Current Action

Application Received
Public Notice Published
Permit Issued (Issuance Date)
Permitted Discharge Volume

Permit Renewal

May 87, 2024
[not yet published]
[issuance date]
20,000 gallons per day

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