

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b> <b>THE APPLICATION OF BL SANTA FE, LLC</b> <b>FOR THE RENEWAL AND MODIFICATION</b> <b>OF DISCHARGE PERMIT DP-75</b>	) ) ) )	<b>GWQB 24-69 (P)</b>
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**FINAL ORDER**

This matter comes before the Secretary of Environment following a hearing before a Hearing Officer on May 19 and 20, 2025, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

BL Santa Fe, LLC (“Applicant” or “Bishop’s Lodge”) seeks an eighth renewal and the modification of its groundwater discharge permit for the planned discharge of up to 30,000 gallons per day (gpd) of domestic wastewater. Applicant proposes to upgrade its treatment system to a membrane bioreactor (MBR) package plant, and to discharge Class 1A reclaimed domestic wastewater to an irrigation system. Applicant also proposes discharge to a subsurface, low-pressure dosed dispersal field and that the associated sludge be discharged to a synthetically lined reed bed for treatment and stabilization prior to disposal offsite. The property, a resort, is located approximately three miles north of Santa Fe, New Mexico, within the Tesuque Formation.

The Ground Water Bureau (Bureau) supports the issuance of the permit with conditions necessary to protect public health and welfare and the environment.

Having considered the administrative record in its entirety, including all post-hearing submittals and the Hearing Officer’s Report; and being otherwise fully advised regarding this matter;

THE SECRETARY HEREBY ADOPTS THE HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT AND PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, except as follows: the Bureau submitted and the Hearing Officer recommended the issuance of the August 8, 2025 Second Revised Draft Permit.

Subsequently, the Bureau and Applicant submitted comments on the Hearing Officer's Report, and the Bureau agreed that on August 20, 2025, Applicant sampled the organic and inorganic constituents that would have been required for sampling in new proposed Conditions 37 and 38; that the analytical sampling results, QA/QC summary, and chain of custody information were provided to the Bureau; and that all organic and inorganic constituents enumerated were either non-detect or well under the groundwater standards set out in 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. The administrative and evidentiary record provide no basis for ongoing testing of Section 3103 constituents not ordinarily found in domestic wastewater, and Conditions 37 and 38 are no longer apt in response to oral and written public comment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for the discharge permit is granted.
2. The permit shall be issued by the Ground Water Bureau in the form set forth in Draft Permit DP-75 without Conditions 37 and 38.

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JAMES C. KENNEY, Secretary of Environment

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REVIEW

Any person who participated in this permitting action and who is adversely affected by the action may file a petition for review by the Water Quality Control Commission, c/o Pamela Jones, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite 2100 S, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502. The petition shall be made in writing to the Commission within thirty days from the date notice is given of this action.