



**BUCKSKIN SANITARY DISTRICT**

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**BUCKSKIN SANITARY DISTRICT  
APPLICATION FOR GRINDER PUMP WASTE WATER SERVICE**

DATE OF APPLICATION SUBMITTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT OR OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER.: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

LA PAZ COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADMINISTRATIVE USE:**

- Is application properly filled out and complete?
- Is site plan attached showing proposed location for installation of proposed SYSTEM COMPONENTS?
- Has permit fee been paid?

**OPERATIONS STAFF:**

- Has property been reviewed and evaluated for applicability of grinder sewer service or gravity service?  
By whom: \_\_\_\_\_ Date review was conducted: \_\_\_\_\_
- Field visit?  As-Built Plan Record Review

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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District Manager or authorized representative signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Execution of the Grinder Pump Maintenance Agreement is an acknowledgment by the OWNER, to allow the DISTRICT maintenance personnel full and unrestricted access at all times from the grinder pump to the sewer main. It is the responsibility of the OWNER to permit unrestricted and unobstructed access to the grinder pump equipment.
2. Determine a location within property that meets DISTRICT requirements for clear space. The DISTRICT will not be responsible or obligated to repair damages, from any cause, to property and/or improvements within a 3 foot clearance around the grinder pump. This includes, but is not limited to trees, shrubs, grass, fences, driveways, or other permanent structures. The OWNER will make the final determination as to the location of the grinder pump.
3. Ensure plants or decorative lawn items do not obstruct access to the grinder pump. A 3-foot clearance around the grinder pump will be necessary for most normal repairs.
4. Maintain proper grading around the grinder pump. Do not cover the grinder pump access cover, ventilation orifice, bypass box, or controls.
5. The OWNER is responsible for all damage to the grinder pump and/or its components resulting from vehicular or lawn care traffic, unintentional landscaping damage, trees falling, or any avoidable act that causes damage.
6. Maintain plumbing lines and connections between the home and the grinder pump. Maintain the discharge pipe from the grinder pump to the sewer collection system, free and clear from obstructions.
7. All outside disconnect switches will conform to the DISTRICT's Standards and Specifications for Sanitary Sewer Systems as well as all applicable Ordinances, rules and regulations of La Paz County. The disconnect switch must be weather proof, mounted a minimum of 6 inches above finished grade, and visible from the grinder pump storage tank.
8. Do not place items such as petroleum-based products, cleaning solvents or paint thinners, egg or seafood shells, any type of grease, or sharp objects (fish tank gravel, broken glass or sharp metal objects) down toilets or drains. Do not place bones in the garbage disposal since they will shatter into small sharp objects. Finally, no items that could impede the rotating components of the pump such as mop heads, diapers, feminine sanitary products, string or rope should be placed down toilets or drains.
9. During power outages, OWNER must reduce wastewater flow to the grinder pump to an absolute minimum. Remember, no electrical power means no power to the grinder pump and no power to the warning lamp.
10. When financial responsibility is uncertain, accept responsibility if an excavation reveals problems caused by negligence toward the grinder pump or storage tank, or acts of nature. This includes earth shifting and water infiltration.
11. Periods of Extended Disuse: To reduce costs associated with repair or maintenance of your Grinder Pump, the following procedure is recommended prior to leaving your home or building unoccupied for a period of two weeks or longer. Run clean water into the unit until the pump activates (approximately a bath tub full). Turn off the water and allow the water to drain to the grinder pump, the water will activate the grinder pump and it will cycle until it shuts off automatically. **DO NOT** attempt to disconnect the electrical supply to the Grinder Pump.
12. **Owner must, at all times, comply with all applicable Ordinances, rules and regulations of not only the District but also La Paz County. OWNER's failure to so comply may result in temporary and/or permanent suspension of service.**

## DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Before the Grinder Pump Maintenance Agreement becomes effective the DISTRICT will conduct an acceptance inspection, which will include the surrounding area. The DISTRICT requires the operational inspection to assure the grinder pump, and associated components, are functioning properly. The surrounding areas and grade will also be evaluated. Prior to the Grinder Pump Maintenance Agreement becoming effective the DISTRICT will provide start-up and operating instruction to Owner.
2. Make “normal wear and tear repairs or replacements” to the electrical and rotating equipment of the grinder pump assembly, to include the grinder pump storage tank. Subject to normal wear and tear the DISTRICT will furnish all parts and labor to repair or replace these items.
3. The DISTRICT will also repair or replace the gate valve, and interconnecting discharge pipe should the components fail, unless damaged from an outside source as stated above.
4. Respond promptly to grinder pump emergency callouts twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
5. Written notice will be given to the OWNER of any expected inconvenience or hazardous condition at the Property.
6. The DISTRICT is not be responsible or obligated to repair damages to property improvements within a 3 foot clearance around the grinder pump, from any cause. This includes but is not limited to trees, shrubs, grass, fences, driveways, or other permanent structures.

**POWER FAILURE:** Your grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. If electrical power service is interrupted, keep water usage to a minimum until power is restored.

**GRINDER PUMP FAILURE ALARM:** Your grinder pump will produce an alarm signal in the event of a high water level in the basin. If the red light goes on and/or the alarm sounds, proceed as follows:

- Stop using water (turn off washing machines, dishwashers, etc.)
- Silence buzzer by pushing the button on the bottom of the PUMP PANEL.
- Contact BSD operations staff emergency number identified below until a technician is reached. Please have the address and a contact telephone number available when calling.

**District Pager: 1-888-719-3018**

- Technicians are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please report all grinder alarms **immediately**: you do not have to wait for regular business hours.
- The DISTRICT will acknowledge receipt of pager notification within fifteen (15) minutes of receipt and will dispatch a technician within two (2) hours after receipt of pager notification.

## LIMITATIONS OF GRINDER PUMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

BSD will bill and service only Owners who execute the Grinder Pump Maintenance Agreement. The following conditions will apply to all grinder pump maintenance agreements hereafter.

1. Any modifications to the grinder pump storage tank or equipment, without the written approval of the DISTRICT, will automatically terminate and void the Agreement. This includes unauthorized repairs, or damages from outside influences that adversely affect the structure. In addition:

- a. Any permanent encroachment around the grinder pump system components, or piping, that the OWNER cannot remove that fails to afford a safe and reasonable access to service personnel and equipment in the fulfillment of this contract will be removed by the DISTRICT, after written notice to the Owner, and the cost of removal will be billed to OWNER.
  - b. Electrical modifications or conditions that change the voltage and/or current supplied to the grinder pump assembly will automatically terminate and void the Agreement.
2. BSD is not responsible for any privately installed grinder pump discharge line (between the grinder pump and collection system) that does not meet BSD Standards and Specifications, unless approved in writing by the District Manager.