

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO FEES FOR OPEN BURNING

The Butte County Air Quality Management District's Governing Board of Directors approved amendments to Rule 507 – Burn Permit Fees. The amendments are effective as of July 1, 2017.

### Summary of Fees Increases

<b>Fee Type</b>	<b>Previous Fees</b>	<b>Current Fees</b>
Base Permit	\$15.00/permit	\$25.00/permit
Registration – Rice	\$50.00/permit	\$60.00/permit
Burned Acreage - Rice	\$2.50/acre	\$3.50/acre
Permit Modification - Rice	\$20.00/transaction	\$25.00/transaction
Registration - Prescribed	\$120.00/entity	\$140.00/entity
Burned Acreage Fee - Prescribed	\$0.50/acre	\$1.00/acre
Acreage – Orchard Prunings	\$0.50/acre	\$0.75/acre
Acreage – Land Clearing	\$0.50/acre	\$0.75/acre
Acreage – Grass & Weeds	\$0.75/acre	\$1.15/acre
Acreage – Field Crops	\$0.75/acre	\$1.15/acre
Permit to Burn on a No-Burn Day	\$50.00/permit	\$70.00/permit
Right of Way, Levee, and Ditch	\$0.75/acre	\$1.15/acre

Definitions were added to clarify the following:

- Acreage fees for orchard prunings are based on the **total planted acreage** owned or managed by the permit holder, less any exempt acreage. Acreage for which the applicant is claiming a fee exemption must be listed on the permit along with a notation that the acreage is exempt from fees along with the basis for the exemption (young orchard, etc.).
- Exemptions to the acreage fee requirements have been added to exclude young orchards (1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> leaf), or where the prunings are chipped or are disposed of by means other than open burning.

The base permit fees for a Special Permit to burn on a no-burn day were increased from \$50 to \$70 and the associated Special Permit per acre fees for orchard prunings and brush, field crops, and grasses and weeds were eliminated. Burned acreage fees were added for rice straw burning, wildland vegetation management burning and forest management burning.

Acreage fees for field crops (except rice), grasses and weeds, and land clearing are assessed based on **the acreage intended to be burned** prior to the expiration of the permit.