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Field Crop/Rice Registration

The Butte County Agricultural Commissioner made a countywide finding of rice disease levels based on field inspections and statistical rice disease levels in the County. This allows for registration and permitting of rice straw for burning in the Conditional Rice Straw Burning Permit Program without the requirement that each grower individually certify the disease levels in their field. State law limiting the burning of rice straw to no more than 25% of the grower's planted acreage or 125,000 acres basin wide still applies.

Letters will be sent next week to former participants in the rice straw burn permit registration program along with application forms and associated documentation. Registration is encouraged by mailing completed forms to the District or sending them electronically via email to llagrone@bcaqmd.org. If a rice straw burn permit registrant requires assistance in completing the necessary documentation, a phone or remote appointment may be arranged through Ursula Parker at 332-9400, extension 104 or Laurie LaGrone at extension 105.

NOTE: Failure to register your fields prior to harvesting will delay placement on the ready-to-burn list.

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