



July 23, 2020

TO: Butte County Rice Growers

RE: Conditional Rice Straw and Air Quality Burn Permit Applications and Registration

Dear Permit Holder:

Enclosed are application forms and associated documentation for the 2020-2021 burn season. As in recent years, registration is encouraged by mailing completed forms to the District or sending them electronically via email to [ktowne@bcaqmd.org](mailto:ktowne@bcaqmd.org). Due to the current COVID19 public health emergency, the District offices are closed to the public and in-person appointments are not available. 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 Kelly Towne at extension 105.

- 2020 Conditional Rice Straw Burn Permit –complete and return the permit and **\$90.00** registration fee if you intend to register rice fields to burn which were planted in 2020. Information about swapping/splitting is detailed on the reverse side of the permit;
- Air Quality Burn Permit –complete and return the permit with the **\$30.00** base fee plus additional acreage fees (contact the District should you require assistance in determining acreage or fee amount) for burning non-rice agricultural waste such as ditches/roads, weeds, brush);
- Rice Burn Data Sheet(s) – lists rice fields which were previously registered and non-rice burn acres. Please verify rice fields which were planted this season which you intend to report as harvested during this season following the instructions at the top of the data sheets. These data sheets are part of the permit and must be returned to the District prior to reporting harvested fields to the District; and,
- Field Crop Registration Form – to be used for any fields not currently listed on your Rice Burn Data Sheet that are to be harvested and reported to establish eligibility for burning during this season. Please provide a map of any field that is new to your permit.

Registration documentation and fees must be returned to the District no later than **August 21, 2020**. Failure to register your fields prior to harvesting will delay placement on the ready-to-burn list (and priority for burning) until after the registration process has been completed. If you no longer farm rice or have decided not to participate in the burn program, please contact Kelly to be removed from the registration mail out list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ursula Parker", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ursula Parker  
Burn Program Coordinator

Enclosures