



July 26, 2021

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 2021-2022 burn season. Registration is encouraged by mailing completed forms to the District or sending them electronically via email to LLagrone@bcaqmd.org. We are open Monday-Friday with counter hours Tuesday through Friday, 7:30am-4:30pm. If a rice straw burn permit registrant requires assistance in completing the necessary documentation, an appointment may be arranged through Ursula Parker at 332-9400, extension 104 or Laurie LaGrone at extension 105.

- 2021 Conditional Rice Straw Burn Permit –complete and return the permit with the **\$90.00** registration fee if you intend to register rice fields to burn which were planted in 2021. 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 planted this season which you intend to report as harvested following the instructions at the top of the data sheets. These data sheets are part of the permit application; please return the forms with the permit and note any changes (for example, if a field is fallow this year, please indicate “0” for acres), and;
- Field Crop Registration Form – complete this form if you have not registered previously or recently or if you are registering any fields not currently listed on your Rice Burn Data Sheet. Please also provide the District with copies of FSA maps of your fields corresponding to those listed on the Field Crop Registration Form so that staff can digitally map the fields in our database.

Registration documentation and fees must be returned to the District no later than **August 20, 2021**. 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 Laurie 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