



**BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

2525 Dominic Drive, Suite J Chico, CA 95928

2009 CONDITIONAL RICE STRAW BURN PERMIT

(Issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 41865(f) et.seq)

Office Phone: 891-2882 (toll free 1-888-891-2882) Fax: 891-2878

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ R

Burn Day Status: **891-2876** Harvested Fields Line: **879-2449**

Office Hours: M-F 7:30am-12noon and 1-4:30pm Except Tuesdays when the office opens at 8:30am

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total Planted/Registered Acres <i>(attach field crop registration form and field maps)</i>	Burnable Acres <i>(allowable burn percentage of planted)</i>	Fee/Acre Burned
		\$2.50 billed upon allocation
	Base Fee	\$15.00
	Sacramento Valley Air Basin Control Council Fee	\$ 5.00
	Conditional Rice Straw Burning Program Registration Fee	\$50.00
	<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>

*Fees assessed pursuant to Butte County AQMD Rule 507*

**THIS CONDITIONAL RICE STRAW BURN PERMIT IS VALID ONLY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:**

- The County Agricultural Commissioner with jurisdiction over this land has made a countywide finding of disease presence.
- Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 41865(f), this permit is valid for one burn, per field, per year and shall expire on the date indicated below or upon commencement of the burning of permitted field (whichever comes first).
- This burn permit allows burning only on those days when agricultural burning is not prohibited by the state Air Resources Board or by the Butte County Air Quality Management District (AQMD).
- All allocated acres not burned shall be returned to AQMD staff on the day on which allocated for all burning not completed.
- Pursuant to District Rule 507, allocated burn acres not returned according to condition #4 will be considered burned and shall be paid for in full within thirty (30) days of receipt of associated invoice or this burn permit may be revoked, suspended, or terminated.
- This burn permit may be revoked, suspended, or terminated for violation of any condition specified or when determined necessary for public safety by the APCO or his designated deputy. In addition, burn permit holders must also comply with local fire protection agency permit requirements.
- Contact AQMD at **891-2876 after 8:45am** to determine burn day status. All rice straw burning MUST be authorized by the AQMD on-duty inspector prior to burning.  
*During the intensive fall rice burn season (September 1 – December 31) growers will be contacted and allocated burning acres each day based on the ready to burn list of harvested fields. During all other times growers who wish to burn must contact the AQMD at 891-2882 for acreage allocation.*
- IGNITION HOURS:  
10am to 5pm from March 1 - August 31  
10am to 3pm from Sept. 1 - February 28 (flames out by 4pm)
- Rice harvested prior to Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> SHALL NOT be burned Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 without prior written authorization.
- All field crop waste shall be backfired or strip fired into the wind, or other methods allowed by special permit from AQMD.
- All waste shall be arranged to facilitate efficient burning and shall be free of prohibited materials such as tires, plastic, metal, painted/treated lumber, cloth, rubber, or other similar smoke producing material. Burning of any agricultural commodity such as previously baled hay or rice is not permissible. The waste shall be dried as required, free of visible moisture, and ignited with approved ignition devices.
- The amount of acreage and hours of burning may be limited by the Air Pollution Control Officer in accordance with Rule 300 of the Butte County AQMD Rules and Regulations.
- This conditional rice straw burn permit shall be available for inspection at the burn site during any burn operation.
- The "Right of Entry" as delineated by the California Health and Safety Code 41510 of Division 26 shall apply at all times. AQMD staff shall not be denied access to burn sites.

I have read the above conditions, and those specified on the reverse side, and agree to comply with all the conditions stated on the burn permit. I understand that failure to comply with Butte County AQMD Rules and Regulations will subject me to a civil or criminal action, or both. I understand that the issuance of this permit does not relieve me of responsibility to use reasonable and ordinary care to prevent damage to the property of others or injury to persons. I accept responsibility for all burning activities, including smoke impacts, as a result of burning conducted at the above specified burn site location(s) which is (are) under my legal control.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date August 31, 2010

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

### REPORTING PROCEDURES:

Conditional rice straw burning authorization must be received from AQMD staff according to condition #7 of this permit. Growers wishing to burn rice straw must have registered the field by filing a map and field data sheet with the District. Growers wishing to burn other field crops or perform rice crop administrative burning (weeds or tulle on ditch banks, levees, and roadways) must first obtain a separate air quality burn permit.

AGRICULTURAL BURNING: Open outdoor fires used in agricultural operations in the management, range improvement, or the improvement of land for wildlife and game habitat, disease or pest prevention, or the use of open outdoor fires used in the operation or maintenance of a system for the delivery of water, wildland burning, forest management including silviculture and timber operations, or prescribed burning.

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS: Includes growing and harvesting of crops, the raising of fowl, animals, or bees for the primary purpose of making a profit, or providing a livelihood, or an educational institution that conducts agricultural research or instruction.

AGRICULTURAL WASTE: Unwanted or unsalable materials produced wholly from agricultural operations and materials not produced from agricultural operations but which are intimately related to the growing or harvesting of crops.

Agricultural waste includes: Grass and weeds growing in or on fence rows, ditch banks, in or adjacent to fields in cultivation or being prepared for cultivation; vegetation removed for range improvement, for wildlife, game, or livestock habitat, forest management debris, or for the initial establishment of an agricultural operation on previously uncultivated land; fertilizer and pesticide sacks that are burned where the sacks are emptied on that field; material produced from the operation or maintenance of waterways used in agricultural operations.

Agricultural waste does not include: Agricultural commodities such as baled rice straw or hay, either intact or spread after baling, shop waste, demolition debris, garbage, oil filters, crankcase oil, or other petroleum wastes, tires, plastic pesticide containers and other similar materials; painted or treated lumber; and agricultural waste removed from the property where it was grown.

DRYING TIMES: Rice straw shall be dried from the time of cutting, felling, or uprooting as follows:

3 days	Spread rice straw
10 days	Rowed rice straw

Crackle test is applicable for rice straw after any rain which exceeds .15 inches.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN PERMIT: A fire department burn permit may also be required. You must be in compliance with both air quality and fire department burn permit requirements. For further information about fire department burn permits, contact your local fire protection agency.

Paradise FD 767 Birch St. Paradise 95969 872-6264	El Medio FD 3515 Myers St. Oroville 95966 533-4484	Oroville FD 2055 Lincoln Blvd Oroville 95965 538-2480	Chico FD 42 Salem St. Chico 95928 897-3400	Biggs FD/Cal-Fire 434 B St. Biggs 95917 868-5834
Plumas USFS 875 Mitchell Ave. Oroville 95965 534-6500	Lassen USFS 7288 Humboldt Rd. Butte Meadows 95942 873-0580	Butte Co. FD/Cal-Fire 176 Nelson Ave. Oroville 95965 538-7111	Gridley FD/Cal-Fire 47 E. Gridley Rd. Gridley 95948 846-5711	