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The District has set aside the period of July 25<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for grower appointments. The District recently updated software used to keep records of planted acreage, burned acreage, and other information. In order to verify field locations for each grower during this process, the **District requires you or your representative to attend this year's rice registration appointment**. Please allow up to 60 minutes to complete the registration process. As a reminder, our office relocated in December 2010; please note our new address at the top of this page. Please note your appointment date and time below:

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In order to assist staff in the process of updating our records with accurate information, please bring to your appointment all pertinent maps of planted fields; USDA maps and/or Butte County Assessor parcel information (APN) are particularly helpful. During your appointment, District staff will also assist you in processing field crop registration and in renewing conditional rice straw burn permits and air quality burn permits for agricultural burning, as well as answer questions you may have regarding the upcoming burn season. You may complete the necessary forms and applications during your appointment, or if you wish, you may download the documents from our website, [www.bcaqmd.org](http://www.bcaqmd.org), located on the Agricultural Burning page, and bring them with you. **If you need to change your appointment, no longer farm rice, or do not plan to participate in the rice straw burn program, please notify Terry Bayer at the District office, 332-9400 x 105.**

The rice-burning season officially begins on **September 1<sup>st</sup>** and the District's top priority from that time on will be to issue burn authorizations to growers on the ready-to-burn list. It is important that all growers register prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please note that you will not be allowed to report your fields as harvested unless you have registered your fields with the District. Fields that have not been registered and reported as harvested will not be given authorization to burn.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Ursula Parker at the District office at (530) 332-9400 x 104. We seek to make the field crop registration process as efficient and friendly as possible and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Ursula Parker  
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