

Butte County AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT APPLICATION

1. APPLICATION FILING FEE and TITLE:

\$75 Application Title or ID (optional): _____

Please Note: Additional fees will be assessed at the time of Certificate of Emission Reduction Credit issuance. All fees are non-refundable.

2. CONTACT INFORMATION (Please type or print)

APPLICANT	Company/Owner/Grower Name:	Contact Person & Title:	
	Mailing Address:	Phone : () ____ - ____	Facsimile: () ____ - ____
	City, State, Zip:	E-Mail Address:	
PROPERTY OWNER	Name (if different than applicant):	Assessor's Parcel No(s):	
	Street Address:	E- Mail Address:	
	City, State, Zip:	Phone : () ____ - ____	Facsimile: () ____ - ____

If you wish to appoint a person to act on your behalf, please complete the following:

AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE	Name :	Title:	
	Street Address:	E-Mail Address:	
	City, State, Zip:	Phone : () ____ - ____	Facsimile: () ____ - ____

CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED TO *:	Name or Entity (If applicable):	Title:	
	Street Address:	E-Mail Address (if applicable):	
	City, State, Zip:	Phone : () ____ - ____	Facsimile: () ____ - ____

*If Certificate to be issued to multiple parties, please attached written instructions on the allocation of the split certificates.

Send Invoice to:
 Applicant Property Owner Authorized Designee Other (Specify) _____

Send copies of Certificate and correspondence to:
 Applicant Property Owner Authorized Designee Other (Specify) _____

BCAQMD USE ONLY	RECEIPT NUMBER:	DATE RECEIVED:
AMOUNT RECEIVED:	APPLICATION NO:	

4. Please attach a Parcel list for each parcel or group of contiguous parcels that includes the parcel number(s), grower name, property owner name, number of acres in the parcel, acres excluded that were not used for growing rice, number of acres to use to calculate emission to bank, and deed restriction instructions for parcels with discount or excluded acres. All acres are to be rounded to the nearest whole acre.

5. Please attach a map (preferred) or written description of the parcel location. Include field identification numbers if applicable.

6. Prior to the issuance of an ERC certificate, the land owner must add a deed restriction to allow burning no more than 25% of the rice growing acreage on each parcel in any calendar year. **Once a deed restriction is filed on a parcel or group of parcels, it will not be removed to ensure that the reductions are permanent. ***Please initial acknowledgement of this requirement.** Initials: _____

7. Please attach Deed Restriction Designation of Authority Form.

8. *By signing, I/we hereby authorize the Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) to begin processing this application. I/we appoint the person named as the "Authorized Designee" above, if assigned, to act on my behalf in processing this application. I/we agree to pay any and all fees required by District Rules for receiving, processing and evaluating this application and for the issuance of any Certificate of Emission Reduction Credits, including District costs incurred if the project is terminated or abandoned, or the application is denied.*

If not the legal property owner or if the legal property owner is anything other than the name of an individual, I/we represent that I/we have obtained the requisite legal authority to enter this agreement on behalf of property owner and to bind property owner to the terms and conditions of the ERC.

By signing, I/we agree also to indemnify, defend and hold the District harmless and free and clear from and against any liability, debt, obligation, claim, judgment, action, cause of action or cost or expense, of any amount and nature whatsoever, incurred by or imposed upon District as a result of, related to or in any way in connection with the District's issuance of an ERC certificate or with any activity of the District related to this application, all pursuant to District Rule 433, Section 7.

Name of Applicant (Print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

... if multiple parties represented with application, please use space below for additional signatures ...

Name of Applicant (Print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Rice Straw Emission Reduction Credit Application Instructions

General:

Whenever a person/company makes a real, quantifiable, surplus, permanent, and enforceable reduction in air emissions at a source within the jurisdiction of the Butte County Air Quality Management District (District), that person/company may obtain an Emission Reduction Credit (ERC or credit) from the District pursuant to applicable laws and regulations.

In accordance with District Rule 433, *Rice Straw Emission Reduction Credits*, the District is processing ERC application(s) for the cessation/reduction of rice burning on parcel(s) within our District. In order to enforce the requirements of this rule, before the District will issue an ERC, the landowner(s) is/are required to record a deed restriction on participating parcel(s). The restriction will **permanently** limit the ability to perform open biomass burning on the property, even if the property is sold.

Application Form Instructions:

A separate application is required for each parcel unless the parcel is in a group of contiguous parcels. The applicant can complete a separate application and request individual certificate for a parcel that could be in a contiguous group of parcels. Space is provided if the applicant wishes to add a title or ID for each application for tracking purposes. The District will assign an application number to each application.

Fee: The application fee is \$75.

Applicant: The person or entity that planted rice and burned the rice straw during the periods 1988 to 1992.

Property Owner: The legal land owner of the parcel(s) that are the subject of the application. If this is a group of individuals, please use the Deed Restriction Designation of Authority form to document the property owner(s) information and note this on the application.

Authorized Designee: Unless and until notified otherwise in writing, the District will consider the person who signed the application to be the agent for purposes of applying for, selling, transferring, or terminating an ERC. An authorized designee can be identified on the application or other written instructions. The District will direct all intermediary correspondence to the Authorized Designee on behalf of the applicant.

Certificate to be Issued to: The certificates will be issued to the entity listed. This name and contact information will also be listed in the District's ERC Registry. By default, the District will issue a single ERC certificate. If necessary, the District may be able to split the credits into multiple certificates, which may allow multiple landowners to sell their portion(s) of the credits separately. If the applicant(s) wants this option, please specify the percentage ownership for each person or entity. Each certificate bearer will be listed in our ERC registry and will be listed as the agent for the purposes of applying for, selling, transferring, or terminating an ERC.

Billing and Correspondence Recipients: Please check the boxes that apply for the individuals/entities to receive invoices and/ or other correspondence.

Deed Restriction Designation of Authority Form: This form authorizes the District to place the deed restriction on the title of the parcel(s). The District requires all legal property owner(s) of the parcel(s) to sign this form (or form in this format if more than 4 property owners), verifying that the person who signed the ERC application has the authority to act on behalf of the property owner(s) and the deed restriction is authorized. The District has a notary on staff who is available to notarize any documents related to ERC applications at no cost to the applicant.

Parcel List: Please attach list of parcels represented in the application along with the requested information. An Excel spreadsheet in the requested format can be obtained from the District website at www.bcaqmd.org, under "Forms/Applications"

Map/Location Description: Please attach a map showing current Assessor's Parcel No(s). and current parcel boundaries. If re-submitting an application and the parcel boundaries or numbers have changed since the mid-1990's, please submit a current drawing. Alternatively, a written description of the parcel location can be submitted.

Deed Restriction Acknowledgment: Please read and initial.

Signature Block: Please print name, title (Owner, president, etc), sign and date the application. If several individuals are represented by the application, the spaces below can be used for additional signatures. This form can also serve to allow the individuals to appoint an authorized designee to act on their behalf for future correspondence. A "wet" signature is required.