SACRAMENTO RIVER FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT SEEKS YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

LAST FALL RICE GROWERS WITHIN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WERE ASK FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTING FIRES DURING RICE HARVEST, STRAW DISKING, STRAW CHOPPING, STRAW FLUFFING AND STRAW BALING OPERATIONS.

CONGRATULATIONS. YOU SUCCEEDED WITH WITH FLYING COLORS. THERE WAS ONLY ONE FIRE INVOLVING RICE HARVEST AND RICE STRAW OPERATIONS IN 2025. THERE WAS NO DOLLAR LOSS. A JOB WELL DONE.

THE FIRE DISTRICT WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO SEE THIS TREND CONTINUE IN 2026, AS I AM SURE YOU WOULD TO.

THE SACRAMENTO RIVER FIRE DISTRICT IS AGAIN SEEKING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTING FIRES THAT MAY INVOLVE FARM EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY RICE HARVEST AND RICE STRAW OPERATIONS.

THE FIRE DISTRICT HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

1. TRAIN YOUR EMPLOYEES IN FIRE PREVENTION, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND WHAT ACTIONS TO TAKE IN CASE OF A FIRE.

    A. CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY.
    B. REMOVE ALL EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIELD, IMMEDIATELY.
    C. ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE IF SAFE TO DO SO.
    D. KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE FIRE.
    E. IF ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL THE FIRE KEEP FIRE AWAY FROM EQUIPMENT FIRST.

2. MAINTAIN YOUR EQUIPMENT

    A. REMOVE STRAW AND CHAFF FROM DRIVE LINES, PTO TRANSFER CASES, IN BETWEEN TRACKS AND WHEELS, TOPS OF CHOPPERS,

ETC. EVERY TWO OR THREE HOURS OR AS NEEDED AND AT THE END OF EACH DAY. LEAF BLOWERS WORK WELL.

B. ALLOW EQUIPMENT TO COOL DOWN BEFORE EMPLOYEES LEAVE THE FIELD TO ASSURE NO FIRES WILL IGNITE.

3. PLACE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON EQUIPMENT IN ACCESSIBLE LOCATIONS.

A. ABC DRY CHEMICAL – 10#.
B. WATER PRESSURE – 2 1/2 GALLON
C. MAINTAIN EXTINGUISHERS ANNUALLY AND AFTER EACH USE.
D. ALWAYS KEEP FIRE EXTINGUISHERS CLEAN.

4. MAKE AVAILABLE A WATER TRUCK OR TRAILER WITH A WATER TANK AND TRACTOR NEAR THE FIELD FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION PURPOSES.

A. MINIMUM 1000 GALLON TANK.
B. PUMP CAPABLE OF 50 – 65 GALLONS PER MINUTE.
C. NOZZLE CAPABLE OF 20 – 30 GPM.
D. A MINIMUM OF 100 FEET OF HOSE.

5. CHECK WEATHER FORECAST EACH DAY.

A. DO NOT OPERATE EQUIPMENT WHEN THE WIND WILL EXCEED 15 MPH.
*IF THE WIND IS LESS THAN 15 MPH START YOUR OPERATION ON THE DOWNWIND SIDE OF FIELD.

B. DO NOT OPERATE EQUIPMENT WHEN THE HUMIDITY FALLS BELOW 15%.

C. DO NOT OPERATE EQUIPMENT WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS IN EXCESS OF 100 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

D. WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS WHEN ALL THREE WEATHER CONDITIONS NOTED ABOVE WILL OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY DURING THE DAY.

THESE CONDITIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A“RED FLAG WARNING” HIGH FIRE DANGER.

*ABSOLUTELY NO OPERATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON “RED FLAG”WARNING DAYS. CALL YOUR FIRE DISTRICT FOR RED FLAG WARNING DAYS AND INFORMATION.

E. WHEN STACKING STRAW FROM BALING OPERATIONS ASSURE THAT YOU HAVE AN ADEQUATE FIRE BREAK AROUND THE STACK, ESPECIALLY IF THE STACK IS IN THE FIELD.

F. IF YOU CONTRACT FOR BALING, DISKING OR CHOPPING OPERATIONS IT IS CRITICAL TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO THE CONTRACTOR.

G. IF YOU OR YOUR CONTRACTOR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE OPERATIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE SACRAMENTO RIVER FIRE DISTRICT AT YOUR CONVENIENCE AT (530) 458-0239 OR (530) 682-5742.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN PREVENTING THESE TYPE FIRES AND ALL FIRES.