



### **California Weedy Rice Sample Collection Protocol: 2017**

To minimize the movement of weedy rice seed, plant material and contaminated soil, the University of California, in coordination with the California Rice Research Board and California Rice Commission, will be implementing the following weedy rice sample collection protocol, effective 2017.

***PLEASE NOTE: AS OF 2017, NO SAMPLE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE RICE EXPERIMENT STATION***

1) Suspected weedy rice seed, plant material and soil should not be transported out of the possibly contaminated field.

2) If a suspected plant is found, contact one of the UCCE Rice Farming Systems Advisors:

**Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba:** Whitney Brim-DeForest (530-822-7515 or 541-292-1553)

**Colusa, Glenn, Yolo:** Luis Espino (530-458-0570)

**Butte:** Cass Mutters (530-538-7201)

**San Joaquin:** Michelle Leinfelder-Miles (209-953-6120)

The Advisor will visit the field, and if necessary, take a leaf or seed sample, depending on the timing and maturity of the plants. Growers and Pest Control Advisers do not have to be present in the field for collection.

Alternatively, you can use the **“California Weedy Rice” smartphone app to submit the location of a suspected contaminated field. The app will be available for iPhones and Android phones by May 2017.**

3) The status of the sample (whether or not it is weedy rice) will be given to the submitter as soon as identification is confirmed

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***What are the consequences of finding weedy rice in a field?***

It is important to note that there are no regulatory implications of finding weedy rice in a field. Weedy rice is not considered a noxious weed, and therefore is not subject to any regulatory actions by CDFA or any other private, state or federal organization.

### ***Why should I report weedy rice contamination to UCCE?***

It is very important for the rice industry to determine the extent of distribution of weedy rice in California. If you are certain your field is contaminated, but have not communicated this to UCCE, please do so. Information on the extent of infestation may be used to help the industry develop a management strategy, appropriate management tools, and apply for funds to develop such tools. Any personal and geographical information of contaminated fields will not be shared with any agencies or institutions outside the rice industry.