

# PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON WILDFIRE RULE AMENDMENTS

Proposed Amendments to  
REG. 5 and RULE 6-3

The Air District is proposing amendments to existing rules as part of a new **Wildfire Air Quality Response Program**. The Program's intent is to ensure that health-protective measures and strategies are in place that aid preparation, prevention and response efforts for future wildfires.

**Draft amendments to Regulation 5** complement statewide efforts to prevent catastrophic wildfires through prescribed burning. The draft amendments will exempt public agencies from open burning fees when conducting prescribed burns for wildfire prevention.

**Draft amendments to Rule 6-3** aim to further protect public health when wildfire smoke affects air quality in the Bay Area. The draft amendments would allow the Air District to call a Spare the Air Alert year-round to notify the public when particulate matter is expected to exceed unhealthy levels. A Mandatory Burn Ban, which prohibits the use of wood-burning devices, is announced through a Spare the Air Alert.

*The Air District is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the Bay Area.*

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**WED., JULY 24  
4-6 PM**

**Bay Area Metro Center  
Yerba Buena Room, 1st floor  
375 Beale St., San Francisco**

If you cannot attend, view the live webcast on July 24 at 4 pm, or the archived video later at: [baaqmd.gov](http://baaqmd.gov).

To submit comments or questions on the amendments or the workshop report, contact Patrick Wenzinger at 415-749-4934 or [wildfireprogram@baaqmd.gov](mailto:wildfireprogram@baaqmd.gov). **Comment deadline is Monday, August 12, 2019.**

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