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.

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

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