

# **Wood Smoke Program**

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**Meeting of the Board of Directors** 

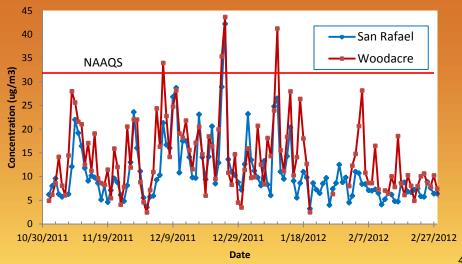


#### **Presentation Outline**

- > Local Wood Smoke Impacts
- > Rule-Making Authority
- > Rule Development

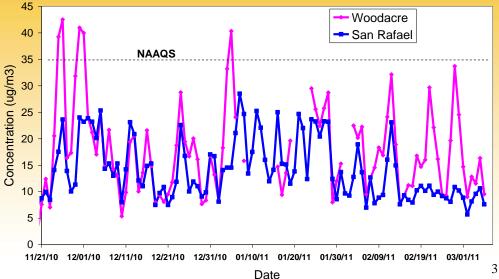


#### **Localized Impacts**



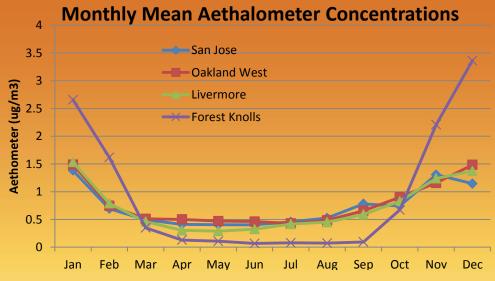
Comparison of Daily PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Woodacre and San Rafael in winter 2010/2011 and 2011/2012

Measurements taken by Sonoma Technology Inc. (STI) in Woodacre and compared with comparable regulatory PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring at the San Rafael Station





# Wood Smoke in San Geronimo Valley



This graph shows PM concentrations occur during cold months in San Geronimo Valley compared to other locations

Figure 2 graphs so the contributions associated with vehicle emissions are greater in locations other than San Geronimo Valley

Fig 2. Winter Aethalometer Means by Hour - Weekend vs. Weekday Oakland West San Jose 2.0 weekdav 2.0 weekend 1.5 1.5 1.0 1.0 0.5 0.5 Forest Knolls Livermore 2.5 6.0 2.0 4.5 1.5 3.0 1.0 1.5 0.5 20 Hour



#### **Survey Data Results**

Site	Households within 1 mile of measurement site	% Using wood for fuel	% Burning per winter night	Average hours burned	Wood burning hours/night
San Jose	9,787	0.2%	3.1%	0.8	226
Livermore	6,593	1.3%	12.4%	1.9	1,524
Oakland West	13,414	0.6%	2.9%	0.8	291
Forest Knolls	786	18.6%	30.0%	5.2	1,233

A much higher percentage of Forest Knolls residents burn on a given winter night and they tend to burn much longer, again because they are generally burning to heat rather than for ambiance.



#### **Air District Authority**

- Air District Board has no emergency or expedited rule-making authority
- No general police powers (California Constitution, Article IX, Section 7)
- Only rule-making authority granted by the legislature is for "notice and comment" rule-making
- Could adopt moratorium through notice and comment rule-making



#### Air District Rule Development

- Minimum requirements for rule-making include:
  - At least 30 days' notice and opportunity for public comment
  - Public Hearing
  - Board must make findings of necessity, authority, clarity, consistency, non-duplication and reference
  - Board must consider socioeconomic analysis prepared for the adoption of the rule
  - Must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act



### **Wood Smoke Rule Development**

- Regulation 6, Rule 3: Wood-Burning Devices
  - Rule Adopted July 9, 2008
  - Other Air Quality Districts have adopted rules
  - Clarify Provisions
  - Improve Enforceability



#### **Wood Smoke Model Ordinance**

- Developed as Guidance for Cities and Counties
- Key Provisions
  - Newly Installed Wood-burning Device Must be EPA Certified
  - Voluntary Winter Spare the Air Alert Burning Prohibited at the Local Level
  - Non Certified Wood-burning Devices must be removed during remodel or sale



#### Rule Development Schedule

- >Currently exploring possible rule amendments
- ➤ Public Workshops will be scheduled in all 9 counties targeted for February 2015
- ➤ Rule amendments to the Board of Directors for adoption targeted for end of Summer 2015

AGENDA: 17

## Winter PM<sub>2.5</sub> Seasons

Year	Days > 35 µg/m³	Winter Spare the Air Alerts	
2011/2012	11	15	
2012/2013	1	10	
2013/2014	15	30	
2014/2015	0	4	

Spare the Air Alert Called for: 11/9, 11/25, 11/26, 11/27

• Days > 35  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hr NAAQS: None