

AIR CURRENTS

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

New Standard Expected to Trigger *Spare the Air Tonight* Advisories

This winter, the Air District will begin using a new, more stringent federal particulate standard in our daily air quality forecasts. This new federal standard was developed for Particulate Matter under 2.5 microns in size, or **PM 2.5**. (A micron is about 25 times smaller than the size of a human hair.)

The EPA has determined that there are significant health risks caused by these microscopic particles, which can penetrate deep into the lungs and cause

respiratory problems and other diseases. The previous particulate standard, based on Particulate Matter under 10 microns in size, or PM 10, will remain in place. But this new PM 2.5 standard—for a group of particulates that are essentially a more hazardous subset of PM 10—is designed to be even more protective of public health.

The EPA has set the new particulate standard at a 24-hour average PM 2.5 concentration of 65 micrograms per cubic

meter. Air quality readings above this level are considered unhealthy for the general public and will be the new trigger for the Air District to issue *Spare the Air Tonight* advisories this winter.

We expect the new PM 2.5 standard to be exceeded more often, which may lead to an increase in the number of *Spare the Air Tonight* advisories this winter.

Under our *Spare the Air Tonight* Program, the Air District issues mid-morning advisories to the public, warning them that air pollution is predicted to exceed federal standards that evening. Since woodburning and vehicle exhaust are the major sources of particulate pollution in the winter, we ask people not to burn wood and to limit driving during *Spare the Air Tonight* episodes.

Weather patterns strongly influence air quality in the wintertime. Unlike summer smog, which peaks in the late afternoon, winter PM 2.5 pollution is most concentrated at night and in the early morning hours.

On winter evenings, as the sun sets, the bottom layer of air is cooled by the

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Air District Makes Top-Management Changes

William C. Norton Named Executive Officer

The Air District's Board of Directors has appointed William C. Norton to serve as Executive Officer and Air Pollution Control Officer through November 2003.

The Air District originally hired Mr. Norton to serve as Interim Executive Officer of the Air District from March to November 2002.

The former City Manager for the City of Alameda, Mr. Norton retired in 1996 from a long career in public service. He was then invited to join the Public Service Skills Program established by the League of California Cities, which seeks interim positions for retired local government officials. From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Norton worked brief stints as interim City Manager for Clayton, Saratoga, Los Altos Hills, and Calistoga.

Before retirement, he devoted over 15 years to the City of Alameda, first as Public Works Director, and then City Manager from 1988 to 1996. During his term as City Manager, Mr. Norton also served as CEO of the Alameda Redevelop-

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Ellen Garvey Steps Down as Air Pollution Control Officer

This November, Air Pollution Control Officer Ellen Garvey left the Air District to pursue a career as an independent consultant.

Garvey joined the Air District in 1981 as an air quality engineer. She began her tenure as Air Pollution Control Officer in 1996, and had served as Executive Officer from that time until April of this year.

"I have enjoyed every minute of my job, and I will miss the daily work with the District's directors and staff," she said.

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TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

DAILY AIR QUALITY	1-800-HELP-AIR
COMPLAINT LINE	1-800-334-ODOR
SMOKING VEHICLES	1-800-EXHAUST

Air District Updates Open Burning Regulations

This year, the Air District adopted several revisions to *Regulation 5: Open Burning* that were implemented October 1, 2002. The revisions were designed to reduce the potential negative public health impact of open burning smoke and to prevent emissions from causing violations of air quality standards.

The revisions include new requirements for prescribed burning and marsh management fires. They also expand the Air District's notification requirements, limit morning burn hours, and improve the regulation's clarity and enforceability. The most significant changes to the Air District's open burning requirements are as follows:

The prescribed burning program was expanded to include forest management and range management fires, as well as certain types of hazardous materials and crop replacement fires, when the acreage to be burned is expected to exceed 10 acres or when the material to be burned was cleared or generated from more than 10 acres of land.

Under the prescribed burning program, fires cannot be set without a Smoke Management Plan, approved by the Air District. These plans outline the acceptable weather, moisture, and fuel conditions, and must be submitted to the Air District 30 calendar days prior to any planned burning. In addition, an acreage burning allocation must be granted by the Air District each day before the start of any fire.

New requirements were adopted for marsh management fires, which are set for the purpose of improving marshland for wildlife habitat. These fires also require an approved Smoke Management Plan, as well as a daily acreage burning allocation from the Air District.

For all fire types, verbal prior notification will no longer be accepted. A notification form must be filled out and sent to the Air District before any burn can commence. The form must be sent to the Air District by fax at (415) 928-0338 or

by mail. If the notification is sent by mail, it must be postmarked at least five days before the burn is to take place. A copy of the notification form can be downloaded from the Air District website at www.baaqmd.gov/enf/forms/formlist.htm. It can also be obtained by calling (415) 749-4782.

For all fire types, morning burning can not begin until 10 AM. Piles of burned material must not generate smoke after sunset on any day.

"These revisions were developed in response to changes in the California Air Resources Board's open burning guidelines, and to improve the Air District's Smoke Management efforts," says Doug Tolar, Air Quality Specialist. "It's important to minimize the public health effects of open burning smoke, while still allowing necessary burning."

As before, allowed fires can only take place on designated *Burn* days. Air District meteorologists make *Burn/No Burn* forecasts by 3 PM for the following day. Burn forecasts are recorded on the Air District's toll-free number, 1-800-HELP-AIR. The new version of *Regulation 5*, the Air District's open burning regulation, can be downloaded at www.baaqmd.gov (follow the link to "Regulations").

For additional information on the new rules or on our open burning regulations in general, call Doug Tolar at (415) 749-5118.

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ment Agency, CEO of the Alameda Housing Authority, and CEO of the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority.

His career in city government began in the early 1970s with the City of Oakland, where he worked as an Administrative Analyst and Management Analyst. In

1980, he was hired as Public Services Administrator for the City of Newark.

"I look forward to meeting the challenges faced by the Air District in the coming year," he says. "Air quality is a significant public health concern. It's important that we balance the Bay Area's continued population growth with our commitment to clean air."

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"However, the time has come for me to pursue another path in my career."

Garvey served this year as President of the National Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officers, and Chair of its National Energy Committee. She was appointed air quality advisor on Governor Davis's Clean Energy Team. She has served on the boards of various local transit and air quality organizations.

"During her tenure, the Bay Area's ozone levels have improved, and there is a far greater awareness of the need for clean vehicles and clean electric power generation," said Randy Attaway, Chairperson of the Air District's Board of Directors. "We wish her well in her new career."

Air District Appoints Head Counsel

The Board of Directors appointed Brian Bunger as permanent District Counsel in September, 2002. Mr. Bunger had been serving as Acting District Counsel since April of this year, after the former District Counsel resigned.

Mr. Bunger joined the Air District in July of 2000 as Senior Assistant Counsel, after 11 years with Folger Levin & Kahn in San Francisco. He has extensive environmental law and litigation experience. A Bay Area native, he earned his JD degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, and his undergraduate Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley.

Air District Selects 2002 Clean Air Champions

At a meeting of its Board of Directors on September 4, 2002, the Air District presented awards to its 2002 Clean Air Champions. There were five winners for this annual award, which honors Bay Area individuals and groups for their exceptional efforts to clean up the air. The Air District cosponsors the Clean Air Champions award with the American Lung Association, RIDES for Bay Area Commuters, and the U.S. EPA. This year, on its tenth anniversary, the Clean Air Champions Award expanded to include groups, agencies, and organizations that exemplified the clean air spirit.

The City of Vallejo was selected as a 2002 Clean Air Champion for its renewable energy projects. City of Vallejo employee Joe Bates and consultant Larry Asera keep the City of Vallejo at the forefront of communities focusing on renewable energy. From solar and wind power to clean air vehicles, their efforts in Vallejo exemplify how local government can help set new standards for clean air.

City Manager David Martinez explains why Vallejo supported the renewable energy project: "I firmly believe that projects that enhance environmental quality are important for our city, given the challenges that our region faces in reducing air pollution. We have found that these types of projects can also be cost-effective and helpful in today's tight budget environment."

Vallejo Mayor Anthony Intintoli Jr. is thrilled at the City of Vallejo's selection. "The energy conservation projects led by Joe Bates and Larry Asera demonstrate the

city's vision to protect the environment and our continuing efforts to reduce our energy costs and consumption," he said. "It's nice that our city has been honored for our work on the program. I hope we can be an example for other cities in the region."



2002 Clean Air Champions (left to right) Marci McGuire, Program Director at Bishop Ranch Transportation Association; City of Vallejo Mayor Anthony Intintoli, Jr.; City of Vallejo Financial Director Fred Wright accepting for Larry Asera; Michael Burns, MUNI General Manager; Joe Bates, City of Vallejo; City of Sausalito Councilperson Paul Albritton; Wendi Kallins, Program Director for Marin County Bicycle Coalition "Safe Routes to Schools" Program; Malka Kopell, Executive Director and Founder, Community Focus

Attorney Paul Albritton is a city council member in Sausalito who has twice served as mayor. During his time in city government, Albritton has been a tireless advocate of alternative transportation solutions. His accomplishments include spearheading the city's purchase of a clean air shuttle to provide free service for both residents and visitors to Sausalito. He promoted the development of a Sausalito Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that garnered over \$1 million in grant funds for construction this fall of the southern anchor to the Marin County North-South Bikeway. In addition, Albritton established a "virtual" law firm that allows attorneys to telecommute from

home and provides free "Commuter Checks" to all its employees.

Albritton commutes to his law office in San Francisco via Golden Gate Transit, takes transit or carpools to all public meetings, and also finds time to sit on advisory boards for bus passengers at

Golden Gate Transit and ferry riders on the Bay Area Water Transit Authority. Using public transit so often sometimes prompts humorous comments from his clients. "When they find me on the bus, some clients ask, 'Don't I pay you enough?'" Albritton said. "Taking public transit is something tangible that I can do for the environment every-day. Clean air activism helps me fulfill my commitment to see my daughter grow up in a cleaner community less dependent on the automobile."

Michael Burns, SF MUNI General Manager, was selected because he is a transit agency executive who "walks the walk" when it comes to commute alternatives. As SF MUNI's general manager, Burns feels fortunate to be guiding MUNI as it takes large strides toward becoming a cleaner, more sustainable transportation system. Burns's efforts include improving MUNI's on-time performance for the third year in a row, using only ultra-low sulfur fuel in all buses, installing particulate traps and bike racks on most buses, joining City CarShare to reduce automobile use by MUNI employees, and prioritizing the testing of compressed natural gas and diesel-electric buses for future use in the MUNI fleet.

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"I always try to remember that the first small step towards cleaner air is choosing either the bus or my bike for daily transportation." Burns said. "My efforts to improve air quality are driven by a personal goal to contribute to the improvement of the overall quality of life in San Francisco. I hope to be an example to others, encouraging them toward alternatives to the automobile, with an ultimate objective of a cleaner environment for generations to come."

The Bishop Ranch Transportation Association in San Ramon developed and maintains a well-planned, flexible, multi-modal transportation program. This program consistently achieves 30 percent reduction of drive-alone commute trips to Bishop Ranch, a business center that has 350 companies employing 30,000 workers, thus preventing tons of pollution from going into the air. Besides privately financing a BART Express Bus system—which provides free passes to employees—and promoting a safe-biking program, Bishop Ranch supports one of the largest carpool populations in northern California. Marci McGuire, program manager and a 1996 Clean Air Champion herself, was excited when she found out Bishop Ranch was selected for the award. "I'm committed to encouraging air-quality correct behavior every day," she said. "So to win this award on an organizational level demonstrates that commuter behavior can change for the better on a larger scale—that's very validating. Bishop Ranch Transportation Association makes this effort to clean the air because it's good business for us, for our companies, their employees and, ultimately, the health of their families."

The innovative **Safe Routes to Schools Program of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition** is geared towards educating children about the benefits of walking and biking to school. The program's key goals are to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, make

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TFCA Awards \$9.5 Million to Reduce Air Pollution

Public agencies throughout the Bay Area have been awarded over \$9.5 million in grants from the Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) for projects that reduce emissions from motor vehicles—the single largest source of air pollution in the Bay Area. Over the life of the 33 projects funded this year, an estimated 414 tons of smog-causing gases and small particles will be removed from the air we breathe.

Since the Air District inaugurated this special funding program in 1992, a total of \$226 million in grants has been funded for 1,407 projects around the Bay Area. Over the intervening years, TFCA projects have reduced smog-forming gases and particulate emissions by an annual average of 1,245 tons.

The largest emission reductions from this year's funding cycle will come from the replacement of old diesel-powered heavy-duty vehicles and transit buses by new cleaner propane or natural gas-fueled engines. These projects amount to over 42 percent of this year's total funding.

Other projects that received funding include shuttle and feeder bus service to train stations; ridesharing programs to encourage carpooling and transit use; bicycle facility improvements such as bike lanes, bicycle racks, and lockers; arterial management improvement projects to speed the flow of transit buses and traffic along major arterials; and transit information projects to enhance the availability and accessibility of transit information.

The TFCA awards the \$4 surcharge on Department of Motor Vehicle registration fees collected in the Bay Area to public agency projects that reduce emissions from motor vehicles. By law, the Air District allocates 60 percent of the TFCA funds, known as the TFCA Regional Funds, through a competitive process. The other 40 percent is dispensed directly to congestion management agencies in the Bay Area's nine counties.

"These awards are putting vehicle registrations fees to work to benefit air quality and consequently the health of Bay Area residents," stated Executive Officer William C. Norton.

Some of the criteria used in determining awards include: cost effectiveness at reducing emissions, feasibility, matching funds, and promotion of alternative transportation modes.

A portion of the TFCA Regional Funds is earmarked for eligible projects that are implemented directly by the Air District. These projects include:

- The Smoking Vehicle Program, which warns motorists about the health hazards of vehicle exhaust and encourages the reporting of smoking vehicles by phone to 1-800-EXHAUST or on-line at www.800exhaust.org.
- The Vehicle Buy Back Program, which offers \$500 to scrap high emission pre-1981 vehicles.
- The Vehicle Incentive Program, which helps stimulate public agencies to change over to cleaner-fueled fleet vehicles.
- The Spare the Air Program, which advises the public when air quality is poor and asks for cooperation in limiting polluting behaviors such as driving.
- The Lower Emission School Bus Program, which helps school districts buy cleaner school buses.

—Lucia Libretti

Transportation Fund for Clean Air

FY 2002/2003 REGIONAL FUND GRANT AWARDS

REGIONAL

Metropolitan Transportation Program	\$1,000,000	Regional Rideshare Program
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ALAMEDA COUNTY

City of Alameda	\$603,669	12 Natural Gas Refuse Trucks
City of Oakland	\$666,000	10 LNG & Dual Fuel Refuse Trucks
City of Oakland	\$165,000	Streetscape Improvements—8th Street
City of Oakland	\$150,000	Bicycle Lanes—MacArthur Blvd
City of Union City	\$30,500	One Natural Gas Street Sweeper
County of Alameda	\$97,600	Bicycle Route—Dublin Canyon Road
University of California, Berkeley	\$47,376	5 Cages to Park 245 Bikes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

City of Concord	\$150,000	Neighborhood Traffic Calming
City of El Cerrito	\$351,654	Traffic Calming—Fairmount Ave
City of El Cerrito	\$140,964	Bicycle Path—Ohlone Greenway
City of Richmond	\$100,000	Bicycle Path—Richmond Parkway Bay Trail

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

City of Los Altos	\$40,000	Traffic Calming—El Monte Ave
City of San Jose	\$278,500	Bascom Ave Signal Timing Project
City of San Jose	\$23,066	Bicycle Racks at Bus Stops
City of Sunnyvale	\$250,000	5 Natural Gas Refuse Trucks
San Jose State University	\$80,000	Trip Reduction Program
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	\$812,163	Altamont Commuter Express Shuttle Program
Town of Los Gatos	\$32,200	Bicycle Racks

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

County of San Francisco	\$440,984	6 LNG Refuse Trucks
County of San Francisco (DPT)	\$112,000	Bicycle Lanes—Cabrillo Ave
San Francisco International Airport	\$440,000	31 Natural Gas Shuttle Vehicles

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the streets safe for kids to walk and bike to schools, and create a new generation that is aware of and uses alternatives to driving. Program Director Wendi Kallins, in collaboration with Debbie Hubsmith, Executive Director of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition, discovered programs in Canada and England that ultimately served as their model in

Marin. "The pilot program, in the 2000-2001 school year with nine schools in Marin County, was so successful that we have received additional funding from the county Congestion Management Agency and the Marin Community Foundation," said Kallins. "The pilot program increased the number of children walking and biking to pilot schools by 57 percent and decreased the number of children arriving at school alone in a

car by 29 percent." The Safe Routes to Schools Program was funded by the National Highway Traffic Administration in Washington D.C. as a national model.

Besides the five award winners, the Clean Air Champions Award committee presented an Appreciation Award to **Malka Kopell, Community Focus Executive Director**, for her leadership and inspiration since the inception of the awards.

—Luna Salaver

Air District Welcomes New Hearing Board Members

Thomas M. Dailey, M.D.

In March 2002, Thomas Dailey was elected Chair of the Hearing Board. He has served on the Board since April 2001, in the Medical Profession category.

Dr. Dailey is Chief of the Division of Pulmonary Medicine, and Assistant Director of the Intensive Care Unit, at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Santa Clara. He is a Senior Partner of the Permanente Medical Group, and has been a PMG staff physician since 1989. Dr. Dailey graduated from the UCLA School of Medicine in 1984, was certified in Internal Medicine in 1987, and recently recertified in Critical Care Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine in 2000. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine.

He currently serves on the California Thoracic Society/American Lung Association of California Health Care Policy Committee, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. Dr. Dailey belongs to a number of Medical Societies, has received several awards from the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, and has published a variety of articles about asthma and lung disease.

Allan R. "Bob" Saxe

On May 1, 2002, Bob Saxe was appointed to serve on the Hearing Board in the Attorney category. For over 30 years, the focus of Mr. Saxe's law practice has been public law. He spent over ten years as deputy county counsel in Santa Clara County, serving five years as legal advisor to the Board of Supervisors on land use matters.

In 1979, Mr. Saxe left to start his own firm with an associate, which covered local governmental issues such as development projects, hazardous waste issues,



and air and water quality issues. In 1992, he was appointed City Attorney for San Ramon, and worked in that capacity until his retirement in August 2001.

Mr. Saxe has been an active member of the Santa Clara County Bar Association, assisting them in various capacities. He has been a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley, and has served on the Board of the Silicon Valley Economic Development Corporation, as well as the City of San Jose's Loan Advisory Board.

Julio Magalhães, Ph.D.

On April 2, 2002, Julio Magalhães was appointed to serve on the Hearing Board in the Public Member category. Dr. Magalhães is an expert on the climate of planetary atmospheres and has extensive experience in the area of atmospheric physics. His accomplishments include playing a key role in NASA's Mars Pathfinder Mission and directing public outreach for NASA's Galileo Probe Mission to Jupiter.

Dr. Magalhães is currently an independent consulting scientist. Previously, he worked for NASA for 15 years performing planetary meteorology research, as well as public and educational outreach. He has also taught astronomy at the college level. Dr. Magalhães holds a Ph.D. and an M.S. in Astronomy with a Meteorology emphasis from Cornell University, and a B.S. in Physics from Stanford University.

Terry A. Trumbull, Esq.

Terry A. Trumbull was appointed to the Hearing Board on April 3, 2002. He serves in the Public Member category. Mr. Trumbull was Chair of the Planning Committee of the Air District's Advisory Council when he was appointed to the Hearing Board.

Mr. Trumbull is an environmental attorney for The Trumbull Law Firm in Palo Alto, and serves on the Santa Clara County Planning Commission. In addition, Mr. Trumbull teaches for the Environmental Studies Department and Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University.

Since 1986, he has been Chair of the Government Affairs Committee of the Pacific Industrial Business Association (PIBA), and Endorsement Chair since 1995 of the Santa Clara County chapter of the California League of Conservation Voters. Mr. Trumbull is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Santa Clara-San Benito Counties.

Spare the Air Tonight

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ground and sinks down. The warmer air mass above creates an inversion layer, holding pollutants near the surface. When there is no wind, pollution can build up rapidly to unhealthy levels. From late November through the end of January, the angle of the sun is so shallow that the earth does not radiate enough heat until mid-morning to lift this inversion layer.

For more information about the new PM 2.5 standard, and to order a free Woodburning Handbook, visit www.sparetheair.org or call 1-800-HELP-AIR.

2002 Board Actions

Feb 20, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-01

A Resolution to Transfer Funds Within the District Budget for the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 (FY 2000-2001) to Fund a Temporary Replacement for the Human Resources Officer

Mar 6, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-02

A Resolution to Transfer Funds Within the District Budget for the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 (FY 2000-2001) to Fund Services by Outside Legal Counsel.

Resolution No. 2002-03

A Resolution to Award Bid for Modeling System and Modeling for the 2004 Ozone Plan. Awards Air Quality Modeling Contract for the 2004 Bay Area Ozone Attainment Plan to Environ International Corporation.

Resolution No. 2002-04: Amendments

A Resolution Certifying a Negative Declaration as the California Environmental Quality Act Document for Proposed Amended Regulation 5: Open Burning. A Resolution Amending Regulation 5: Open Burning. The amendments implement the District's smoke management program for prescribed burning, and meet the requirements of California's new "Smoke Management" Guidelines: in Title 17, of the California Code of Regulations, Section 80100 et seq. The amendments will reduce potential public health impacts and air quality impacts from open burning activities, especially from prescribed burning and marsh management fires, and will improve the enforceability of the regulation.

May 15, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-05

A Resolution Approving A Memorandum of Understanding Between the District and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Employees Association, Inc. and Adopting Salary Schedules.

Resolution No. 2002-06

A Resolution Establishing a Reserve for Salary/Benefit and PERS Adjustments and Transferring Funds From The General Reserve to the Reserve for Salary/Benefit and PERS Adjustment.

Jun 5, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-07: Amendments

A Resolution Approving the CEQA Notice of Exemption for Amendments to Regulation 3 – Fees. A Resolution Amending Regulation 3 - Fees. The amendments will increase District fees in Regulation 3 Schedules L: Asbestos Operations and Schedule Q: Aeration of Contaminated Soil and Removal of Underground Storage Tanks by 5.3 percent effective July 1, 2002. All other fees were increased by 5.3 percent effective July 1, 2002 as a result of the amendments approved at the May 1, 2002 meeting of the Board of Directors. The amendments are authorized by Health & Safety Code Sections 42311(a), 42311(g), 42311.5, and 41512.5.

Jun 19, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-08

A Resolution to Approve the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003 (FY 2002-2003) and to Approve Various Budget Related Actions
(There is no Resolution No. 2002-09)

Jul 17, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-10

A Resolution Waiving PERS 960-Hour Rule Applicable to William C. Norton.

Resolution No. 2002-11: Amendments

A Resolution Approving the CEQA Notice of Exemption for Amendments to Regulation 9: Inorganic Gaseous Pollutants, Rule 10: Nitrogen Oxide and Carbon Monoxide from Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters in Oil Refineries. A Resolution Amending these Regulations. The amendments correct rule deficiencies identified by the EPA and would allow EPA to grant full approval of the rule into the California State Implementation Plan.

Resolution No. 2002-12: Amendments

A Resolution Approving the Negative Declaration for Proposed Amended Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 51: Adhesive and Sealant Products. A Resolution Amending these Regulations. The amendments exempt methyl acetate from the definition of volatile organic compound (VOC) found in the rule and would allow product formulators to reduce VOC content by substituting methyl acetate for more hazardous solvents.

Resolution No. 2002-13

A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the District's Contract with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CALPers) Retirement Formula and Public Service Credit for Peace Corps or AmeriCorps: VISTA Service.

Aug 7, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-14

A Resolution Commemorating James R. Guthrie's 29 Years of Service.

Oct 16, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-15: Amendments

A Resolution Approving the Negative Declaration for Proposed Amended Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 4: General Solvents and Coating Operations; Rule 14: Surface Coating of Large Appliances and Metal Furniture; Rule 19: Surface Coating of Miscellaneous Metal Parts and Products; Rule 31: Surface Coating of Plastic Parts and Products; and Rule 43: Surface Coating of Marine Vessels. A Resolution Amending these Regulations. The amendments are based on Control Measure SS-13, which requires substitution of less polluting cleaning solutions for organic solvents used in cleaning and surface preparation. The amendments will reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions by 2.1 tons per day. The standard in each of the five rules is 50 grams per liter. The South Coast AQMD and San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD have adopted similar rules.

Resolution No. 2002-16: Amendments

A Resolution Approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Proposed Amended Regulation 8: Organic Compound, Rule 16: Solvent Cleaning Operations. A Resolution Amending these Regulations. The amendments are based on Control Measure SS-14 and will reduce VOC emissions in the Bay Area by 2.2 tons per day. The proposed requirements are similar to those adopted in the South Coast AQMD and San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD.

Resolution No. 2002-17

A Resolution to Amend Non-Board of Directors Appointed Management and Confidential Employee Salary and Fringe Benefits

Resolution No. 2002-18

A Resolution For Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions

Resolution No. 2002-22

A Resolution Establishing the Air District's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE") Program and Authorizing Submission of the DBE Program to the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans").

Nov 6, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-19: Amendments

A Resolution Approving the Negative Declaration for Proposed Amended Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 7: Gasoline Dispensing Facilities. A Resolution Amending this Regulation. These amendments were proposed in response to EPA's limited approval/limited disapproval of the current rule. The amendments impose a minimum frequency for source testing at gas stations in response to the EPA action, clarify rule language, and make other minor administrative changes.

Nov 27, 2002

Resolution No. 2002-20: Amendments

A Resolution Approving the Negative Declaration for Proposed Amended Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 5: Storage of Organic Liquids. A Resolution Amending this Regulation. The primary effect of the amendments is to impose more stringent requirements on tank seals and fittings and to require more frequent inspections of seals and fittings. The amendments limit exemptions in Sections 111 and 112 and implement Control Measure SS-12 from the Bay Area 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan. The amendments are estimated to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions in the Bay Area by 0.13 tons per day. The amendments will make the rule clearer and easier to understand.

Resolution No. 2002-21: Amendments

A Resolution Approving Preparation and Filing of a Notice of Exemption for Proposed Amended Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 18: Equipment Leaks. A Resolution Amending this Regulation. The proposed amendments are in response to EPA's limited approval/limited disapproval of the current rule. The amendments add a requirement for prior EPA approval of any alternative compliance plans. The amendments for this regulation are minor administrative changes that will allow the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fully approve the rule into the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

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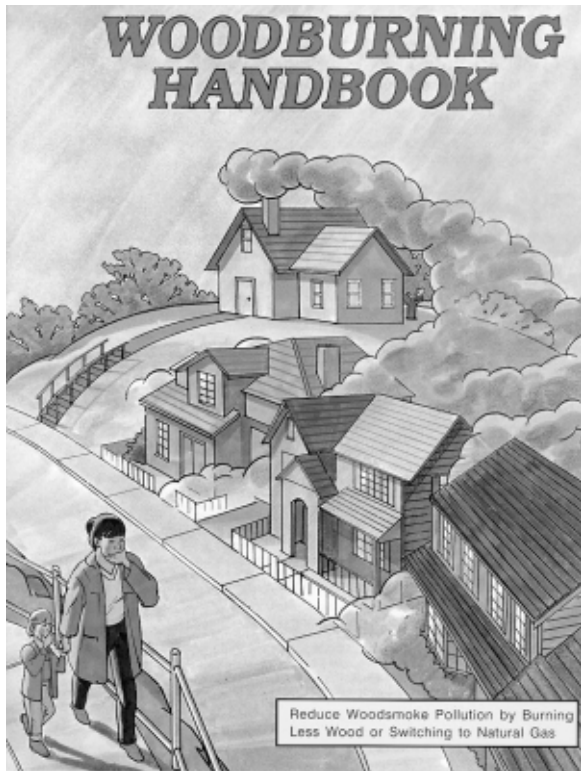
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Order a Woodburning Handbook...

The Air District is asking everyone to help educate the public about wintertime air pollution. In the winter, woodsmoke from fireplaces and woodstoves generates up to 30 percent of the particulates in the air, including some toxic air pollutants. Particulate matter is especially harmful to children, people with respiratory illnesses, and senior citizens.

You can help us spread the word by ordering copies of the Woodburning Handbook. This booklet contains information about minimizing the hazards of woodsmoke pollution. You can distribute it in your neighborhood, store, office, social club, or service organization.

To order copies, call the Air District's Public Information Office at (415) 749-4900. You can also order on-line at www.sparetheair.org.



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