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Air District advises public about smoke impacts from local wildfires

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing a smoke advisory to residents in the Bay Area due to impacts from several local wildfires, including one near Napa and Fairfield.

The Air District has recorded elevated levels of particulate matter in the Bay Area and is advising the public in areas affected by the smoke to be cautious and limit exposure to the smoky air.

Stronger on-shore winds this afternoon are expected to help disperse smoke.

Residents in areas affected by smoke are advised to:

- Reduce exposure to smoky air by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed
- Set air conditioning units and car vent systems to recirculate
- Limit outdoor activities to avoid unnecessary exposure

Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a scratchy throat and irritated sinuses. Elderly persons, children, and individuals with heart or lung disease are particularly susceptible to elevated air pollution levels and should take extra precautions to avoid exposure. Persons experiencing severe symptoms should seek professional medical advice or treatment.

Residents are asked to pay attention to health advisories that may be issued by local County Health Officers in the event of a threat to public health due to excessive smoke in their communities.

The Air District will continue to monitor and measure the smoke impacts in the downwind areas and issue additional advisories as conditions warrant

For more information about smoke impacts please visit the CAPCOA website:
www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/.

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