



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Air District invites public input on Clean Air Plan and CEQA guidelines

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is hosting a series of workshops to provide information and get public comment on the *Bay Area 2009 Clean Air Plan* and the Air District's guidelines for local implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

WHAT : Public Workshop Series on *2009 Clean Air Plan* and CEQA Guidelines

WHEN / WHERE:

Wednesday, April 29

Oakland City Hall

1 Frank Ogawa Square, Oakland, CA 94626

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Bay Area 2009 Clean Air Plan Session

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CEQA Guidelines Session

Thursday, April 30

Petaluma Public Library

1000 Fairgrounds Dr., Petaluma, CA 94952

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WHY: With the *Bay Area 2009 Clean Air Plan*, the Air District is charting the course toward healthier air. The *2009 Plan* will identify strategies for reducing pollution from industrial, commercial, residential and vehicular sources. The plan complies with California Clean Air Act requirements for implementing measures to reduce ozone, and additionally aims to reduce fine particulate matter exposure by 10 percent by 2015, diesel particulate matter exposure by 85 percent by 2020, and greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020.

The Air District's guidelines for local implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act will help limit pollution from new developments and will set thresholds for emissions of greenhouse gases, toxic air contaminants and fine particulate matter. The Air District's CEQA Guidelines will assist local planners and developers in assessing health risk from sources of toxic air contaminants.

By developing the *Bay Area 2009 Clean Air Plan* and the CEQA Guidelines simultaneously, the Air District is pioneering a comprehensive approach to air quality management across multiple pollutant types and pollutant sources.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area.

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