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Permissive burn season closes for fall marsh management fires

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is announcing that the permissible burn season for fall marsh management fires within the Bay Area closes on Thursday, October 15.

Set for the purpose of improving lowland and marsh areas for wildlife, marsh management fires can only take place on a burn day during the permissible burn season as determined by the Air District.

Under Air District policy, permissive BURN days will not be declared when a *Spare the Air Alert* is in effect.

Open burning is regulated because of its impact on air quality. Certain fires for agricultural purposes, flood control, fire training and the prevention of fire hazards, among other purposes, are allowed when weather conditions are favorable for smoke dispersion, many of them during specified periods throughout the year. Each day of the year is designated as either a BURN or a NO BURN day, and permissible fires can only be set during their established burn season on a designated BURN day.

Open burning requirements apply to the nine-county Bay Area region, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwestern Solano and southern Sonoma counties.

The Air District's open burning regulation (Regulation 5) is available at: www.baaqmd.gov/rules. Open burn information is also available on the Air District's toll-free number at 1-800-HELP AIR (435-7247).

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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