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## **Air District to launch Open Air Forum**

*Online tool offers new and convenient way to engage with the Air District*

**SAN FRANCISCO** - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District today announces the launch of a new online civic engagement tool, *Open Air Forum*.

*Open Air Forum* is an online resource that offers the public a new opportunity to interact with the Air District and provide feedback on specific Air District topics.

“Our *Open Air Forum* will provide the public with the ability to comment and help shape the region’s air quality and climate policy work well into the future,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “The Bay Area Air District is the first air district in the state to launch this type of online platform that will allow greater public access to Air District materials and aid in our ability to increase public participation in our work.”

The first *Open Air Forum* topic of discussion is the set of emission reduction measures proposed to be included in the Air District’s [2016 Clean Air Plan/Regional Climate Protection Strategy](#). This document aims to identify how our region can achieve significant, long-term reductions in regional air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.

The Air District held a series of open houses throughout the Bay Area in late January and early February. Thanks to *Open Air Forum*, anyone who was unable to attend an open house can access materials presented, review and provide comment 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until the close of the public comment period on April 1, 2016. Additional opportunities for public input in this important process will be available later this year.

*Open Air Forum* can be accessed through the Air District website homepage at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov) or directly at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/in-your-community/open-air>. Interested members of the public can access the information and provide comments before the end of the posted comment period. *Open Air Forum* will provide access to Air District topics, documents or rules.

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

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