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Air District releases draft Bay Area Clean Air Plan

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has released the draft 2010 Clean Air Plan, a comprehensive strategy to improve Bay Area air quality and protect public health.

"Although we continue to make strides toward cleaner air, we still have more work to do," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "We believe this first-of-its-kind plan will help the region meet our clean air goals."

The draft Clean Air Plan details the strategy that the Air District and its partners will implement to reduce air pollution, including greenhouse gas emissions. This strategy proposes to safeguard public health by reducing exposure to air pollutants that pose the greatest health risk. The draft plan is the first of its type to look at multiple pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, air toxics and greenhouse gases in an integrated way. This integrated strategy assesses the sources of these pollutants to identify opportunities for maximum reduction.

A series of regional workshops will take place April 6-8 to present an overview of the draft plan, answer questions and receive public input.

Tuesday, April 6 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Petaluma

Petaluma Public Library Community Meeting Room 100 Fairgrounds Drive Wednesday, April 7 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Santa Clara

City of Santa Clara Council Chambers 1500 Warburton Avenue **Thursday, April 8** 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Oakland

County of Alameda 2nd Floor, Room #225 1221 Oak Street

The draft Clean Air Plan has been prepared in collaboration with the Air District's regional agency partners: the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

For a copy of the plan, or to get more information visit: www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Plans/Clean-Air-Plans.aspx or contact David Burch, principal planner, at 415.749.4641 or dburch@baaqmd.gov.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (<u>www.baaqmd.gov</u>) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the Bay Area.