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MEDIA ADVISORY

Air District seeks public input on particulate matter reduction plan

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District invites the public to a workshop regarding the air quality planning process aimed at reducing harmful particulate matter and to solicit preliminary input on a federally required particulate matter reduction plan.

WHAT: Workshop / Webcast: Reducing Particulate Matter Pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area

WHEN: Monday, February 6, 2012
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Air District Board Room
939 Ellis Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco

Particulate matter is a pollutant made up of tiny particles suspended in the air we breathe. Health studies indicate that fine particulate matter is the air pollutant that poses the greatest health risk to Bay Area residents. Exposure to particulates may cause a variety of adverse health impacts, both acute and chronic, including aggravated asthma, bronchitis, decreased lung function, heart attack and premature death.

In accordance with federal requirements, the Air District will develop a plan to continue progress in reducing fine particulate matter, or PM_{2.5}, levels in the San Francisco Bay Area.

For additional information on Bay Area particulate matter planning and for information on how to view a webcast of the workshop please visit: www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Plans/PM-Planning.aspx.

If you have questions about the workshop, please contact David Burch at dburch@baaqmd.gov or 415-749-4641.

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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