

## **SMOKE ADVISORY**

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## Smoke Advisory in Effect in the Bay Area

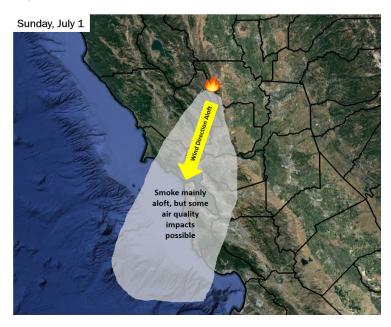
Bay Area impacted by smoke from County Fire in Yolo County

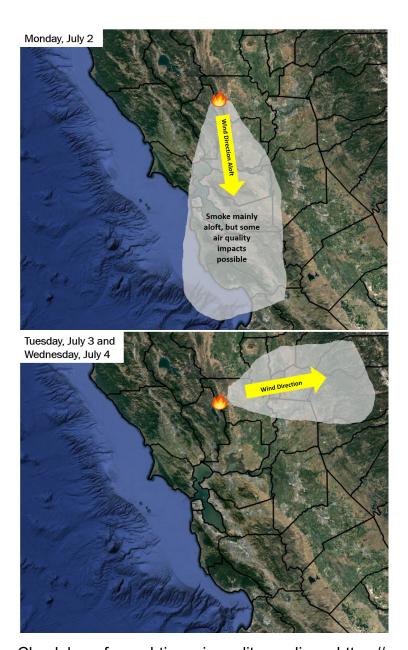
**SAN FRANCISCO** – A smoke advisory is in effect today in the Bay Area.

The Bay Area is experiencing smoke impacts from the County Fire in Yolo County. Prevailing northerly winds are blowing narrow bands of smoke and ash into the Bay Area. Fog is largely preventing the smoke from reaching the ground level in parts of the Bay Area. Due to active wildfires and changing wind patterns, air quality throughout the Bay Area could continue to be impacted tomorrow.

It is important that Bay Area residents protect their health. If possible, it is recommended that residents impacted by heavy smoke seek shelter in buildings with filtered air OR move outside the smoke impacted area until smoke levels subside.

Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a scratchy throat and irritated sinuses. Elevated particulate matter in the air can trigger wheezing in those who suffer from asthma, emphysema or COPD. Elderly persons, children and individuals with respiratory illnesses are particularly susceptible to elevated air pollution levels and should take extra precautions to avoid exposure.





Check here for real-time air quality readings: <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xnxJE">https://go.usa.gov/xnxJE</a>.

Conditions could improve on Tuesday and Wednesday as winds will shift from a northerly direction to westerly winds that should push smoke away from the Bay Area. Airborne ash is expected to further impact fire ravaged areas. Please refer to all health advisories issued in the Bay Area.

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

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