



This Advisory is provided to inform you about activities of the Air District which may affect your operation. It will help you achieve and maintain compliance with applicable air pollution regulations.

ATTENTION: PRIVATE LANDOWNERS, PUBLIC FIRE AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

SUBJECT: POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF PRESCRIBED BURNING, MARSH BURNING, AND STUBBLE BURNING FEES

On June 19, 2013, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) Board of Directors approved a new fee schedule, Regulation 3, Schedule V, for outdoor fires subject to Air District Regulation 5: Open Burning. The new open burning fee schedule is on the reverse side.

Effective July 1, 2013, the new open burning fees apply to all fires allowed in Regulation 5, which also includes Wildland Vegetation Management Fires (Prescribed Burning), Marsh Management Fires (Marsh Burning) and Stubble Fires (Stubble Burning). In order to address concerns about new Schedule V provisions that require fee payment prior to burning and fees paid be non-refundable, the Air District has developed a policy that would allow open burning operation fees paid for a specific property or burn project to be carried over to the next burn season or burn project approval period when no burning occurs during the time period for which a fee was paid.

The following criteria must be satisfied to use this allowance:

- The fire must be a Wildland Vegetation Management Fire (Prescribed Burning), Marsh Management Fire or Stubble Fire, as defined in Air District Regulation 5.
- An open burning operation fee was paid for a given burn season or burn project approval period but no burning occurred during that time period, as determined by the Air District.
- The fee paid is associated with a specific property or burn project smoke management plan.

If you have any further needs, please contact the Air District as indicated below:

- ☎ For questions about this Advisory, contact Douglas Tolar, Senior Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-5118.
- ☎ For general questions about open burning or to obtain an acreage burning allocation, contact the Open Burning Technician at (415) 749-4600.
- ☎ For a copy of this Advisory, see www.baaqmd.gov/advisories.
- ☎ For a copy of Regulation 3: Fees and Regulation 5: Open Burning, see: www.baaqmd.gov/rules.

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Regulation 3, Schedule V - Effective July 1, 2013

Prior Notification Fee

Regulation 5 Section - Allowable Fire Type	Permissive Burn Periods ²	Operation Fee ³
401.1 - Disease and Pest	January 1 – December 31	\$98
401.2 - Crop Replacement ¹	October 1 – April 30	\$98
401.3 - Orchard Pruning and Attrition	November 1 – April 30	\$98
401.4 - Double Cropping Stubble	June 1 – August 31	\$98
401.6 - Hazardous Material ¹	January 1 – December 31	\$98
401.7 - Fire Training	January 1 – December 31	\$98
401.8 - Flood Debris	October 1 – May 31	\$98
401.9 - Irrigation Ditches	January 1 – December 31	\$98
401.10 - Flood Control	January 1 – December 31	\$98
401.11 - Range Management ¹	July 1 – April 30	\$98
401.12 - Forest Management ¹	November 1 – April 30	\$98
401.14 - Contraband	January 1 – December 31	\$98

¹ Any Forest Management Fire, Range Management Fire, or Hazardous Material Fire not related to Public Resources Code 4291, or any Crop Replacement Fire for the purpose of establishing an agricultural crop on previously uncultivated land, that is expected to exceed 10 acres in size or burn piled vegetation cleared or generated from more than 10 acres is defined in Regulation 5, Section 213 as a type of prescribed burning and, as such, is subject to the prescribed burning operation fee in the table below.

² The operation fee paid as part of the notification to the District prior to burning will be for each specific *property*, as defined in Regulation 5, Section 217, and will be valid for one year from the fee payment date when a given fire is allowed as specified in Regulation 5, Section 401 for the allowable fire types in the table above.

³ Any person who provided notification under Regulation 5, Section 406, who seeks to burn an amount of material greater than the amount listed in that initial notification, shall provide a subsequent notification to the District under Regulation 5, Section 406 and shall pay an additional prior notification operation fee prior to burning.

Fees for Other Allowable Fire Types

Regulation 5 Section - Allowable Fire Type	Permissive Burn Period	Proposed Acreage to be Burned	Operation Fee
401.16 - Wildland Vegetation Management Fires (Prescribed Burning)	January 1 - December 31	<50 acres	\$425
		>50 acres but ≤ 150 acres	\$575
		>150 acres	\$750
401.13 - Marsh Management Fires (Marsh Burning)	September 1 - October 15 March 1 - April 15	<50 acres	\$350
		>50 acres but ≤ 150 acres	\$475
		>150 acres	\$600
401.5 - Stubble Fires (Stubble Burning)	September 1 - December 31	<25 acres	\$250
		>25 acres but ≤ 75 acres	\$350
		>75 acres but ≤ 150 acres	\$425
		>150 acres	\$500
401.16 - Filmmaking Fires 401.17 - Public Exhibition Fires	January 1 - December 31	Not applicable	\$505