



Compliance Advisory
July 9, 2025
Open Burning Fees Increase for Marsh Burning

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

ATTENTION: PRIVATE LANDOWNERS, PUBLIC FIRE AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES, AND AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS INVOLVED WITH OPEN BURNING

SUBJECT: OPEN BURNING OPERATION FEES INCREASE FOR MARSH MANAGEMENT BURNING






On July 2, 2025, the Bay Area Air District (Air District) Board of Directors approved a 15% operation fee increase for Marsh Management Burns subject to Air District Regulation 5: Open Burning. The operation fees for all other outdoor fires subject to Air District Regulation 5 remain unchanged.

Effective immediately, the following new fees apply to any entity required to submit a smoke management plan to receive an acreage burning allocation to conduct a Marsh Management Fire:

Regulation 5 Section – Allowable Fire Type	Proposed Acreage to be Burned	New Operation Fee
401.13 - Marsh Management Fires (Marsh Burning)	≤50 acres	\$944
	>50 acres but ≤ 150 acres	\$1,285
	>150 acres	\$1,619

The new open burning fee schedule (Air District Regulation 3, Schedule V) is enclosed. Full payment of fees for all fire types is required prior to burning.

Additional information about opening burning and this fee increase is available as indicated below:

-  For questions about this Advisory, contact Geraldina Grunbaum, Air District Senior Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-4956.
-  For questions about open burning, contact the Air District Open Burning Technician at (415) 749-4600.
-  For a copy of this Advisory, see www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/rule-advisories.
-  For a copy of Air District Regulation 3 – Fees, and Regulation 5 - Open Burning, see www.baaqmd.gov/en/rules-and-compliance/current-rules
-  To submit an Open Burning Notification or Smoke Management Plan, see www.baaqmd.gov/permits/open-burn.

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Air District Regulation 3, Schedule V - Effective July 2, 2025

Notification Fee

Regulation 5 Section - Allowable Fire Type	Permissive Burn Periods ²	Operation Fee ³
401.1 – Disease and Pest	January 1 – December 31	\$199
401.2 – Crop Replacement ¹	October 1 – April 30	\$199
401.3 – Orchard Pruning and Attrition	November 1 – April 30	\$199
401.4 – Double Cropping Stubble	June 1 – August 31	\$199
401.6 – Hazardous Material ¹	January 1 – December 31	\$199
401.7 – Fire Training	January 1 – December 31	\$199
401.8 – Flood Debris	October 1 – May 31	\$199
401.9 – Irrigation Ditches	January 1 – December 31	\$199
401.10 – Flood Control	January 1 – December 31	\$199
401.11 – Range Management ¹	July 1 – April 30	\$199
401.12 – Forest Management ¹	November 1 – April 30	\$199
401.14 – Contraband	January 1 – December 31	\$199

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 Air 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 entity which provided notification under Regulation 5, Section 406, and seeks to burn an amount of material greater than the amount listed in that initial notification, shall provide a subsequent notification to the Air District under Regulation 5, Section 406 and shall pay an additional 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
401.15 - Wildland Vegetation Management Fires (Prescribed Burning) ⁴	January 1 - December 31	≤50 acres	\$796
		>50 acres but ≤ 150 acres	\$1,079
		>150 acres	\$1,404
401.13 - Marsh Management Fires (Marsh Burning) ⁴	September 1 - October 15 March 1 - April 15	≤50 acres	\$944
		>50 acres but ≤ 150 acres	\$1,285
		>150 acres	\$1,619
401.5 - Stubble Fires (Stubble Burning) ⁴	September 1 - December 31	≤25 acres	\$509
		>25 acres but ≤75 acres	\$714
		>75 acres but ≤150 acres	\$867
		>150 acres	\$1,021
401.16 - Filmmaking Fires 401.17 - Public Exhibition Fires	January 1 - December 31	Not applicable	\$1,029

⁴ Refer to the Air District's July 18, 2013 Advisory, "Open Burning Fees," which outlines the policy to allow these fees to carry over to the next burn season or burn project approval period for a specific property or burn project smoke management plan if no burning occurred during the time period for which a fee was paid.

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