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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to Tenaja Fire in Murrieta

Valid Wednesday September 4, and Thursday September 5, 2019

This advisory is in effect through Thursday afternoon. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A wildfire, called the Tenaja Fire, is burning near the Murrieta and La Cresta areas. As of 8:50pm on Wednesday, the Tenaja Fire area was reported at 994 acres by CAL FIRE and the Riverside County Fire Department. Gusty winds from the south this evening are expected to transport smoke into the Inland Empire. Wind speeds will decrease to become light and from the north starting around 11pm on Wednesday evening. Light winds from the north are expected to continue through Thursday morning, which may transport smoke into the Temecula and Capistrano Valleys and into San Diego County. Strong winds from the southwest are expected on Thursday around noon. If the Tenaja Fire continues to generate smoke on Thursday afternoon, smoke may again impact the Inland Empire.

Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke into portions of Riverside and Orange Counties. Air quality may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher levels in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct impacts and unhealthful air quality may include portions of:

- Orange County: Capistrano Valley (Area 21)
- Riverside County: Corona-Norco (Area 22), Metropolitan Riverside County (Area



In any area impacted by smoke: If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter, and avoiding vigorous physical activity. For more tips on protecting yourself during a wildfire, see South Coast AQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips.

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- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see www.aqmd.gov/aqimap
- Air quality forecasts are available at http://www.agmd.gov/forecast
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas

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