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South Coast AQMD Extends Smoke Advisory Due to Fairview Fire South of Hemet

Valid: Tuesday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 7, 2022

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

The Fairview Wildfire is burning South of Hemet near Fairview Avenue and Bautista Road. As of 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the burn area was reported at 2400 acres with 5% containment. Current information on the Fairview Fire can be found on CAL Fire at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2022/9/5/fairview-fire/>.

Past and Current Smoke and Ash Impacts

The Fairview Fire is actively producing smoke on Tuesday morning based on satellite imagery, webcam imagery, and social media posts. The smoke plume is rising vertically and moving towards the west. Since 4:00 p.m. on Monday, the low-cost sensor in Hemet recorded **Good** to **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels. Visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/aqdata> to view current air quality conditions.

Please note that the above map also reflects ozone concentrations, which are expected to be high in the afternoons due to the current heat wave and are unrelated to the fire. See <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-advisories>.

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>.

Forecasted Smoke and Ash Impacts

Areas immediately adjacent to the Fairview Fire will experience the highest AQI levels due to smoke impacts. Smoke and ash impacts will be highly variable in both timing and location through Wednesday.

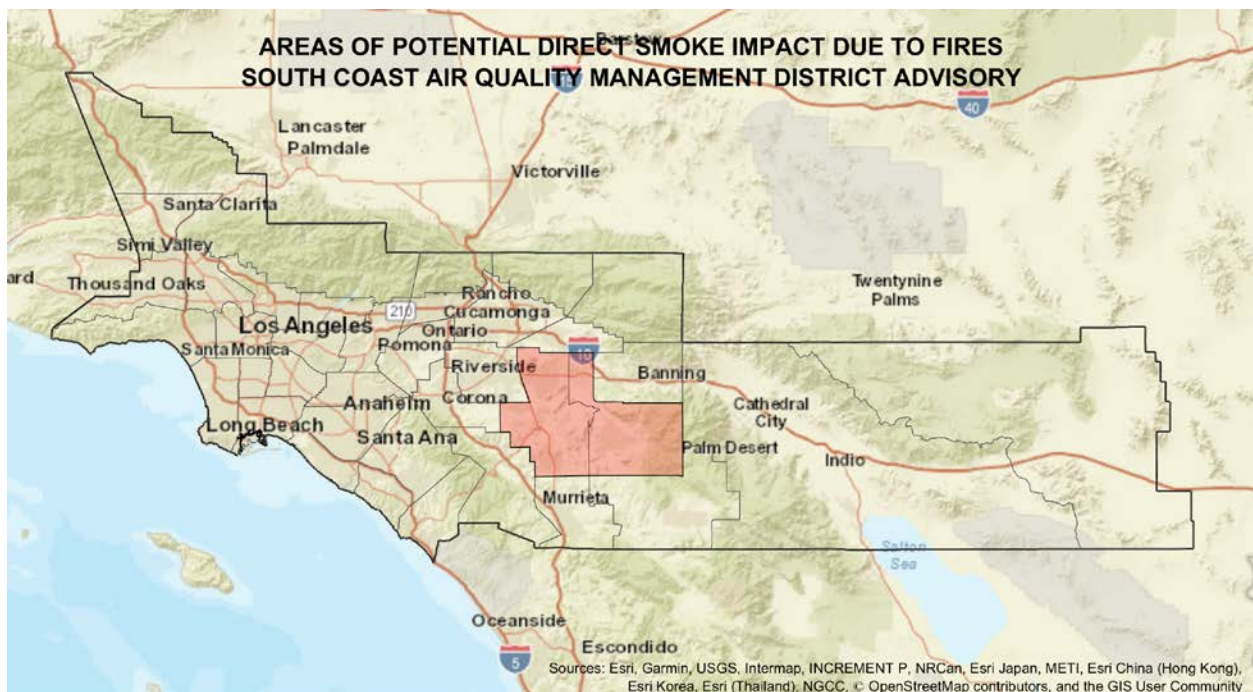
- **Tuesday afternoon:** Winds from the southwest near the Fairview Fire will push smoke northeast into the mountains south of Hemet. Impacts to the city areas are expected to be small.
- **Tuesday night:** Winds will be light. Areas in direct proximity to the fires will likely see the highest particulate matter levels overnight as smoke is likely to remain closer to the ground. AQI levels are expected to be **Moderate**, except close to the fire.
- **Wednesday morning and afternoon:** Winds from the east and southeast near the Fairview Fire will push smoke west and northwest. PM2.5 concentrations may be elevated, and AQI levels may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher in Hemet and Perris.

Extended Smoke Outlook: Smoke impacts will be heavily dependent on the progress of fire containment efforts. As firefighters continue to make progress against the fire, smoke impacts will decrease and become more localized. The South Coast Air Quality Management District will continue to provide daily smoke advisory updates until air quality impacts subside.

Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke and ash into portions of Riverside County with localized impacts near the Fairview Fire. **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels due to PM2.5 concentrations are possible in areas of direct smoke impacts.

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

- **Riverside County:** Perris Valley (Area 24), Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28)



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