



# PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE

January 17, 2013

BAY AREA  
AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES  
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO  
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC WORKSHOP – DRAFT AMENDMENTS  
TO REGULATION 3: FEES AND REGULATION 5:  
OPEN BURNING**

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The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) will conduct a series of public workshops to review and discuss draft amendments, specific to open burning, to District Regulation 3: Fees and Regulation 5: Open Burning. The scheduled locations/times for these workshops are shown below in Attachment A.

The draft proposed amendments to Regulation 3 would establish open burning fees by adding a new fee schedule, Schedule V. The goal of the draft fee amendments is to increase fee revenue to recover 85% the estimated costs of the District's Open Burning Program. The recovery of regulatory program costs is consistent with the District's Cost Recovery Policy.

The following new fees would be added:

- Prior District Notification Fee – This fee would apply to the twelve (12) allowable fire types in Regulation 5 which require burners to provide notification to the District prior to burning.
- Wildland Vegetation Management Fire (Prescribed Burning) Fee – This fee would apply to all prescribed burning projects and those fires that, by definition in Regulation 5, are regulated as Wildland Vegetation Management fires.
- Marsh Management Fire (Marsh Burning) Fee – The fee would be determined for each property and be based on the proposed acreage to be burned.
- Stubble Fire (Stubble Burning) Fee – This fee would apply to stubble burners required by Regulation 5 to receive an acreage burning allocation prior to burning. The fee would be determined for each property and be based on the proposed acreage to be burned.
- Filmmaking and Public Exhibition Fire Fee – An operations fee for burners required to submit a petition to the District for approval prior to burning.

In addition, the following provisions are proposed in Regulation 3, Schedule V:

- All fees would be non-refundable.
- All fees would be paid "up front" prior to burning.

## Visit the District's Website for More Information

District staff welcomes your participation in the workshops and input on the draft fee amendments. The draft proposed amendments to Regulations 3 and 5 and the workshop report including the District's Cost Recovery Policy are available on the District's website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/workshops.htm>. Copies are also available by calling (415) 749-5118. Please direct comments or questions to Douglas E. Tolar, Senior Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-5118 or via e-mail at [dtolar@baaqmd.gov](mailto:dtolar@baaqmd.gov).

**Attachment A  
Schedule for Public Workshops**

**Regulation 3: Fees and Regulation 5: Open Burning**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 4, 2013	2 – 4 pm	SF/San Mateo Counties BAAQMD, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109
February 5, 2013	4 – 6 pm	Santa Clara County Gilroy Senior Center 7371 Hanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020
February 7, 2013	3 – 5 pm	Contra Costa County CCC Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures 2366 Stanwell Circle, Suite A Concord, CA 94521
February 11, 2013	2 – 4 pm	Sonoma County Petaluma Community Center – Activity Room 320 North McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954
February 19, 2013	10 am – 12 pm	Tri-Valley Garre Vineyard & Winery Martinelli Center 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore, CA 94550
February 25, 2013	10 am – 12 pm	Napa County Yountville Park & Recreation - Heritage Room 6516 Washington Street, Yountville, CA 94599
February 26, 2013	3 – 5 pm	Marin County Dance Palace Community Center - Main Hall 503 B Street, Point Reyes, CA 94956
February 27, 2013	10 am – 12 pm	Solano County Solano County Events Center - Room A 601 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94585