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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of the Eastern South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley

Valid: Monday, June 7, 2021 through Tuesday, June 8, 2021

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from Monday afternoon until Tuesday morning due to predicted high winds in the Eastern South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has posted a Wind Advisory for the San Gorgonio Pass near Banning and the Western Coachella Valley that is in effect from Monday at 2:00 p.m. through Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS San Diego (<u>https://www.weather.gov/sgx/</u>) website.

Winds from the west with gusts up to 50 mph are expected with isolated gusts up to 60 mph. Areas of blowing dust and sand are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in the San Gorgonio Pass area and the Coachella Valley.

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

• Riverside County: San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30)



In areas directly impacted by windblown dust: Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity.

- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: <u>www.aqmd.gov/advisory</u>
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to www.AirAlerts.org
- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap
- For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications and health alerts in your area, download our award-winning South Coast AQMD app at: www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp
- Air quality forecasts are available at http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas</u>.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for major portions of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at <u>www.aqmd.gov</u>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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