



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to Highland Fire

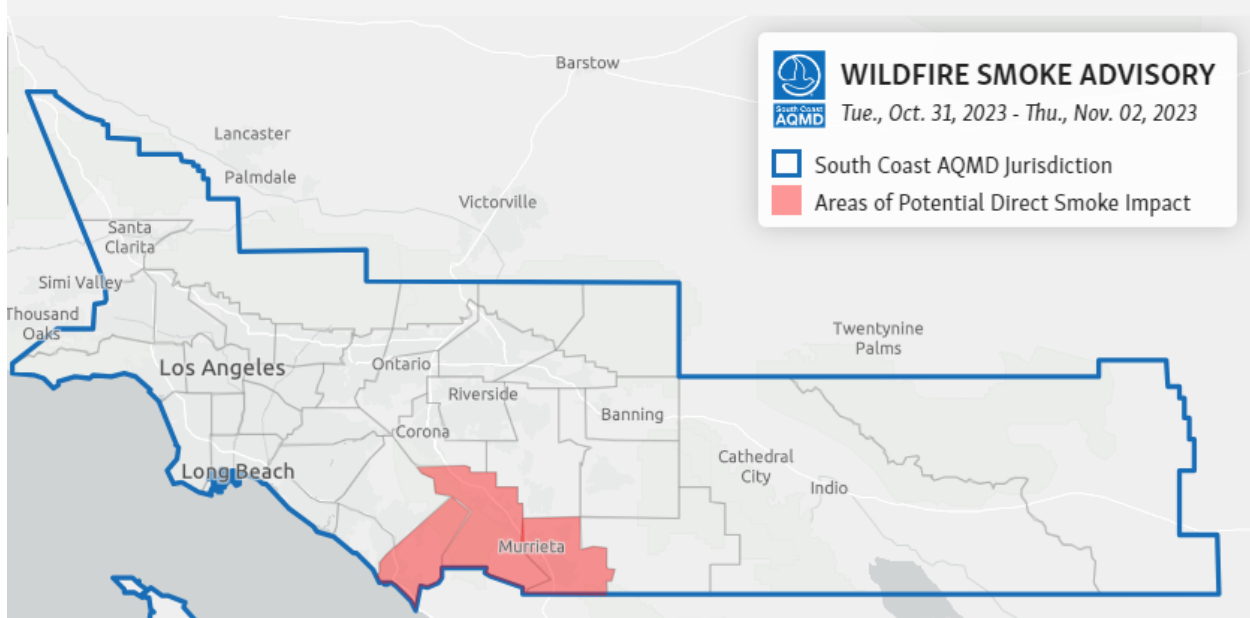
Valid Tuesday 2:00 PM until Thursday 10:00 AM

Current Conditions

- Smoke from the Highland Fire will continue impacting areas to the west and southwest of Aguanga, CA:
 - The Highland Fire is currently 2,200 acres
 - Visit the [Cal FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Twitter page](#) for more details
- Winds are currently transporting smoke towards the west and southwest toward Temecula and San Clemente

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

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Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Dry and windy conditions will continue until Thursday morning
- Winds from the east will continue to push smoke towards the west and may result in Air Quality Index levels that are **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** in areas impacted by smoke
- Air quality may be worse in areas immediately adjacent to the fires

Detailed Forecast

Tuesday and Wednesday	Smoke concentrations in the mornings are likely to be elevated
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If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter.
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.
- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do not use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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