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South Coast AQMD launches Android version of award-winning smartphone app

DIAMOND BAR— The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) today announced the launch of the Android version of its award-winning smartphone application that was previously only available for Apple iOS users. The announcement was made at the Government Technology (GovTech) and AT&T Special Districts awards ceremony held at Disney’s Paradise Pier Hotel where the app received two awards.

The app itself was recognized for technology innovation in the “Citizens Category” while South Coast AQMD’s Chief Information Officer, Ron Moskowitz, was recognized in the “Leadership Category.” The GovTech awards program recognizes innovation and leadership in information technology. GovTech represents 38,000 special districts in the country. This year, nine awards were granted in the Special Districts/West. Of those, two were awarded to the South Coast AQMD for the mobile app.

“This app is truly a one-stop-shop to access localized air quality, weather, alternative fuel locations, and major health alerts,” said Wayne Natri, South Coast AQMD’s Executive Officer, “The fully customizable and intuitive interface easily provides users a wealth of important information on their smartphones and tablets, with just a tap of a finger.”

The app features interactive maps of the South Coast Air Basin showing current and forecast air quality conditions, and alternative fueling locations, including driving directions. Announcements and public events, meetings, and workshops are also displayed. Events can be added directly to online calendars.

Additional features in the app allow users to customize alerts and push notifications for changes in air quality levels or health alerts due to events such as wildfires. The app’s intuitive design allows for viewing current hourly and next-day air quality forecasts, in addition to real-time temperature and beautifully animated weather conditions for multiple cities, such as work, home, and frequently visited places, all at the same time.

Pressing the app's 1-800-CUT-SMOG button will place a call to the South Coast AQMD's 24-hour complaint hotline where users can report smoking vehicles or other air quality complaints and businesses with air quality permits can report equipment breakdowns.

The app is free, with over 4,000 downloads on the iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch versions from the Apple App Store. The newly released Android version is now available for Android Smartphones and tablets in the Google Play Store.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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