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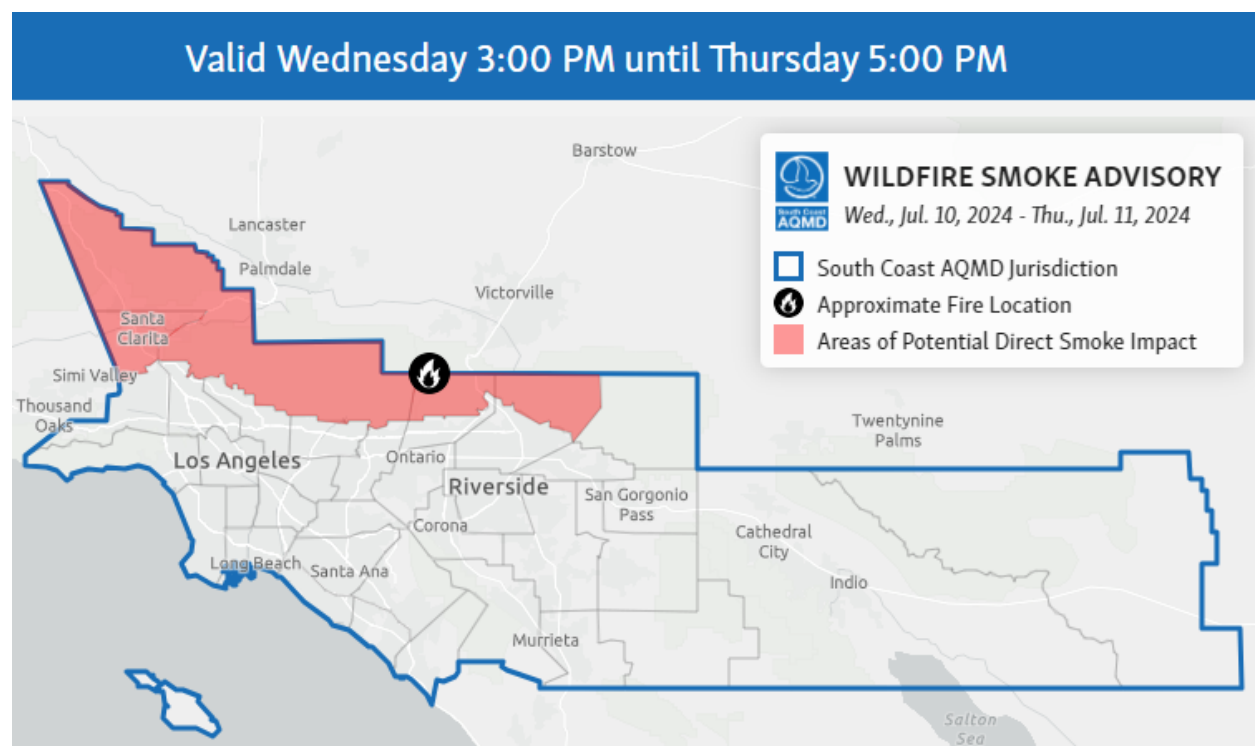
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South Coast AQMD Extends Wildfire Smoke Advisory as Santa Barbara County Lake Fire and Angeles National Forest Vista Fire Continue to Burn

Valid Wednesday 3:00 PM until Thursday 5:00 PM



Current Conditions

- Smoke from two fires may impact air quality in the region.
- The Lake Fire in Santa Barbara County is 28,987 acres with 16% containment as of Wednesday afternoon. The Vista Fire is burning in Angeles National Forest, north of Rancho Cucamonga, and is 2,354 acres with 0% containment as of Wednesday afternoon.
- For additional information about the fires visit [Watch Duty](#).
- As of 2:00PM on Wednesday, heavy smoke is currently visible on satellite and camera imagery from both fires.

- In the past 24 hours, fine particle pollution sensors near both Castaic and Lake Arrowhead were reading in the **Moderate to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** Air Quality Index (AQI) category.
- Ozone levels unrelated to the fires were in the **Very Unhealthy** AQI category at times in Crestline on Wednesday.

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.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Wildfire smoke will cause elevated PM2.5 levels in the Santa Clarita Valley, the San Gabriel Mountains, West San Bernardino Mountains, Crestline, and Lake Arrowhead area.
- AQI may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher in areas impacted by smoke.
- Air quality may be worse in areas immediately adjacent to the fire.

Detailed Forecast

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| Wednesday afternoon and evening | Winds will push smoke from the Lake Fire to the east and into the region. AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in areas impacted by smoke. Areas in direct proximity to the fires will likely see the highest particle pollution levels overnight as smoke is likely to remain closer to the ground. |
| Thursday | Winds from the southeast may improve air quality as the day progresses. |

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

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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