



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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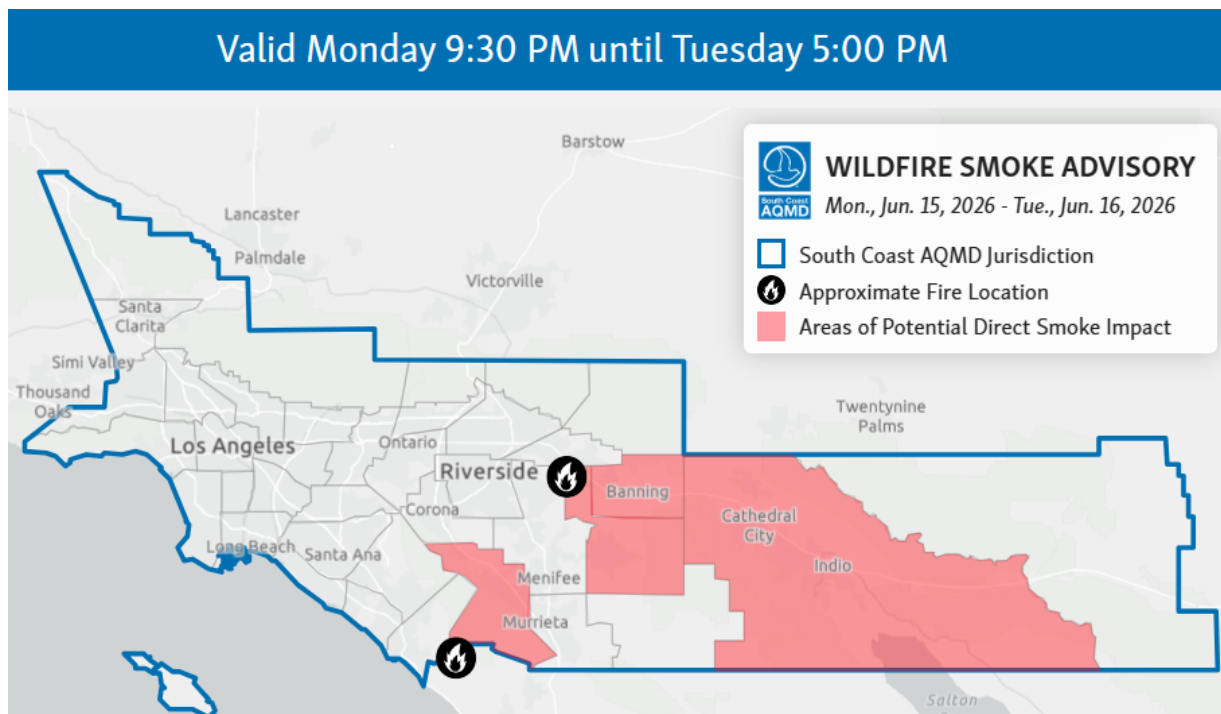
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South Coast AQMD Issues Wildfire Smoke Advisory

Valid until Tuesday at 5:00 PM



Current Conditions

As of 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 16, 2026:

- The [Shore Fire](#) has burned 2,600 acres in Riverside County and is 25% contained.
- The [Mateo Fire](#) has burned 989 acres in San Diego County and is 10% contained.
- Based on webcam imagery, smoke from Shore Fire is being blown towards San Geronio Pass and the Coachella Valley and smoke from Mateo Fire is being pushed east towards Temecula.

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

- On Monday night through Tuesday, smoke from Shore Fire is expected to mostly heavily impact San Gorgonio Pass and the Coachella Valley and areas near the fire. Smoke from Mateo Fire is expected to mostly influence Lake Elsinore and Hemet-San Jacinto Valley.
- PM2.5 levels due to smoke may reach the **Unhealthy** AQI category or higher in these areas, with the highest AQI levels expected immediately adjacent to the fire.
- Smoke impacts will depend on fire activity and containment efforts.

Detailed Forecast

Monday nighttime	Winds will push smoke from the Shore Fire into San Gorgonio Pass and the Coachella Valley and push smoke from the Mateo fire east towards Lake Elsinore and Hemet-San Jacinto Valley. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher in these areas. The highest AQI levels will occur in areas close to the fires.
Tuesday morning and afternoon	Winds from northwest will continue to push smoke from the Shore Fire into San Gorgonio Pass and the Coachella Valley and push smoke from the Mateo fire east towards Lake Elsinore and Hemet-San Jacinto Valley. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may remain at the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI category in these areas.

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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