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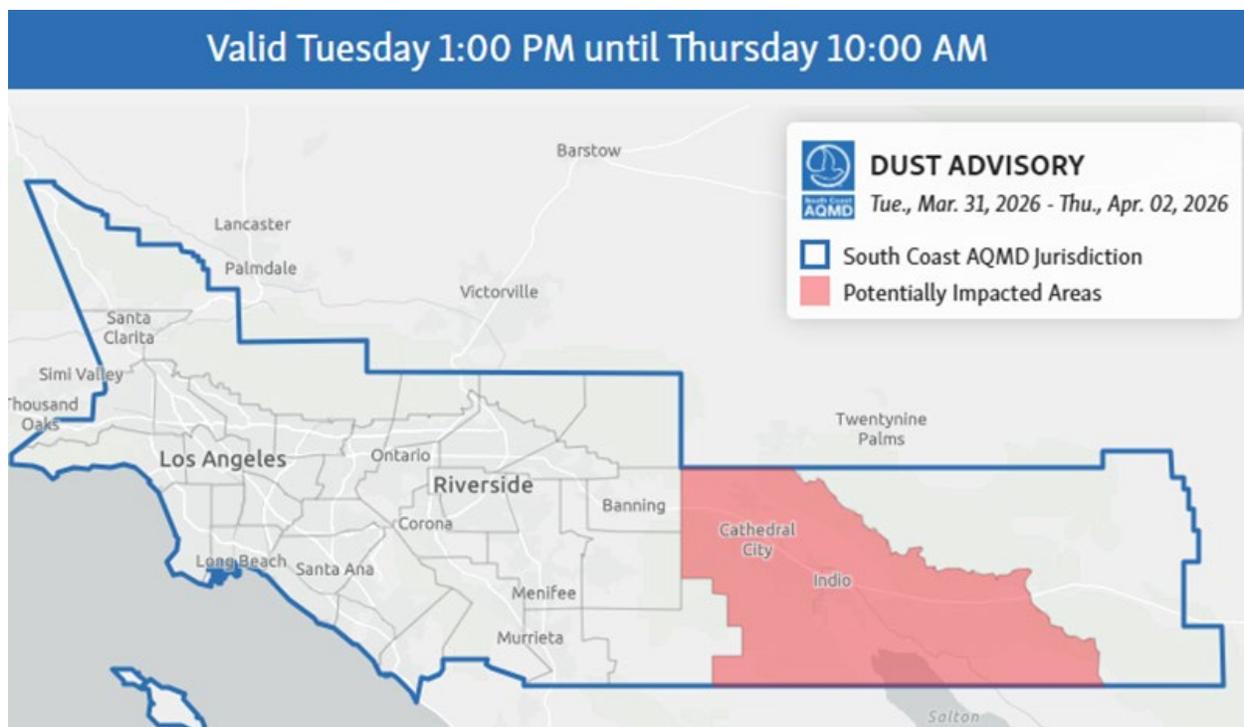
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

Valid through Thursday 10:00 AM



Current Conditions

- The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Advisory in effect from 8 PM Tuesday until 11:00 PM Wednesday, for the Coachella Valley and San Geronio Pass near Banning.
- Visit the NWS San Diego www.weather.gov/sgx for more information.

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- High winds may cause blowing dust and particle pollution (PM10) levels in the **Unhealthy** Air Quality Index (AQI) category at times in the Coachella Valley.
- Northwest winds with gusts to 50 mph expected.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

Tuesday afternoon	AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher levels in the northern Coachella Valley and may reach Moderate or higher level in other areas of the Coachella Valley.
Tuesday night	Winds are expected to increase starting around 7 pm in the Coachella Valley. AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher levels until midnight.
Wednesday daytime	Winds are expected to decrease starting Wednesday morning. AQI may reach Moderate or higher levels.
Wednesday night and Thursday morning	Winds are expected to increase again starting 8 PM Wednesday until 10 AM Thursday morning. AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher levels in the northern Coachella Valley and Unhealthy for other areas.

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

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust:

- 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.
- Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads.

For more information, see the [EPA Guide for Particle Pollution \(PDF\)](#).

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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