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MEDIA ADVISORY

Air District seeks public input in workshops to discuss CEQA guidelines

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is conducting three workshops to seek input on proposed updates to its *CEQA Guidelines*.

The CEQA Guidelines document provides guidance to lead agencies, consultants, and stakeholders in evaluating the air quality impacts and assessing mitigation measures for proposed projects and plans in the Bay Area. The document was last updated in 1999. The new document includes recommended thresholds of significance for criteria pollutants, toxics, odors, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Workshop materials will be posted on the CAP website at http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Planning-Programs-and-Initiatives/CEQA-GUIDELINES.aspx

The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

Tuesday, September 8, 2009,

1:00pm - 3:00pm Redwood City Public Library, 2nd Floor Community Room 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, 94063

Wednesday, September 9, 2009,

10:00am - 12:00pm Santa Rosa City Hall, Council Chambers 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, 95404

Thursday, September 10, 2009,

1:00pm - 3:00pm Oakland Main Library, West Auditorium 125 14th Street, Oakland, 94612

Written comments can also be submitted to Greg Tholen, BAAQMD, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, 94109, or via email at gtholen@baaqmd.gov. For questions, contact Greg at 415-749-4954

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (<u>www.baaqmd.gov</u>) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area.