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MEDIA ADVISORY

Environmental Youth Conference Returns to the Bay Area

February 7th students take on region's environment and sustainability issues

SAN FRANCISCO – Middle- and high-school students from across the region are invited to attend the second annual Youth for the Environment and Sustainability, or YES, conference on Saturday, February 7.

Sponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the goal of the event is to encourage students from the nine Bay Area counties to share ideas on youth-led actions that improve air quality, community safety and environmental health in the region. Last year's conference was a Breathe California Climate Action award winner.

- WHAT: Youth for the Environment and Sustainability Conference
- **WHO:** Bay Area middle- and high-school students
- WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 10 a.m.
- WHERE: Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter 101 Eighth Street, Oakland

Registration for the YES Conference is free and open to students, parents, teachers and youth leaders in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Students under 18 years of age must have their parents' permission to attend. For complete conference information and to register, visit <u>http://www.sparetheairyouth.org/2015yesconference/</u>.

MTC is the regional transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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