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Spare the Air – Cool the Climate, Air District releases 2017 draft Clean Air Plan/Regional Climate Protection Strategy

Offers bold vision for the Bay Area focused on healthy air and protected climate

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has released the 2017 draft Clean Air Plan/Regional Climate Protection Strategy entitled, Spare the Air - Cool the Climate. which lays out a bold vision to address two key priorities: addressing climate change and eliminating health disparities in communities throughout the Bay Area.

Spare the Air – Cool the Climate lays out a blueprint that will enable the Bay Area to reduce smog, dust and soot, acute air pollutants and greenhouse gases to meet regional clean air and greenhouse gas reduction goals. Actions recommended in this plan will allow the Bay Area to provide leadership in the months and years ahead to help guide California and the rest of the nation toward a sustainable, clean air future.

“In the absence of federal action, the Air District is embarking on an unprecedented journey to lead the Bay Area to a healthier, cleaner future and thereby provide needed leadership,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air District. “Climate change is the greatest common global challenge humanity has ever faced and unfortunately equal access to healthy air – a fundamental right – still eludes many Bay Area residents.”

The draft document outlines more than 85 measures that will guide the region in:

- Developing a region-wide approach to reduce health risk and air pollution from many sources comprehensively
- Reducing health risk from acute air pollution
- Finding strategies to reduce methane and fossil fuel pollution
- Limiting greenhouse gases and air pollutants from refineries
- Providing helpful guidance and research to local governments enabling them to reduce energy in buildings, reduce waste and create clean air communities
- Working with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and local governments to reduce vehicle miles traveled throughout the Bay Area
- Partnering with energy providers and the public to find ways to transition energy use from natural gas to renewable energy
- Continuing to provide funding to encourage more electric vehicles & electric vehicle charging stations

The Air District will host eight Open Houses throughout the region January 30 through February 8 to make the document available to the public, answer questions and take comments. The public comment period runs January 12 through February 28. Following public comments, the plan and the accompanying Environmental Impact Report will be updated and revised in

February and March. The final Spare the Air – Cool the Climate plan is scheduled for an Air District Board hearing in April.

The document can be viewed on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov

Monday, January 30, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Quinlan Community Center
10185 N Stelling Rd
Cupertino

Tuesday, January 31, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco

Wednesday, February 1, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Albert J. Boro Community Center
50 Canal St.
San Rafael

Thursday, February 2, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Yountville Community Center, Heritage Room
6516 Washington St.
Yountville

Monday, February 6, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Walnut Creek Marriott
2355 North Main St.
Walnut Creek

Monday, February 6, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Holiday Inn Dublin
6680 Regional St.
Dublin

Tuesday, February 7, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library – Room 225
150 East San Fernando St.
San Jose

Wednesday, February 8, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Cal State East Bay Oakland Center
1000 Broadway #109
Oakland

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