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## Local Government Workshops: Using the CEQA Guidelines

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is conducting a series of workshops designed to receive feedback from local government staff and stakeholders on our updated CEQA Guidelines. Air District staff will also present new tools and methodologies developed to assist in the application of the CEQA Guidelines.

At the workshops, Air District staff will:

- Provide an update on recent and upcoming CEQA Guidelines tools and resources;
- Review CEQA implementation outcomes, including examples of projects and Qualified GHG Reduction Strategies;
- Address issues heard to date, including the risk and hazard screening process, and how the updated CEQA Guidelines relate to SB375;
- Provide the opportunity for local governments and stakeholders to share challenges and experiences with the updated Guidelines.
- Address Air District efforts in regional agency collaboration.

We encourage local government staff to attend the workshop in their area, or one that best fits their schedule.

**Join us at a workshop in or near your county:**

**Sonoma County:**

Tuesday, February 22nd, 10:00am-noon  
Santa Rosa City Council Chambers  
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa

**Alameda County:**

Wednesday, February 23rd, 2:00-4:00pm  
MTC Auditorium  
101 Eighth Street, Oakland

**Santa Clara County:**

Thursday, March 3rd, 2:00-4:00pm  
Mountain View Council Chambers  
500 Castro Street, Mountain View

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**Background Information:**

The Air District's CEQA Guidelines provides guidance to lead agencies, consultants, and stakeholders in evaluating air quality impacts and assessing mitigation measures for proposed projects and plans in the Bay Area.

The Air District's Board of Directors adopted thresholds of significance that became effective on June 2, 2010—except for the risk and hazards thresholds for new receptors, which were to be effective on January 1, 2011. However, on December 15, 2010, the District's Board of Directors revised the effective date for the thresholds for new receptors from January 1, 2011 to May 1, 2011. These additional months will provide more time for lead agencies and others to become fully prepared to implement the risk and hazards thresholds. All other thresholds of significance remain effective as of June 2, 2010.

Visit our website for more information: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/CEQA-GUIDELINES/Updated-CEQA-Guidelines.aspx>

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