

# Yuba - Sutter Air Matters



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## Annual Renewals & Throughput Reporting



Annual Invoices will be mailed out September 30th. All stationary sources permit holders will receive an invoice to renew the permit for 2017. All current permits expire on December 31, 2016.

Payment is due by November 30, 2016. Please contact the District if you have any questions at (530) 634-7659 ext 201.

Upon payment, your new permit and throughput forms will be sent in mid

December, 2016.

Throughput reporting is due by February 28, 2017 for the 2016 calendar year.



Other permits issued by the District, including burn permits and authority to constructs, have individual expiration dates and may not expire at the end of the year. Please refer to your permit or call the District for more information.

## 4th Quarter Dates of Interest:

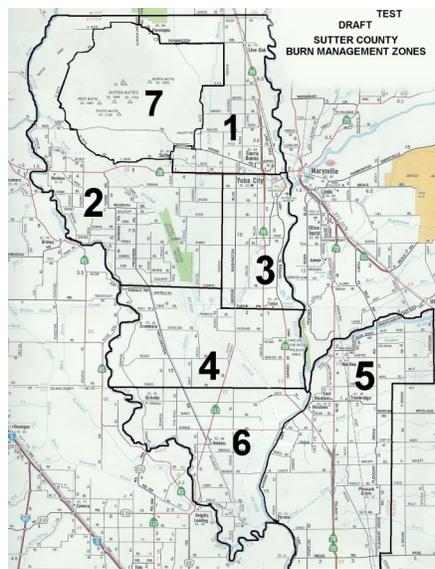
- October 3 FRAQMD Board Meeting/ Public Hearing for Rule 3.23
- November 1 Stoplight: Check Before You Burn Program begins issuing recommended actions for wood burning devices
- December 5 FRAQMD Board Meeting

## New Burn Zones Test Period Approved

On August 5, 2016, the Sacramento Valley Basin Control Council (BCC) approved a one year test period to modify the burn management zones for both Yuba and Sutter counties to test the changes prior to enacting amendments to the Sacramento Valley Smoke Management Program.

- **Zone 7** in Sutter Co. will follow the boundary set forth by the Sutter County Fire Agency for the seasonal Sutter Buttes Burn Ban.
- **Zone 6** in Sutter Co. will coincide with the boundaries of the Sacramento Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area.
- **Zone 5** in Sutter Co. will follow the Feather River south to the Sacramento Co. line and Placer Co. line to the east.
- **Zone 4** in Yuba Co. shall be added and coincide with the boundaries of the SRA. No burning will be allowed in Yuba Zone 4 while Cal Fire burn permits are suspended for the season.

If you have any questions or comments on the one year test period or burn zone changes, please contact Judy Harlow at (530) 634-7659 extension 207. The District will be accepting comments on the draft changes until August 5, 2017.



## 2016 FRAQMD Board

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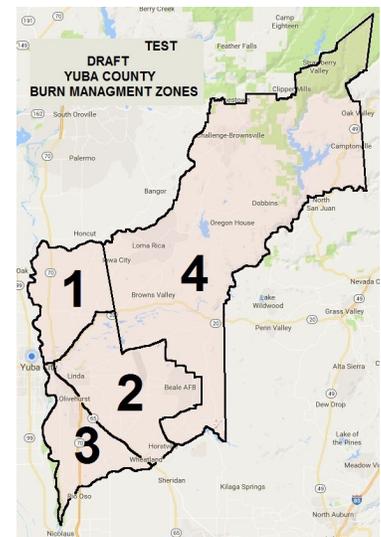
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The FRAQMD Board meets at 4pm on the first Monday of the even months



## Feather River Air Quality Management District

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### Stoplight: Check Before You Burn Program Starts November 1st

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, the District will issue a recommended action for operation of wood burning devices in Sutter and Yuba counties. The recommended action will be posted on the District's website and sent in the forecast by 3:30 pm for the following day. If the air is forecasted to be unhealthy, residents with alternative forms of heat will be asked to forego burning in their wood stove or fireplace. Check out our website for more information.

### Carl Moyer Grant Program begins in December

Grants reduce air pollution by covering the incremental cost of cleaner engines and equipment. Must be 25 hp or greater and operate in Yuba/Sutter counties.

Visit <http://www.fraqmd.org/carl-moyer-grant-program> for more information.

## The Planning Division

### Sondra Spaethe

As the Air Quality Planner for FRAQMD since 2007, Sondra administers all of the agency grant programs, reviews CEQA/NEPA documents for local land use developments, develops air quality plans for state and national ambient air quality standards, reviews facilities toxics emissions, and handles public outreach. Sondra also serves as the FRAQMD representative on the Yuba-Sutter Transportation Management Association Board of Directors.

Sondra graduated from CSU, Chico with a BS in Environmental Science and a minor in Chemistry. She lives in Oregon House with her husband, two daughters, one dog, one cat, three fish, four ducks, four roosters, and eight hens. She grew up around the Sacramento valley and foothills and graduated from Rocklin High School. Sondra enjoys improvising healthy recipes that kids will eat, biking across flat terrain like in Yuba City and Chico, camping, hiking and traveling to national parks, beaches, and scenic areas.



### New Rule Adopted, Effective Jan 1 2017:

The FRAQMD Board adopted Rule 3.23 Natural Gas-Fired Water Heaters, Small Boilers, and Process Heaters at its October 3rd meeting.

## Rice Burn Season

The Rice Straw Burning Reduction Act was enacted in 1991 by the California Legislature to phase down (but not phase out) burning of rice straw in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin. The Sacramento Valley Agricultural Burn Plan establishes the procedures the District follows to allow rice straw burning. If you see smoke, this is a normal occurrence and does not need to be reported. If you are impacted by smoke please notify the District.

## Wintertime Particulate Matter—Burn Smart!

Wood smoke is waste. Any smoke that escapes from your wood stove or fireplace is wasted fuel that will stick in your chimney as creosote or be released as air pollution. Wood smoke contains particulates such as PM10 and PM2.5 as well as toxic air contaminants and other criteria pollutants. An old or poorly installed wood stove can result in higher maintenance costs, greater risk of smoke in your home, and more pollution.

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began certifying woodstoves for emissions levels. Properly installed EPA certified wood stove and fireplace inserts offer many benefits. They burn wood efficiently, more safely, and heat your home effectively with much less smoke. With EPA certified wood stoves and fireplace inserts, you should see only a thin wisp of steam coming from your chimney.

For more information on

wood burning in stoves and fireplaces, please visit EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/>

If you are interested in receiving a grant to replace your old, uncertified wood burning device, contact the District at (530) 634-7659 ext 210.

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