

Yuba - Sutter Air Matters



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May 1 through Oct 31 is Ozone Season

May 1st marks the beginning of Ozone Season in Yuba-Sutter. Ozone Season is the time of year when elevated levels of ozone (aka "Smog") is observed at our monitoring station in Yuba City. Ozone is formed in the atmosphere in the presence of sunlight—which is why Ozone Season coincides with warmer temperatures. Ozone pollution can have harmful effects on people with respiratory illnesses like asthma or COPD. It can

also damage crops in high enough concentrations. The U.S.EPA lowered the health standard to 70 parts per billion averaged over an eight hour period in October 2015. Most of Sutter County and all of Yuba County is currently meeting the standard. This is great news for residents and businesses in our area! Not only do residents have healthy air to breathe, but when an area is not meeting the U.S.EPA's standards then an air district

must adopt stricter rules and regulations. Many of the rules apply to businesses that emit oxides of nitrogen or volatile organic compounds. Final designations for the U.S.EPA's new standard will include air quality from 2016, so residents and businesses are encouraged to reduce emissions as much as they can, especially during Ozone Season! You can sign up for air quality forecasts at www.fraqmd.org.

2nd Quarter Dates of Interest:

- May 10: MIBM Event at GAP in Yuba City
- May 12: Mini Grant Deadline
- May 30: Memorial Day—FRAQMD Closed
- June 6: FRAQMD Board Meeting

Upcoming Rule Amendments/Adoptions

The FRAQMD is currently developing two new source-specific rules to be considered by the Board in 2016.

Automotive Refinishing— This rule will incorporate the ARB's Suggested Control Measure VOC limits into FRAQMD Rules 3.19 and 3.14, reducing emissions from automotive refinishing processes and solvents. We are looking for interested industry representatives for a work group to meet once or twice before the public

workshop on July 12th. If you are interested contact Alam Mangat at 530-634-7659 ext 212. This rule is scheduled for public hearing/adoption on August 1st.

Small Boilers— This rule will ensure emissions generated from small natural gas and propane water heaters, boilers, and process heaters ranging in size from 75,000 to 1,000,000 British thermal units (Btu) are as low as possible. Tentatively scheduled for hearing/adoption

October 3rd. For more information on the Small Boiler Rule contact Emmanuel Orozco at (530) 634-7659 ext 208.

These rules must be updated to comply with the [Ozone State Implementation Plan](#). For more information call FRAQMD or visit www.fraqmd.org.

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

Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) and Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Diesel Particulate Matter (ATCM) Revisions

Currently ARB is planning amendments to the 2017 and 2020 Fleet Average Emission Standards contained in the PERP Regulations and the ATCM.

In December, 2015, ARB issued Advisory #374 announcing the changes proposed and advising Districts to suspend enforcement of the fleet standards.

To assist our facilities, a permit

amendment and/or compliance advisory will be issued soon to provide affected facilities a path for compliance until ARB adopts the amendments.

Please contact the District with any questions (530) 634-7659.

ARB webpage for the updates is online at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/portable.htm>



FRAQMD booth at the Yuba Sutter Mall Earth Day April 22nd

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May is Bike Month in Yuba and Sutter counties. Register at www.mayisbikemonth.com and log miles during the month of May to win a bicycle!

The FRAQMD will be at the Free Lunch For Cyclists Events at CalTrans D3 in Marysville **April 27** and Gauche Aquatic Park in Yuba City on **May 10**.

MINI GRANTS!

The Mini Grant Program will be accepting applications for small projects (\$2,000 and less) such as MIBM energizer stations and bike racks until **May 12**. Mini Grants are awarded on a first come/first served basis.

For more information on FRAQMD grant programs or to be added to a mailing list for a specific grant program, please contact Sondra Spaethe at sspaethe@fracmd.org or (530) 634-7659 ext 210.

The Compliance/Enforcement Division

Compliance and Enforcement staff support the mission of the District to promote and improve air quality through inspections of permitted and non-permitted sources, complaint response, and enforcement of local, state, and federal air quality regulations. Our goals are to provide companies with assistance in complying with air quality rules and regulations and when they do not comply, to apply an appropriate level of enforcement action proportionate to the non-compliance. We are committed to fair, reasonable, and equitable treatment of regulated sources. The Compliance Department is comprised of the Air Quality Compliance Supervisor, Karla Sanders; and two Air Quality Control Specialists, Judy Harlow and introducing, Leslie Morgan.

Karla Sanders

Karla has served at the District for 16 years in a variety of positions and the last eight years as the Compliance Supervisor. She provides instruction and assistance to District staff and serves as the District Safety Officer. She inspects and evaluates the compliance for complex sources of air pollution, responds and assigns all complaints that come into the District, and manages the open burning, enforcement, settlement, and other state and federal programs.

In her spare time, Karla enjoys crafting, reading, and riding her bike on the many wonderful bike trails in the area. She participates in May is Bike Month and Bike Around the Buttes. Her husband of 27 years is the engineer for Yuba City Steel Products. Her two grown sons both work locally.



Judy Harlow

Judy has served at the District as an Air Quality Compliance Specialist I for five years. She has over 10 years of experience in air quality compliance, working with Placer County APCD in the past. Judy currently manages the day to day responsibilities of the burn program, is the main point contact for gasoline dispensing facilities, and handles a variety of other source specific inspections. Judy tracks compliance for multiple programs including landfill gas methane reporting and boiler testing. Judy is always available to assist our sources with compliance through onsite assistance inspections.

Judy was raised on a farm in the mountains of Oregon and appreciates being able to live now in such a diverse agricultural community.



Leslie Morgan (Harrison)

The District would like to introduce Leslie Morgan as our new Air Quality Compliance Specialist I. Leslie started with the District in March and comes from the Gas Distribution and Transmission Mapping Department of PG&E. Leslie brings many years of environmental experience to the District through working as a Watershed Coordinator locally and an Environmental Field Specialist in the Bay Area. Some of you in the agricultural industry may remember her from the USDA service center where she worked for both the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Leslie was born and raised in the Yuba-Sutter area. Her family ties run deep here; her father was a crop duster pilot/locomotive engineer and her mother's family operated a car lot in Marysville for years. Leslie calls this area home with her fiancé, Dan. She has 4 grown sons, their wives, and 5 beautiful grandchildren.

