

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date: September 18, 2014

From: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
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To: Office of Planning & Research
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Project Title: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Rule Development:
Proposed Amendments to Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters) and New
Rule 3901 (Fees for Registration of Wood Burning Heaters)

Project Location - Specific: Not Applicable

Project Location - City: All cities within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB)

Project Location - County: All counties in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB): Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera,
Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

Description of Project: This is a rule amendment project to existing District Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and
Wood Burning Heaters), and also, to adopt New District Rule 3901 (Fees for Registration of Wood Burning Heaters).
Proposed amendments to Rule 4901 would encourage owners and uses of older more polluting wood burning heaters
and wood burning fireplaces to transition to less polluting alternatives. This transition would benefit Valley air quality
throughout the wood burning season regardless of episodic wood burning curtailments because clean wood burning
heaters produce significantly less emissions than older more polluting heaters and wood burning fireplaces. This
project includes:

- Amendments to Rule 4901 language:
o Incorporate tiered episodic wood burning curtailments.
o Add a registration program for qualified wood burning heaters, as defined in Rule 4901 to participate in
the additional wood burning days provided through the tiered episodic wood burning curtailments.
o Add a registration program for qualified Wood Burning Heater Professionals to perform inspections on
qualified wood burning heaters.
o Provide clarifications to existing rule requirements.
Proposed New Rule 3901 (Fees for Registration of Wood Burning Heaters)
Enhancements to the District's Burn Cleaner Incentive Program.
Enhancements to the District's forecasting activities to support the tiered curtailments.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial: §21080(b)(1); 15268
Declared Emergency: §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)
Emergency Project: §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
Categorical Exemption:
Statutory Exemptions:
[X] General Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This project is to amend the existing District Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces
and Wood Burning Heaters), and also, to adopt New District Rule 3901 (Fees for Registration of Wood Burning
Heaters). District staff concludes that there is no substantial evidence in the whole record before the District that New
Rule 3901 and proposed amendments to Rule 4901 would cause any adverse effects on the environment. The District
finds that the project is exempt per the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for
causing a significant effect on the environment (CCR §15061(b)(3)).

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