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Air District releases new iPhone air-quality data app

Real-time air quality, wood-burning forecasts, more tools and info by phone

A new iPhone application provides increased health protection through delivering real-time Valley air-quality data quickly and conveniently.

The free, easy-to-navigate and visually appealing **Valley Air** app instantly provides wood-burning forecasts as well as real-time air-quality data as it is generated, providing a superior tool for health protection to Valley residents.

“This is a significant milestone in our ongoing work to bring the best available technology to Valley residents in a way that is easy to use, to understand and to access as they go about their day, in order to protect their health,” said Seyed Sadredin, the Air District’s executive director and air pollution control officer.

During winter, the Check Before You Burn program notifies residents of whether wood burning is allowed on any given day. This information is provided on the Valley Air app, as is instant, easy access to the District’s pioneering Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN), which provides current, real-time air quality data from any of dozens of monitors throughout the eight-county air basin. RAAN, with hour-by-hour data delivery, is the state-of-the-art tool for providing the best health-protective information, far surpassing the antiquated daily notification program that was in use a decade ago.

“RAAN is a far better health protection tool than the previous system, in which residents had to wait all day to find out if air quality was deteriorating,” Sadredin said. RAAN was developed by the Air District and health researchers, and is the only program of its kind in the nation.

Features of the new app also include:

- Instant access to the smoking-vehicle complaint hotline;
- Air Quality Flag program forecasts and information;
- Quick links that directly dial the Air District when you need information right away.

The app can be downloaded through any iPhone in the App Store. Applications for android and Windows technology are expected to be available by the first of the year, officials said. For more information about the new app and the Air District, visit www.valleyair.org or call a District office in Fresno (559) 230-6000, Modesto (209) 557-6400 or Bakersfield (661) 392-5500.