

# Media Advisory

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## News conference Monday to address latest smog clean-up plan

(Fresno, CA) -- The Valley Air District has scheduled a news conference for 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29 to discuss details of the District's updated draft ozone plan, which will be released Monday afternoon.

News organizations serving the Fresno, Bakersfield and Modesto/Stockton media markets are encouraged to attend the news conference for information about the Air District's draft "attainment demonstration plan" for the 8-hour ozone standard.

### When

2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29

### Where

The news conference will be held in-person at the Air District's central office in Fresno and will be video-conferenced to the regional offices in Bakersfield and Modesto. The addresses are:

- 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave. in Fresno; phone (559) 230-6000
- 2700 M Street, Suite 275 in Bakersfield; phone (661) 326-6900
- 4800 Enterprise Way in Modesto; phone (209) 557-6400

Reporters attending in the regional offices will be able to fully participate in the conference.

The draft "2007 Ozone Plan" is designed to reduce emissions that create ozone, the main ingredient of smog. This is the first plan developed by the Air District under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new standard that limits ozone concentrations averaged over eight-hour periods. The old federal standard averaged concentrations over a one-hour period.

The draft of the plan to be released on Monday includes input and feedback from several months of public review and discussion, including workshops held in October and town-hall meetings held during the summer. A public workshop on the plan is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 8 and will be held via videoconference at the locations listed above. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide input at any of the three locations.

After incorporating and addressing public input from the Feb. 8 workshop, the draft plan will be presented to the District's governing board in April for their approval. If adopted, the plan will then be forwarded to the California Air Resources Board and, subsequently, to the EPA for approval.

The draft plan will be available online at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) by the end of business on Monday.

The Valley Air District covers eight counties including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the valley portion of Kern. For more information, visit [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) or call the nearest District office: Modesto (209) 557-6400, Fresno (559) 230-6000 and Bakersfield (661) 326-6900.