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Raisins, Bulldogs, bad air, Bigfoot

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Clear-air activists will urge Fresno, Kern and Stanislaus county supervisors to support an Emergency Air Alert system in meetings today. Activists say residents aren't receiving adequate notice about health dangers on high air pollution days.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District scrapped its previous system, Spare the Air, which relied on the media to spread the word about unhealthy pollution levels. Spare the Air was replaced by the Real-Time Air Advisory Network, which sends text messages or emails to people who sign up. You can receive alerts by filling out a form at www.valleyair.org/Programs/RAAN/raan_register.htm.