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Particulate conference brings national experts to Fresno

The registration deadline for a two-day Fresno conference about a critical type of Valley air pollution is nearing.

The conference – Particulate Pollution in the San Joaquin Valley: Translating Science into Policy – takes place June 9-10 at the Holiday Inn, Fresno Downtown Conference Center. A full slate of 24 of some of the nation’s most respected researchers, air-quality scientists and policy makers will present the most current information about one of the Valley’s most dangerous types of air pollution: fine particulate matter (PM 2.5).

PM 2.5 has serious health consequences that are estimated to cost the Valley billions of dollars per year in health-related and economic costs.

“This is a very timely subject, and we are fortunate to have the participation of the nation’s most respected experts in particulate matter,” said Dr. David Lighthall, the Air District’s health science advisor.

Featured speakers include Dr. Richard Flagan of the California Institute of Technology, a pioneer in particulate measurement, holder of 16 patents and publisher of nearly 300 papers; and Dr. Tony Wexler, professor at UC Davis and the director of the Crocker Nuclear Laboratory, and a health researcher on childhood particulate exposure and decreased lung function.

The conference includes all presentations, lunches and a networking reception.

The cost to attend is \$50 per person for both days; \$35 per person for one day; or \$25 for students. Scholarships are available for those with an economic need. Deadline for registration is June 4 although limited registrations will be available at the door. Registration forms are available at www.valleyair.org.

For more information about the conference, call the Fresno office at 559-230-6000 or visit www.valleyair.org.