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Air officials issue smoke health caution *Meadow Fire impacts north, central counties;* *Health caution for entire basin*

Smoke from the Meadow Fire burning in Yosemite National Park is affecting air quality in **Stanislaus, Merced, Madera and Fresno counties** and may impact more Valley counties as long as it burns, local air officials said.

Smoke impacts may periodically affect any part of the air basin, including the additional counties of San Joaquin, Kings, Tulare and Kern, on the Valley floor as well as in foothill and mountain areas, until the fire is extinguished. Smoke includes particulates and ozone precursors and is harmful to health.

Residents can check the District's wildfire page --- www.valleyair.org/wildfires --- for information about any current wildfires and whether they are impacting the Valley. The District also provides the Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN), an automated reporting system that delivers data directly to users' computers. It's free and easy to subscribe! Visit <http://www.valleyair.org/RAAN> for complete instructions.

People with existing respiratory conditions, young children and elderly people are especially susceptible to health effects from these pollutants. Air District officials urge residents to follow their doctors' orders when exposed to wildfire emissions.

For more information about 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).