

Smoke from wildfires will likely be a concern for Valley residents this summer

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As if drought and an early fire season aren't bad news enough, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District reminds residents that smoke from wildfires will also likely be a concern this summer.

Wildfires in the surrounding mountains often send pollution, including particulates and ozone precursors, to the Valley floor.

People with health issues might be particularly vulnerable to adverse air conditions.

To check on the air, the district reminds people they can go to www.valleyair.org/wildfires for information about current wildfires and whether they are affecting the Valley. They can also subscribe to an automated reporting system that will automatically send data; information can be found at www.valleyair.org/RAAN.