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AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Smoke from Woodside Fire Continues to Impact Local Air Quality (Update)

HEALDSBURG - The Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (District) is issuing an air quality advisory for wildfire smoke.

Smoke is currently impacting Sonoma County from the active Woodside wildfire, located North of Fort Ross on HWY 1 at Timber Cove. The fire started around 1:41 PM on 7/31 and stands at 142 acres and is 30% contained. Heaviest smoke impacts are accumulating east-southeast of the fire heavily impacting west county rural communities including: Guerneville, Duncan Mills, Camp Meeker, Bodega, and Sebastopol among others with sensors measuring **"Unhealthy" to "Hazardous"** AQI. Smoke has continued to spread East and inland and is impacting communities including: Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol with **"Unhealthy" to "Very Unhealthy"** AQI.

In areas with "Unhealthy" to "Hazardous" AQI levels, everyone will likely experience health effects. Elevated temperatures are also forecast through the weekend and may exacerbate health effects. *Extra caution is advised.

CAL FIRE is responding with air and ground resources. Current weather conditions are expected to remain stable. Smoke and AQI levels are likely to remain near their current levels today and tomorrow. Air quality conditions are dynamic and vary by location and should be checked frequently. **For air quality readings we recommend the site: fire.airnow.gov.**

If the smell of smoke is present, it is important that residents protect their health by avoiding exposure. If possible, stay inside with windows and doors closed until smoke levels subside, if temperatures allow. It is also recommended that those impacted by smoke set their air conditioning units and car vent systems to re-circulate to prevent outside air from moving inside. **Visit our Air Quality page and our Enhanced AQI charts for additional suggestions to respond to AQI conditions: nosocoair.org/air-quality.**

Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a scratchy throat and irritated sinuses. Elevated particulate matter in the air can trigger wheezing in those who suffer from asthma, emphysema or COPD. Elderly persons, children and individuals with respiratory illnesses are particularly susceptible to elevated air pollution levels and should take extra precautions to avoid exposure.

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