

# Yuba - Sutter Air Matters



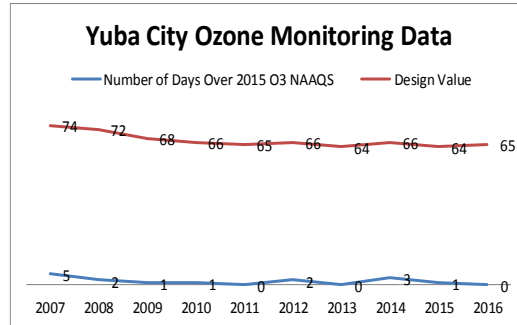
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## Ozone Season Starts May 1st

“Ozone Season” occurs May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, and signifies the time of year when ozone levels can exceed the health based standards. Air pollution can harm everyone, and ozone is especially harmful to those with respiratory and heart illness, older adults, young children and people who are active outdoors.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lowered the ozone standard in 2015 to 70 parts per billion (ppb). The Yuba City-Marysville area, all of Yuba County, and most of Sutter County are meeting the new standard. A design value is the 3-year average of the 4th highest 8-hour average ozone levels. The Yuba City monitor had a design value of 65 ppb in 2016.

The Sutter Buttes Monitoring Station is a special purpose station and has it's own “nonattainment area” which is located around the South Butte



above 2,000 feet elevation. South Sutter County is part of the Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area and is not meeting the 2015 Ozone Standard.

Here are some ways to reduce ozone emissions:

- \* Don't top off your gas tank
- \* Avoid refueling when it's hot outside
- \* Plan your trips so you reduce the times you start and stop your vehicle
- \* Ride a bike, walk or take transit instead of driving
- \* Turn up the thermostat

## May Is Bike Month!

May is Bike Month is a campaign that takes place in the six-county Sacramento Region each year. The focus of the campaign is to promote bicycle use as a mode of transportation whether for running errands, commuting, or recreation. Participants sign up at the website <http://www.mayisbikemonth.com/> and log their miles. Participants in the Yuba-Sutter area who log miles on the May Is Bike Month website will automatically be entered to win a bicycle courtesy of the Yuba-Sutter

TMA and Corner Bike Shop.

The Yuba-Sutter area May Is Bike Month events are listed on the website.



## 2nd Quarter Dates of Interest:

- May 1-31: May Is Bike Month
- May 1: Ozone Season begins
- May 29: Memorial Day—FRAQMD Closed
- June 5: FRAQMD Board Meeting
- June 30: CAPCOA RAP Carl Moyer Program Deadline

- \* Pack a lunch to eat rather than driving to buy lunch
- \* Keep your vehicle well maintained and your tires properly inflated
- \* Use low VOC paints and thinners

Residents can check current air quality levels and sign up to receive daily air quality forecasts at [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov). The AIRNow service is directly linked to the monitor in Yuba City and current conditions. For more information visit <http://www.fraqmd.org>.

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The FRAQMD Board typically meets at 4pm on the first Monday of the even months

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### Carl Moyer Year 19 Awards

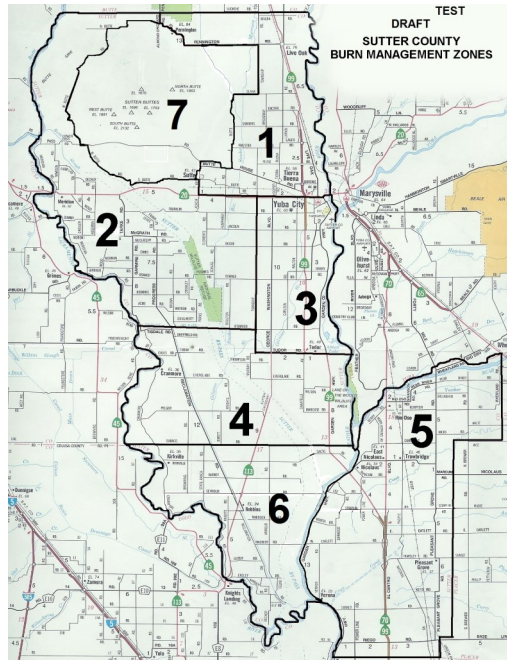
The District has tentatively awarded \$402,000 to nine applicants in this year's Carl Moyer Program. The projects will replace agricultural tractors and bin carriers, repower equipment with new Tier 4 diesel engine, and repower a diesel irrigation pump engine with an electric motor. For the applicants that were not selected by the random draw, the CAPCOA Rural Assistance Program is accepting applications until June 30th. More information is available at [www.capcoa.org](http://www.capcoa.org). Any project selected by CAPCOA will be transferred to the District to administer. The District will notify additional applicants if more funding becomes available.

### FRAQMD June Board Meeting

At the June 5 Board Meeting, the District Board will be considering adoption of the proposed budget; adoption of a resolution to accept additional Carl Moyer State Reserve Funding for school bus replacement; and several items regarding personnel. A copy of the agenda will be posted on May 30th on the Districts website and in the office. If you have any questions please contact Shelley Channel at (530) 634-7659 ext 211.

## New Burn Zones in Yuba and Sutter Counties

On August 5, 2016, the Sacramento Valley Basin Control Council (BCC) approved a one year test period to modify the burn management zones for both Yuba and Sutter counties to test the changes prior to enacting amendments to the Sacramento Valley Smoke Management Program. All burn permit holders were notified of the

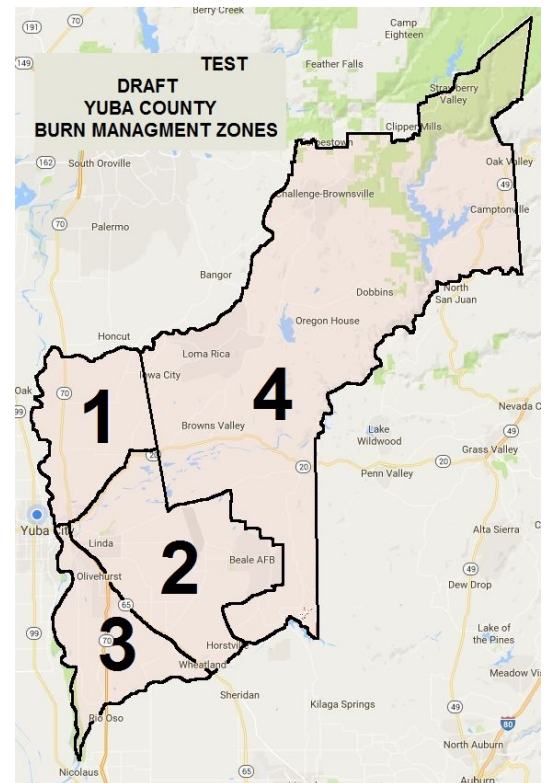


burn zone changes and invited to comment on the changes. If you have comments, please provide them in writing to the District Office anytime during the test period (August 6, 2016 to August 5, 2017.)

Currently in Sutter County there are two areas with burn restrictions, the Sutter Buttes Burn Ban and the Sacramento Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area. While in Yuba County the State Responsibility Area/ US Forest Service jurisdiction suspends open burning each year. These areas shall now be referred to as the following Burn Zones:

- **Zone 7** in Sutter County will follow the boundary set forth by the Sutter County Fire Agency for the seasonal Sutter Buttes Burn Ban.
- **Zone 6** in Sutter County will move north to Subaco Road and will now coincide with the boundaries of the Sacramento Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area.
- **Zone 4** in Yuba County shall be added and coincide with the boundaries of the State Responsibility Area (SRA) and under Cal Fire and US Forest Service Jurisdiction. No Burning will be allowed in Yuba **Zone 4** while Cal Fire burn permits are suspended for the season.

If you have any questions on the burn zone changes, please contact Judy Harlow at (530) 634-7659 ext 207.



### Building a home or opening a business?

The FRAQMD website contains useful information if you are building a home or opening a business in Yuba or Sutter Counties. You can access the list of [EPA-certified wood stoves](#) (must be certified to install!), [review dust control measures](#), obtain a [Fugitive Dust Control Plan](#), and much more. The FRAQMD Planning and Engineering Departments are available to assist you! [Permit Clearance Forms](#) are available for use when obtaining a building permit.