

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
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Air District to hold public discussion on smog classification

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is considering requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency downgrade the Valley's smog designation from severe to extreme and will host two workshops to obtain public input on this issue. They will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., May 29th and 10 a.m. on Thurs., May 30th at the Valley Air District, 1990 E. Gettysburg in Fresno. Residents can attend via video teleconference at 2700 "M" Street, Suite 275, Bakersfield and 4230 Kiernan Avenue, Suite 130 in Modesto.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board encourages active public participation in this discussion. For more information on this issue or the workshops, residents may log onto the District's website at www.valleyair.org or call their nearest regional office. In Bakersfield, the number is 661-326-6900; in Fresno, 559-230-5800; and in Modesto, 209-557-6400.