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Air Quality Advisory Issued by Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District

(Davis, CA) – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) is issuing this Air Quality Advisory due to smoke from the Camp Fire in Butte County being transported into the region. The District encompasses all of Yolo County and the northeastern portion of Solano County that includes Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. With current wind conditions and the size of the wildfire, smoke will continue to impact the entire region this weekend.

Yolo County's Health Officer Dr. Ron Chapman says that "some particulate matter is so small that you cannot see it. These ultra-small, fine particulates can easily bypass your body's natural defenses and enter the bloodstream."

Wildfire smoke is made up of a complex mixture of gases and fine particles when wood and other organic materials are burning that can penetrate deep into the lungs causing a range of health issues from coughing and trouble breathing to headaches and chest pain.

"Smoke continues to impact our communities," said the District's Public Information Officer, Jenny Tan. "Residents should stay indoors if they are sensitive to smoke."

The District also recommends the following actions:

- Reduce outdoor physical activity. Avoid outdoor activities regardless of health or fitness level.
- Close windows and doors in buildings and vehicles. Children, the elderly, women who are pregnant, and people with respiratory or heart conditions should be particularly careful to avoid exposure.
- Follow your doctor's directions regarding asthma management plans. Call your doctor if symptoms worsen and whether you should leave the area.
- Check or replace air filters in the home. Use the 'recirculate air' option if possible.
- Lower other sources of indoor air pollution. Smoking cigarettes, using gas, propane and wood-burning stoves and furnaces, spraying aerosol cans and even burning candles or incense can increase particle levels in a home.

For more information, visit the District's Wildfire Smoke Information page at: https://www.ysaqmd.org/about-the-district/news-outreach/wildfire-smoke-information/.

For more information about the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District visit: <u>www.ysaqmd.org</u>. Connect with the District on Facebook at: <u>www.facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir</u> or on Twitter at: <u>www.twitter.com/YoloSolanoAir</u>.

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