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Spare The Air Alert Issued for Friday, June 18 in Yolo-Solano Air District

(Davis, CA) – The first Spare The Air alert of the season has been issued for the greater Sacramento region for Friday, June 18, 2021. The AQI for ground-level ozone pollution is expected to reach 129, which is unhealthy for sensitive groups. Extremely high temperatures and sunny skies will enhance ozone formation and increase particle levels in the air. As forecasts for extreme heat extend into the weekend, a Spare The Air alert is likely for Saturday, June 19, 2021.

This alert includes the air districts in Placer, Feather River, El Dorado, Sacramento Metropolitan and Yolo-Solano. The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District supports all of Yolo County and portions of Solano County that include Dixon, Vacaville, and Rio Vista.

Air pollution affects everyone, even people who are healthy or exercise. Residents who are sensitive to air quality are advised to stay indoors and reduce their outdoor activity to lower their exposure. Residents can help reduce ozone pollution by driving less, preventing unhealthy levels of ozone pollution from forming. Carpooling, riding transit, telecommuting, trip-linking, bicycling, and walking are excellent ways to reduce driving.

Ground level ozone is created by chemical reactions between nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds in the presence of sunlight. Due to the bowl-like shape of the Sacramento Valley, ozone pollution becomes trapped close to the ground and in the air people breathe. Almost 70% of the region's ozone pollution comes from cars, trucks, locomotives, buses, motorcycles, and agricultural and construction equipment.

Spare The Air is an educational and advisory program that runs every year from May to October in the greater Sacramento region. For more information about the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, including signing up for air quality alerts and the monthly newsletter, visit: www.ysaqmd.org. Connect with the District on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir or on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/YoloSolanoAir.

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