

Appendix B

Notice of Public Hearing and Workshops

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOPS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to and in compliance with all public notice requirements in effect, that the Butte County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 10:15 a.m. to consider adoption of Proposed New Rule 208 – *Mandatory Wood Burning Curtailment Periods* of the District Rules and Regulations. Butte County AQMD Board of Directors meetings are held at the Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street in Chico, CA.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS: Notice is also given that AQMD staff will hold three public workshops on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., all held at the Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street Chico. AQMD staff will be available to discuss the proposed new rule and receive public comments. The September 2, 2009 workshop is designed as an open forum for questions and answers with AQMD staff, local wood stove retailers, Dura flame, PG&E and Hearth Patio and Barbeque Association.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES: Proposed New Rule 208 – *Mandatory Wood Burning Curtailment Periods* is being considered by the District's Governing Board to fulfill State and federal mandates. The purpose of Rule 208 is to make progress toward attainment of federal and State respirable particulate matter (PM10) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) health-based standards. If adopted, during the months of November through February, new Rule 208 would prohibit the use of non-EPA Phase II certified wood stoves or fireplaces on poor air quality days within the Chico Sphere of Influence area.

Copies of the proposed rule and the related Staff Report are available on line at www.bcaqmd.org under Public Notices, or on file at the District office, 2525 Dominic Drive, Suite J., Chico, California, and available for public inspection on or after August 11, 2009, between the office hours of 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Tuesdays when the office open at 8:30 a.m. The AQMD's office telephone number is (530) 891-2882.

All persons planning to attend the Public Hearing are advised that this item may be taken up after 10:15 a.m. pursuant to the order of items set forth in the Agenda. Comments, statements, or arguments relating to the matters publicized in this Notice may be presented orally or in writing. Interested persons wishing to give oral testimony may be limited to a specific amount of time as required by the Chairperson; however, all persons will be allowed no more than five (5) minutes presentation time. All written comments should be filed with the AQMD BOARD CLERK, 2525 Dominic Drive, Suite J, Chico, CA 95928, no later than September 17, 2009. Any statement over five (5) pages in length should be submitted with ten (10) copies.

Following the Public Hearing on September 24, 2009, and without further notice, the AQMD Board may adopt the proposed rule or take other action consistent with the terms of this Notice.

DATED: August 11, 2009

By: W. James Wagoner
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER