

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 (District) Governing Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 10:15 a.m. to consider adoption of proposed amendments to three District Rules and Regulations: Rule 101, *Definitions*, which provides standard terminology thought the District's Rules and Regulations; Rule 300, *Open Burning Requirements, Prohibitions and Exemptions*, which regulates outdoor open burning and codifies the existing burning rules into one rule, and; Rule 507, *Burn Permit Fees*, which establishes the fee schedule for burn permits issued pursuant to Rule 300. In addition, existing District Rules 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, and 309 are proposed for repeal as the requirements of these rules have been incorporated into the proposed amended Rule 300. The hearings will be held at the Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street in Chico, CA.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS: Notice is also given that District staff will hold public workshops to discuss the proposed rule amendments and receive public comment. The workshops will be held on the following dates and times at the listed locations: Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., at Paradise Town Hall Council Chambers, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA; Monday, March 22, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., in Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA; Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., at Southside Oroville Community Center, 2959 Lower Wyandotte, Oroville, CA; and Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., Paradise Pines POA, 14211 Wycliff Way, Magalia, CA.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES:

The purpose of the proposed amendments to Rule 101, *Definitions*, is to standardize terminologies used throughout the District's Rules and Regulations and to update terms defined under current regulations.

The purpose of the proposed amendments to Rule 300, *Open Burning Requirements, Prohibitions and Exemptions*, is to add provisions that make the regulation compliant with the requirements of state law and to allow for the unification of the all of the existing open burning regulations into one consistent and enforceable regulation.

The purpose of proposed amendments to Rule 507, *Burn Permit Fees*, is to correct references to sections of Rule 300 that will be recodified as a result of the proposed amendments to Rule 300. No changes to the fee schedule are proposed.

COMMENTS: The public may comment verbally or in writing prior to the time of the hearing. Interested parties may review the proposed rule amendments Rules and the related Staff Reports at the District Office at 2525 Dominic Drive, Suite J., Chico, CA, on or after February 19, 2010. The office is open to the public Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Tuesdays when the office opens at 8:30 a.m. The District office telephone number is (530) 891-2882. All written comments should be filed with the District BOARD CLERK, at the District Office, no later than April 15, 2009. Any statement over five (5) pages in length should be submitted with ten (10) copies.

HEARING: 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. Following the Public Hearing on April 22, 2010, and without further notice, the AQMD Board may adopt the proposed amendments to the Rules or take other action consistent with the terms of this Notice.

DATED: February 19, 2010

By: W. James Wagoner
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER