

# AIR CARE NEWS BULLETIN

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**What's been happening?** Staff has held several workshops over the past two months to provide additional information to the public regarding the fine particulate pollution problem resulting from the use of woodstoves and fireplaces and to receive public comments. Staff is preparing a Board Report for the June 26<sup>th</sup> District Governing Board meeting summarizing the staff recommendations of potential control measures and providing public comments. Staff is requesting the Board to provide direction regarding potential rule or policy changes. The Board report with staff recommendations will be posted on our website by June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Why is this necessary?** The residents of Butte County want healthful air, and must have the ability to heat their homes. The District is dedicated to finding solutions to balance these interests so that our communities can meet the state and federal health-based air standards.

**What is not being considered?** A ban on existing wood stoves is NOT being considered, nor is prohibiting the use of wood stoves on poor air quality days if wood heat is the sole source of home heating.

**Report to the Community:** *Air Pollution - Health Effects and Local Solutions* Presented by James Wagoner, Air Pollution Control Officer, Butte County Air Quality Management District, and Gary Incaudo MD, Chico Allergist and Clinical Professor of Medicine, UC Davis at the Chico City Council Meeting on June 17, 2008 at 6:30 PM. The presentation will include information on air pollution in Butte County; (1) health concerns with pollutants; (2) identification of major contributors; (3) discussion of the District's air quality programs; and (4) suggestions on how the City of Chico can help to mitigate the health risk and bring the County into compliance with mandated Federal and State standards.

**How can I get more information?** If you have questions or comments, please contact Gail Williams at 891-2882 or toll-free (888) 891-2882, or online at [www.bcaqmd.org](http://www.bcaqmd.org).

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