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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 9, 2019.

Conducted by the
Northern Sonoma County
Air Pollution Control District

The Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (District) is proposing that the Board of Directors amend *District Regulation II – Open Burning, Rule 300 – Permit Fees*.

In 2001, the District was required to begin charging fees to cover the cost of implementing its open burning program. Burn permit fees have remained the same since that time; however, the District's cost to operate the program over the last 18 years has increased considerably creating a funding gap for the implementation of the program. The District proposes fee increases to *District Regulation II Rule 300 - Permit Fees* to close the current funding gap and to provide for continued implementation of the District's open burn program.

In addition, the District proposes to streamline the permit and fee structure by removing per-acre multipliers and by removing acronym codes from permit category names. To correct inconsistencies in current rule section numbering, these new categories, their fee amounts, and the existing open burning permit fee section 300.1 through 300.6.2, will be moved to a new standalone fee section: *District Regulation II – Open Burning, Rule 600 – Permit Fees*. No other revisions are proposed for sections 300.1 through 300.6.2.

The proposed categories with the amount of their proposed new fees have increased for all burning categories, and are as follows:

- Agricultural: General=\$60; Pruning Waste=\$60; Crop Removal=\$100.
- Residential: Residential=\$30; Property Development=\$75; Public Entity=\$75.
- Prescribed: Prescribed Smoke Management Plan Exempt=\$100; Prescribed=\$250.

Access to *District Regulation II Rule 300*, and the new proposed *District Regulation II Rule 600* with revised fee schedule may be obtained by contacting Alex Saschin at the District, 150 Matheson Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448; (707) 433-5911; or e-mail to Alex@NoSoCoAir.net; or the District's web site: www.NoSoCoAir.net.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed rule revisions should submit their comments **in writing** either in person, by mail, or by fax to Alex Saschin at the above address or by fax at (707) 433-4823. ***Written comments will be received by the District until 4:30 PM PDT, January 4, 2019 and will be retained and considered.*** Persons wishing to comment at a public hearing on this matter may do so at the following District Board of Directors meeting:

**January 9, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Guerneville Public Library
14104 Armstrong Woods Road
Guerneville, CA 95446**

This notice has been published in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat newspaper. It has been posted at the District office in Healdsburg and on the District web site. Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Alex Saschin (707-433-5911) no later than 3 working days before the hearing.