



# PLACER COUNTY APCD DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



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# TODAY'S UPDATE TOPICS

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- 2021 CAG Program
- Community Air Protection Program
- Wildfire Response



## 2021 CAG PROGRAM UPDATE

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- Solicitation period closed on June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - \$1.4M in total funding available
- 21 applications received
  - \$9.2 M in total funding requested
- 11 Projects selected for funding
  - School buses, EV infrastructure, and off-road equip (including ag)
- Board update in October 2021



# COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM PROGRAM UPDATE

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- Funding still not appropriated by Legislature
  - Unclear when that may happen
  - FY 2021-22 Budget programs \$1.1M
- Targeted engagement with the community in the fall
  - Build upon current efforts
  - Dependent upon ability due to COVID
- Planning to conduct joint solicitation with CAG in Spring 2022
- Board update in October 2021



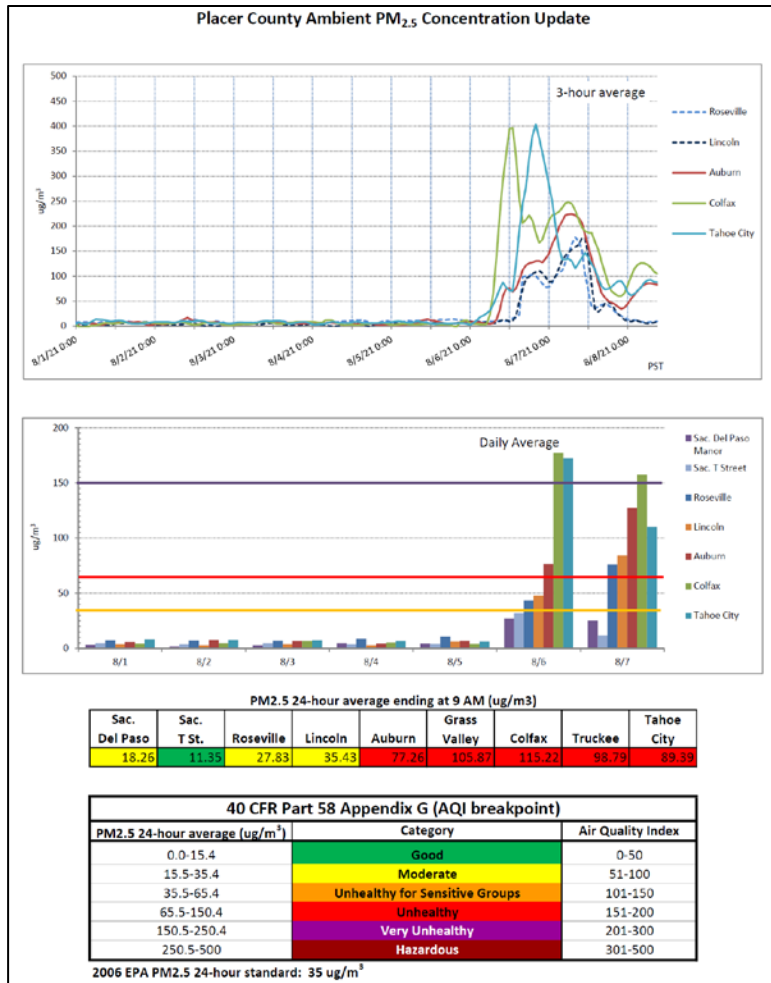
# WILDFIRE RESPONSE

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- Multiple air quality advisories have been issued over the last month
  - Close coordination with County HHS
- Primarily due to smoke from Dixie and Tamarack Fires
  - Greatest impacts have been in Tahoe basin
- During high wildfire PM events, staff have developed summary assessments to track trends and current levels
  - Updated at least daily
- Coordinate with NWS on smoke forecasts



# WILDFIRE RESPONSE



- Reminder to use: <https://fire.airnow.gov/> for latest smoke and air quality conditions



# WILDFIRE RESPONSE


**CNN**

## Residents in part of Northern California warned to stay indoors due to smoke from massive wildfires

By Brisa Colon and Aya Elamroussi, CNN 4 days ago

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Officials in Northern California are warning residents to stay indoors due to widespread hazardous air quality from the thick smoke produced by wildfires raging across the region.



© Fred Greaves/Reuters Firefighters put on gear before dousing hot spots of the Dixie Fire near Greenville, California.

The Placer County Public Health and the Placer County Air Pollution Control District issued an air quality advisory Thursday, forecasting hazardous smoke impacts and warning residents to stay indoors.

“Sad to say, the prediction is correct,” Ann Hobbs, associate planner at the Placer County Air Pollution Control District, told CNN. Hobbs said officials had anticipated a change in the wind would bring poor air quality and smoke to residents living in the area.

“Avoid all unnecessary outdoor activity,” Hobbs said, adding that the air quality is the worst the area has seen all year.

The thick smoke extended far beyond California, causing alarm in Utah. “Our dispatch centers are getting overwhelmed with calls about smoke; unfortunately, we are unable to change the jet stream,” the Centerville Police Department said Friday in a tweet.

On Friday afternoon, air quality measurements from the EPA’s AirNow website showed air quality readings for PM2.5, the fine particles produced by wildfire smoke, up to 921 in Chester, California, far beyond the 300 considered “hazardous.” The air quality index in the town of Paradise was also

- Significant interest locally, regionally and nationally on our efforts
- Sac Bee
- CNN
- MSNBC
- Chronicle