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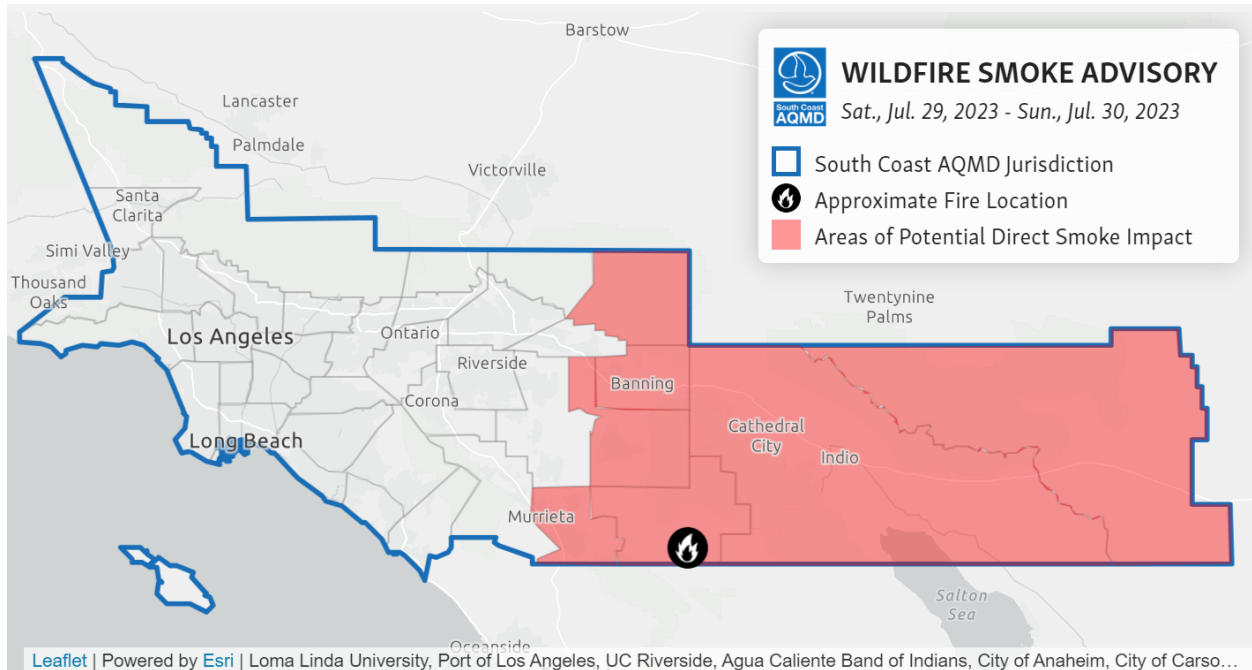
**South Coast AQMD Extends Smoke Advisory Due to Wildfire in
Eastern Riverside County**

Valid until Sunday 8:00 PM.

Current Conditions

- The Bonny Fire is currently at 2,069 acres with 5% containment as of Saturday at 8:30 AM
- Visit the [Cal FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Incident Summary](#) for more details
- As of Saturday at 12:00 PM, smoke production is less than yesterday afternoon with some smoke reaching the ground
- Smoke is being transported towards the northeast toward Anza area and the San Jacinto mountains

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap to view current air quality in your neighborhood.



Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Hot conditions will continue throughout the day on Saturday and into Sunday
- There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the area of the fire this afternoon and Sunday making the smoke forecast more uncertain
- Winds will push smoke toward the northeast and may result in Air Quality Index levels that are Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in the most impacted areas including Anza and Idyllwild
- Areas further from the fire including Banning, Coachella Valley, and San Bernardino Mountains are expected to have relatively moderate impacts
- Note that AQI levels may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category in the afternoon hours from high levels of ozone (smog) due to the current heat wave and are largely unrelated to the fire

Detailed Forecast

Saturday	Winds from the west will continue to push smoke towards the north and northeast, potentially affecting the area near the fire and Coachella Valley. Ozone (smog) levels will also be elevated due to the heat wave affecting the region.
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Saturday Evening and Early Sunday Morning	If the fire continues to produce smoke, light and variable winds may lead to increased smoke concentrations in areas immediate adjacent to the fires
Sunday	If the fire is still producing smoke, winds will continue to push smoke to the northeast affecting areas near the fire, San Gorgonio Pass near Banning, and Coachella Valley. Ozone (smog) levels will also be elevated in the afternoon hours.

If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter.
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.
- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do not use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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