

APPENDIX C PUBLIC INFORMATION AND OTHER NOTICES

**Fig C-1:** Illustrates the public zones serviced by the National Weather Service Office in Phoenix and San Diego. Imperial County, including southeast sections of Riverside County are part of the reporting public zone areas from the Phoenix office

## FIGURE C-2 IMPERIAL COUNTY WEB POSTING OF POTENTIAL ELEVATED PM CONCENTRATIONS

# **Advisory Events**

The information herein is NOT intended for use as a weather forecast. The Air District DOES NOT forecast but solely compiles information from both the Phoenix and San Diego National Weather Offices to relay information concerning potential changes in ambient air concentrations that may impact the public.

February 9, 2018 to February 12, 2018

#### Be Advised

High wind levels have the potential to suspend particulate matter into the air. High levels of PM10 may pose an impact to public health. It is recommended that active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, limit their outdoor activities.

Potential increases in PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations may increase to moderate or unhealthy level.
Imperial County Weather Synopsis

#### **FIRE WEATHER**

A dry cold front will move into the Southwest Saturday night and produce a very dry offshore flow. Although a short duration event, the combination of low relative humidity and strong offshore winds over the Northern Inland Empire and along the slopes and foothills could generate red flag conditions early Sunday morning through early Sunday afternoon. Conditions will rapidly improve Sunday night into Monday as onshore flow kicks in, in advance of the next trough. Consult the fire weather watch for more details.

http://forecast.weather.gov/wwamap/wwatxtget.php?cwa=sgx&wwa=fire%20weather%20watch

#### **DISCUSSION FROM THE SAN DIEGO OFFICE**

A low-pressure shortwave and trailing dry cold front moving through the interior west will put a dent in our giant ridge. That will help a coastal eddy develop tonight, which will help the marine layer to deepen. Coastal clouds will get into far western valleys Saturday morning with onshore flow not fully clearing Saturday. The energy from that shortwave will boost winds, mainly in the mountains and deserts during the afternoon and evening.

Winds quickly turn offshore (northeast) Saturday night and strengthen behind that shortwave. That will bring somewhat strong offshore winds to Southern California, and somewhat chilly air to the high desert and mountains. Top wind gusts in the favored areas forecasted to exceed 50mph between midnight and midday Sunday.

By midday Sunday, offshore winds will begin to decrease. A new shortwave follows a cutoff low just off the coast on Monday and Tuesday. That allows it to dip into the Pacific air and grab some moisture that could bring us showers.

### DISCUSSION FROM THE PHOENIX OFFICE

A blocked atmospheric flow pattern will persist over much of the country the next couple of days. However, several shortwaves will crest a highly amplified east Pacific ridge and carve out a notable negative height anomaly affecting the forecast area next week. In the near term, height aloft will only gradually become depressed as the first positively tilted wave descends towards the four corners region. Negligible impacts on temperatures today with slight reduction in temperatures as the weekend continues.

Overall, high pressure continues to hold in place for the remainder of the week. The first in a series of weather disturbances will sweep by the region early next week with better chances of rain arriving during the middle of the week.

#### **Phoenix Fire Weather**

A cold front will slide into the region Sunday yielding windy conditions through much of SE California and lower Colorado River Valley. While the strongest winds will occur early Sunday morning when humidity levels are higher, an enhanced fire danger will exist solely on the gusty north winds.

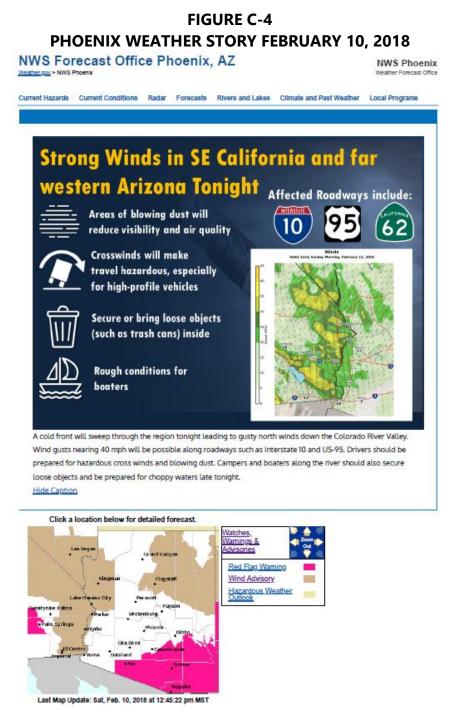
Weather Story Phoenix Station

Weather Story San Diego Station

## FIGURE C-3 SAN DIEGO WEATHER STORY FEBRUARY 10, 2018



**Fig C-3:** As early as February 10, 2018, the NWS San Diego office issued a Weather Story forecast graphic advising of high Santa Ana winds across the region



**Fig C-4:** As early as February 10, 2018, the NWS Phoenix office issued a Weather Story forecast graphic advising of high Santa Ana winds across southeast California and southwestern Arizona

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## FIGURE C-5 SAN DIEGO WEATHER STORY FEBRUARY 11, 2018

**Fig C-5:** On February 11, 2018, the NWS San Diego office issued a Weather Story forecast graphic advising of high Santa Ana winds across southern California

## **PHOENIX WEATHER STORY FEBRUARY 11, 2018** NWS Forecast Office Phoenix, AZ **NWS** Phoenix Weather.ogy > NWS Phoenix er Forecast Office Current Hazards Current Conditions Radar Forecasts Rivers and Lakes Climate and Past Weather Local Programs Strong Winds in SE California and far western Arizona Tonight Affected Roadways include: Areas of blowing dust will 10 reduce visibility and air quality **Crosswinds will make** travel hazardous, especially for high-profile vehicles Secure or bring loose objects (such as trash cans) inside **Rough conditions for** boaters A cold front will sweep through the region tonight leading to gusty north winds down the Colorado River Valley. Wind gusts nearing 40 mph will be possible along roadways such as Interstate 10 and US-95. Drivers should be prepared for hazardous cross winds and blowing dust. Campers and boaters along the river should also secure loose objects and be prepared for choppy waters late tonight.

**FIGURE C-6** 



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**Fig C-6:** On February 11, 2018, the NWS Phoenix office issued a Weather Story forecast graphic advising of high Santa Ana winds across southeastern California

## FIGURE C-7 DAILY WEATHER AND AG BURNING INFORMATION

Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

LOCAL	TEMP °F	WINDS MILES PER HOUR	VISIBILITY				
7 AM	53	\$7	10	82			
8 AM	57	SE 11	10	-84 			
9 AM	64	SE 10	10	8			
10 AM	70	SSE 9	10				
11 AM	74	ESE 6	10				
NOON	77	SE 7	7 10				
1 PM	78	ENE 3	10				
2 PM	79 NNE 3		10				
3 PM	80	CALM	10	-			
4 PM	80	CALM	10	93 11			
5 PM	75	NNW 5	10	- 0.			
6 PM	68	NNW 3	10				
7 PM	68	NNW 6	10				
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Forecast for	r Morning s	urface winds	NNW	5-10 n	nph	NNW 5-10	m
Forecast for	r afternoon	NNW	5-10 n	nph	NNW 5-10	m	
Forecast for	r evening s	SW		nph			
		I transport winds	5-1	2	nph		

**Fig C-7:** Is a copy of the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District official record of the conditions as they existed for a determination of a "No Burn" day on February 11, 2018

## FIGURE C-8 AIRQUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern	Numerical Value	Meaning		
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.		
Moderate 51 to 100		Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.		
Unhealthy for Sensitive 101 to Groups 150		Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.		
Unhealthy	151 to 200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.		
Very Unhealthy 201 to 300		Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.		
Hazardous	301 to 500	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.		

**Fig C-8:** The Air Quality Index AQI is an index for reporting daily air quality. It tells you how clean or polluted your air is, and what associated health effects might be a concern for you. The AQI focuses on health affects you may experience within a few hours or days after breathing polluted air. EPA calculates the AQI for five major air pollutants regulated by the Clean Air Act: ground-level ozone, particle pollution (also known as particulate matter), carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. For each of these pollutants, EPA has established national air quality standards to protect public health. Ground-level ozone and airborne particles are the two pollutants that pose the greatest threat to human health in this country. Source:

https://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqibasics.aqi

## FIGURE C-9 IMPERIAL COUNTY AFFIDAVIT OF 30 DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**County of Imperial** 

I am a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk\* of the printer of the

**Imperial Valley Press** 

a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the City of El Centro, County of Imperial and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of genera circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Imperial, State of California, under the date of October 9, 1951, Case Number 26775; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

09/09.

all in the year 2019

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE

Name of Account: I C AIR POLLUTION CONTROL Order Number: 11322989 Ad Number: 31572042

\* Printer, Foreman of the Printer, or Principal Clerk of the Printer Date: 10 th day of September, 2019. at El Centro, California.

**Fig C-9:** Is a copy of the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District official record (affidavit) affirming the publication of the notice of availability of the Exceptional Events Demonstration for February 11, 2018. The date for closing comments was October 10, 2019

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE OCCURRENCE OF THREE EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS (EE)

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (Air District) has prepared three Draft Exception Event (EE) Demonstrations, which support the requested exclusion of measured 24-hour concent tions at the Air District air monitoring sites. Listed below by date, site and concentration as measu by a continuous Federal Equivalent Method monitor (FEM) are the three Draft EE's.

January 20, 2018 Brawley-163 µg/m3; Calexico -225 µg/m3 . <u>February 11, 2018</u> Calexico-172 μg/m3

February 19, 2018 Brawley-224 µg/m3; Calexico-182 µg/m3; El Centro-230 µg/m3; Niland-193 µg/m3

The public and all interested parties are encouraged to review and comment on the three Draft EE's I ed above. These demonstrations provide the supporting evidence that on the days indicated for 20 Air District air monitors were affected by transported elevated levels of particulate matter of an aero namic size less than 10 microns (PMIO). Winds, associated with a weather event suspended a transported PM10 into the region affecting areas within San Diego, Riverside, Yuma and Imperial co lies. The three Draft EE's provide the scjentific justification for the requested exclusions. The Air Lict is soliciting and accepting comments for 30 days commencing the date of the publication of this tics. The final closing date for submitting comments is October 10, 2019 by close of business.

The three Draft EE's for the days listed above are available for download at the Air District website <u>https://accd.imperfaicounty.org/gublic-notices/</u> (under Public Notices; Exceptional Events), view a hard copy of any of the four Draft EE's, please wilk the Air Pollution Control District office at 3. 9th Street, El Centro. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call our of between 8am and 5pm at (442) 285-1800 and sek for Monica N. Soucier. 150 99

## FIGURE C-10 IMPERIAL COUNTY COMMENTS REGARDING THE FEBRUARY 11, 2018 EE DEMONSTRATION

Awaiting Final Comment Period