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PRESCRIBED FIRES

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Over the past several months, the Monterey Bay Air Resources District has received calls from concerned citizens regarding smoke impacts associated with prescribed fires (controlled burns) throughout our three-county jurisdiction. Simply put, prescribed burning is the controlled application of fire to the land to reduce wildfire hazards, create fuel breaks for firefighters, control plant diseases, improve rangeland and wildlife habitats, and restore natural ecosystems. (continued on next page)

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