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## **South Coast AQMD to Host Coachella Valley Dust Summit**

*Event to Address Windblown Dust, Health Impacts and Potential Solutions*

**DIAMOND BAR** – The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is hosting a summit that will focus on the growing concern of blow sand and dust in the Coachella Valley, its health implications and potential strategies to mitigate its impact. Governing Board Member, Supervisor V. Manuel Perez will provide opening remarks.

“We all agree that dust is a major concern for the residents living in Riverside County,” said Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, a member of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board and the California Air Resources Board. “This summit will bring together government, public health, and researchers to discuss windblown dust in the Coachella Valley, its health implications, and explore potential solutions to address this important issue.”

Experts from South Coast AQMD, California Air Resources Board, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, Riverside University Health System, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and the University of California, Riverside will share insights and engage with the community in a panel discussion.

The hybrid summit will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6 p.m. in Palm Desert. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from government agency representatives and academia about the challenges posed by blow sand and dust and its effects on air quality and public health to explore collaborative solutions. The panel discussion will include a dedicated question-and-answer session to ensure community input and dialogue.

**Who:**

Panel of experts include state, local agencies, academia and others.

**What:**

Experts will discuss the growing concern of blow sand and dust in the Coachella Valley, its health impacts and potential mitigation strategies.

**When:**

Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**Where:***In Person at:*

UC Riverside Palm Desert Center, Auditorium  
75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert, California

*Zoom:*

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/95444669685>

**Webinar ID: 954 4466 9685** (applies to all)

***Spanish Language Meeting ID: 932 0955 9643***

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