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## Media Release

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## Air Quality Monitor installed in Paradise

### PRPD assists with monitoring local AQIs

Paradise, CA, October 8, 2020 - The Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD) is home to a new Air Monitoring Station installed after reaching out to the Butte County Air Quality Monitoring District (BCAQMD). PRPD raised concerns about the community needing additional monitoring accuracy with the local Air Quality Index. BCAQMD rapidly responded with the installation and the station is now transmitting publicly available data.

The monitor is located at PRPD's Terry Ashe Recreation Center.

Recreation Supervisor Jeff Dailey said "PRPD continues to monitor the air quality carefully and follows the recommendations from Butte County for decisions on activities and events. Programming including aquatics, youth sports skills, and the upcoming event Astronomy on the Lake all take place outdoors and are dependent on our ability to get accurate information on air quality."

Citizens may view the data at the Airnow Fire and Smoke Map (<https://fire.airnow.gov/?lat=39.76922807700863&lng=-121.61178588867189&zoom=10>) or Purple Air (<https://www.purpleair.com/map?opt=1/mAQI/a10/cC0#8.97/39.6105/-121.7171>) websites.

With ongoing improvements to facilities and parks throughout our District, PRPD is researching options for future public access to air quality monitoring and weather collection data.

The role of the BCAQMD in Butte County is to:

- Monitor the county's air quality.
- Provide daily air quality conditions.
- Inventory/ assess the health risks of toxic air emissions.
- Assist/explain State and federal air pollution control laws.

- Provide public education and outreach.
- Respond to public complaints and inquiries.
- Administer Clean Air Grants for projects that reduce air pollution.
- Prepare Clean Air Plans to identify/control how much pollution is in our air.
- Adopt rules and regulations that reduce pollution.
- Issue permits and conduct inspections for businesses/industries which emit air pollutants.
- Analyze the air quality impact of new businesses/ land development projects.
- Implement the Sacramento Valley Air Basin Smoke Management Program that regulates agricultural burning.
- Work with other government agencies to coordinate air quality programs/ regulations.

For more information refer to their website at <https://bcaqmd.org/> .

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Since 1948, the Paradise Recreation and Park District provides recreation facilities and programs to the residents of Paradise, the Butte Creek Canyon area, and the unincorporated communities of Magalia/Paradise Pines and Concow/Yankee Hill. The District serves 50,000 people living in a 170-square mile area and manages nearly 500 acres of park land and facilities.

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