

Forecast conditions represent impacts from smoke from the Soberanes Fire wildfire and other fires. Contributions from ozone and other pollutants and other sources are generally not reflected.

Fire: Current fire acreage is 132,069, which is unchanged from yesterday. Current containment is 92%. Direct attack continues, and no firing operations are planned.

Air Quality Today: Gusty northwest winds will continue along with cooler temperatures and better moisture to help mitigate smoke impacts. These conditions will reduce the smoldering of interior fire activity and will assist in limiting extended smoke impacts to the greater Soberanes fire area. Brief periods of moderate quality air will be possible around the Pacific Grove community and the communities of the Salinas Valley in the morning and nighttime.

Air Quality Tomorrow: Another day of gusty northwest winds, cooler temperatures, and higher humidity. This is likely to restrict smoke impacts for the area, with sporadic periods of moderate air quality in the morning and nighttime hours.

Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Impacts from the Soberanes Fire (midnight to midnight)

Site	Yesterday Observed 24-Hr AQI September 30, 2016	Today's Forecast 24-Hr AQI October 1, 2016	Tomorrow Outlook 24-Hr AQI October 2, 2016	Best Time of Day September 30 24-Hr AQI
Pacific Grove	Moderate	Good	Good	Afternoon
Carmel River School	Good	Good	Good	Afternoon
Carmel Valley	Good	Good	Good	Afternoon
Cachagua	Good	Good	Good	Late Afternoon
Big Sur	Good	Good	Good	Afternoon
Tassajara	Good	Good	Good	Late morning/Mid-day
Arroyo Seco	No Monitor	Good	Good?	Late morning/Mid-day
Salinas	Good	Good	Good	Afternoon
Gonzales	Good	Good	Good	Afternoon
Soledad	No Data Available From Monitor	Good	Good	Afternoon
Greenfield	Good	Good	Good	Afternoon
King City	Good	Good	Good	Afternoon

Disclaimer: Conditions may change quickly, these projections are based on anticipated weather and fire activity. Sensitive groups including individuals with Asthma, lung or heart disease, children, older adults, and pregnant women should take precautions to avoid exposure to smoke. If you feel as though you are having health effects from smoke, see your doctor or health professional as needed. In some cases, your eyes are your best tools. If it is smoky outside you are being impacted. Use caution when driving in or around smoky areas.

For more information, please call the Soberanes Fire Information Line at (831) 204-0446

Forecasted Air Quality Map



Use the Air Quality Index to plan your activities

The Air Quality Index (AQI) is a measure used for reporting daily air quality. It tells you how clean or polluted your air is for the day, and what associated health effects might be a concern.

AQI Index	Actions to Protect Yourself
Good	None
Moderate	Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups - USG	People with heart or lung disease, children and older adults should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion. Everyone else should limit prolonged or heavy exertion.
Unhealthy	The following groups should avoid all physical outdoor activity: People with heart or lung disease, children and older adults. Everyone else should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid any outdoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly and children should remain indoors.
Hazardous	The following groups should remain indoors and keep activity levels low: People with heart or lung disease; children and older adults. Everyone else should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion

Views of smoke from fire: Jamesburg- http://cens.jamesreserve.edu/activejpg/cam2_hastings.jpg

Big Sur- <http://www.nepenthebigsur.com/images/b.jpg>

California Smoke Blog - <http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/>

Monterey Air Resource Board - <http://mbard.org/>

AirNow - <http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.main>



