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IRONMAN CANCELLATION SUPPORTED BY PLACER COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS

Placer County officials said Sunday morning they fully support the decision of IRONMAN officials to cancel today's triathlon because of air quality concerns created by the King Fire in Placer and El Dorado counties.

"This morning officials from IRONMAN, with tremendous data support from the Placer County Air Pollution Control District, made the decision to cancel the race," said Dr. Robert Oldham, Placer County's Public Health Officer. "As much as we were all looking forward to this event, I am confident that the cancellation was the right decision to protect the health of the athletes and the public."

"Due to high early morning unhealthy concentrations of particulate matter in and around various areas of the Tahoe Basin where the IRONMAN event is occurring, we feel that the event management made the right decision today in the interest of the athletes, event volunteers, and spectators," said Tom Christofk, Air Pollution Control Officer for Placer County. "We have been monitoring the air quality impacts from the King Fire for the event for several days, and have been reviewing near real-time data from sensors located in Squaw Valley, Tahoe City, Kings Beach, and Truckee. The data from this morning indicates unsafe levels of air quality to commence the event."

Current readings for Truckee and Tahoe City can be found at <http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/air/currentairquality>.