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Dear Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors,

Why is the county of Santa Cruz still allowing open burning in the unincorporated communities? A permit can be obtained for burning during the winter with the only parameter being the air quality. Does that really make sense any more, with the current rate of climate change? Add that to the fact that there is absolutely no enforcement of the burn regulations or even if a permit was issued. Isn't time to stop this dangerous practice?

Regards,

- jb -  
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