

Wrightwood Fire Safe Council
General Meeting
April 15, 2008

WFSC Board Members in attendance: John Aziz, John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Bob Fino, Hank Hallmark, Joyce Harrison and Jack Smith. Nick Giglio and Kathy Smith were unable to attend.

WFSC Community Members in attendance: Cindy Aziz, Gail Campbell, Bob Comperini, Karin Core, Dennis Felgar, Carol Goss, Patrick Martin, Dee Potter, Vince Pulsipher and Ed Ross.

Agency Representatives in attendance: Pam Bierce, Lauren Blake, David Brackin, Thomas Bradt, Paul Camarena, Julie Crick, Jesse Estrada, Darrayl Felgar, Gabe Garcia, Julie Hernandez, John Lane, Robert Raney, Tim Tate, Roger Williams.

Guests in attendance: Al Morrissette from the Mountaineer Progress Newspaper.

John Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by John Bauer.

The March 18th General Meeting minutes was submitted with corrections to be made before the next meeting.

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

John Lane from the Angeles National Forest began the meeting with an update on the work currently under way and noted the Wrightwood Fuel Modification Project is in the final planning stages. There are more burn piles in the Big pines area, but work may not continue beyond the current week due to the approaching fire season where fire crews will be occupied.

Gabe Garcia and Lauren Blake from San Bernardino National Forest gave an updated report on the Lone Pine Canyon burn piles. The March 24th controlled burning of the burn piles went okay as did the burning at Lytle Creek on March 28. There will be additional controlled burning this week.

Julie Crick from the Forest Care program gave a brief report on the latest projects in Wrightwood. She said that sixteen educational reviews had been completed, with six projects accepted and completed and two more were in progress. Julie mentioned that some restrictions may be removed in the future by reducing the requirement of 200 trees per acres to 100 and maybe five acre parcels might qualify. These adjustments are in the planning stages.

Paul Camarena and Jesse Estrada from Cal Fire spoke about the Hwy 2 roadside clearances and that nothing had been done in the past week or so as the fire crews were called out to work fires in the Bishop area. They are also involved with training crews and preparing for the upcoming fire season. It was reported that there are budget cuts under review and perhaps the Fenner Camp facility and the Highland Station were being considered. They emphasized that cuts are only under review at this time.

There was no representative from the Los Angeles County Fire.

David Brackin from the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commission gave a brief report on the mastication project at the Wrightwood Quest Ranch property. He also said he has received a new assignment which will prevent him from attending future WFSC meetings for awhile.

Thomas Bradt from San Bernardino County Code Enforcement reported that evaluating properties for proper mastication will not be done until June when notices will be sent to those who have violated code standards.

Darrayl Felgar from San Bernardino County Fire Station 101 said that there were no changes in staff. He said since Mountain High had closed for the season the Medic One had been busy responding to calls from Phelan.

The meeting was adjourned in order for the election of new board of directors could be made. The following is a list of WFSC Board members: John Aziz, John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Bob Comperini, Bob Fino, Hank Hallmark, Joyce Harrison, Al Morrissette, Vince Pulsipher, Kathy Smith and Miles Wagner.

John Aziz gave a report on the new emergency low frequency radio station 1610 AM. He said that this station will work best in a car and may be up and running within the next few days.

John Aziz also gave a report on the participants in the May 10 Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day. He said that some modifications had been made to the pine needle recycling project and some will be used in the snow boarding area at Mt. High to control erosion. John also reported that efforts to improve the flow of traffic in dumping during the week have been made and more bins will be made available to prevent any backing up by vehicles.

The next WFSC general Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Potter