

Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting Minutes

Call To Order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by Chuck Carroll on July 15, 2008 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

Roll Call:

The following WFSC Board Of Directors were present: Chuck Carroll, Bob Fino, Bob Comperini, John Aziz, Hank Hallmark, Joyce Harrison, Al Morrisette, Vince Pulsipher, Kathy Smith. Absent was: John Bauer, Miles Wagner.

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Jack Crawford, Marie Gaskins, Carol Goss, Clint Kearns, Bonnie Ross, Ed Ross, Ed Smith

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake and R. Williams (SB National Forest), David Brackin (LA County Agricultural Commission), Paul Camarena (Cal Fire), Julie Crick (Forest Care), Steve Turner and Darrayl Felgar (SB County Fire 101), Diane Travis and John Lane (Angeles National Forest), Thomas Bradt (LA County Code Enforcement), Jeff Bradford (SB County FD - Hazardous Tree), Evan Smith (National Resources Conservation Service)

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Vince Pulsipher

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the June 2008 meeting were approved as written, after corrections were made during previous review by the board. Motion to approve by John Aziz. Second by Vince Pulsipher. Motion passed 8/0.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: (John Lane/Diane Travis) OHV Grant project completed. Fuel modification project implementation will begin in next fiscal year (October 2008). Fire restrictions are currently "high".

SB County National Forest: (Lauren Blake) Boundary Ridge Fuel reduction projects continuing. Helicopter Hill gate project still in planning stages. Fire restrictions are currently "high".

Forest Care Program: (Julie Crick) Current statistics are available on their website (www.sbnfa.org). Forest Care can provide educational visits for property owners, at no cost to the property owner. These can help property owners learn about proper thinning and pruning. For information, call 888-883-8446.

CAL Fire: (Paul Camarena) Fire statistics: Since June 20, 2008, there were 2,010 fires in California. 96 are still burning. 866,184 acres total. 19,493 personnel, 1,347 engines, 461 hand crews, 206 dozers 371 water tenders 121 helicopters were utilized. No update on Highway 2 clearance project.

LA Co Agricultural Commission: (David Brackin) Property fuel abatement: 21 lots in LA county side of Wrightwood were found to be out of compliance.

LA County Fire: (statement read by John Aziz). LA County Fire Code Section 505.1 was discussed. This code describes minimum home address number display requirements.

SB County Code Enforcement: (Thomas Bradt) Property fuel abatement notices: 1187 notices sent out. Re-inspections to begin July 16, 2008. Two new employees added. A new Code

Enforcement website is in development, and will be available soon. Website will be accessible through the county website (www.sbcounty.gov), by clicking on the "Code Enforcement" link found on that page.

SB County Fire Station 101: (Darrayl Felgar) Engineer/Paramedic had to leave area on ambulance once during this last period. Private cooking/backyard fires are still permitted within limits of California Fire codes (no embers allowed). Open campfires (such as the group camps) are allowed with permits.

SB County Fire - Hazardous Tree: (Jeff Bradford) Described boundary of upcoming removal project. Project ready to be awarded, and may start as soon as the end of August 2008. No major bark beetle problems being seen in Wrightwood area. Reminded FSC that "fuel reduction" projects must always be a priority, with ongoing "maintenance projects" year after year, to keep fuel levels manageable.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was presented.

New Business: None

Public Comments And Questions:

Carol Goss – Announced Caltrans decision on Highway 2 widening project.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on: August 19, 2008.

Minutes submitted by:

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council