



Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Meeting Minutes

Call To Order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by Chuck Carroll on August 19, 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 Morrissette. Absent, were Vince Pulsipher and Miles Wagner. Kathy Smith arrived later in the meeting.

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Carol Goss, Sherry Lewis, Dee Potter, Ed Ross, Bonny Ross, Jack Smith

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (SBNF), Peter Brierty (SB Co Fire), Shauna Bryson (SB Co Hazardous Tree Removal), Paul Camarena (Cal Fire), John Capell (ANF), Jesse Estrada (Cal Fire), Sheri Lewis (SB Co Weed Abatement), Steve Roeber (SB Co Fire), Tim Tate (SB Co Fire), Diane Travis (SBNF), Roger Williams (SBNF)

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Bob Fino.

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the July 2008 meeting were approved as written, after corrections were made during previous review by the board. Motion to approve made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Bob Fino. Motion passed 6/0. Joyce Harrison abstained.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: (John Capell) Wrightwood project completed environmental analysis. Decision has been to move forward. Project will take several years, and will require annual funding. No definite decisions have been made regarding which area(s) will be treated first, with the exception of an area north of Hwy 2, in Los Angeles county area west of Wrightwood. It is planned that this one area will be treated in FY 2008. There is no word on when the building at Big Pines will be opened for public use.

San Bernardino National Forest: (Roger Williams, Lauren Blake) Boundary Ridge project - Masticator broke by contractor. Equipment may need to be taken to Oregon for repair. Pile burning, and additional Helicopter Hill gate work – waiting for funding.

Forest Care Program: No report.

CAL Fire: (Paul Camarena) A few crews sent to South fire. There have been several small fires in the Sierra range, due to lightening. Fire budget for 2008 already spent. No updates on the Hwy 2 project. No wages have been cut, due to state budget problems.

LA County Agricultural Commission: (report by e-mail from David Brackin) 11 vacant lots completed by county crews. Inspections continue, with several owners promising compliance. Guest Ranch to let contract for clearance. Clearance expected by September or October 2008.

LA County Fire: No report

SB County Code Enforcement: (report by e-mail from Thomas Bradt) Contractor working in Wrightwood. Work to be completed soon. Some properties have not been completed, because warrants are needed. That process is in progress. Flood Control has cleared many areas of their property, and they will continue until completed.

SB Co Weed Abatement: (Shauna Bryson) Working with LA county on Guest Ranch. Treatment expected to begin in September 2008.

SB County Fire Station 101: (Steve Roeber) Found out that several residents have disabled their fire sprinkler systems, to avoid paying an annual \$150 certification fee and annual inspection. Fire will work with the water department, to resolve these issues. Work continues to update maps with all property (parcel) addresses. When done, maps will be shared with other agencies. Current staffing: 2 seasonal, 1 limited term and 2 full time suppression personnel. Losing some limited term personnel. Loss of personnel can affect response times. Community is asked to let the county know we need to retain full staffing.

Peter Brierty: 2 new county ordinance proposals were announced. The "wood roof" ordinance will prohibit the use of wood roofing materials in mountain areas. Ordinance will also require compliance by July 1, 2014, or during next sale of property, which ever occurs first.

The "green fuels" ordinance would amend various portions of county code, dealing with fire hazard abatement. This ordinance defines what constitutes a hazard, and proposes various limits and minimum requirements. This ordinance would also give legal authority to fire department to compel property owner to clear portions of their property that poses a hazard to adjacent properties.

E-mail comments on these proposals to Chief Brierty at pbrierty@sbcfire.org, or by phone 909-936-5533.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer's report was submitted, since there was no activity during the last month.

New Business:

John Aziz: Dan Campbell asked to use FSC umbrellas for the upcoming music festival. Approved without objection.

Public Comments And Questions:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2112 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on September 16, 2008.

Minutes submitted by:

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council