



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 John Bauer on May 19, 2009 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Carol Goss, Ed Ross, Jack Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Paul Camarena (CALFIRE), Julie Crick (Forest Care), Dan Filter (SB County Fire), Steve Turner (SB County Fire), Sharon Wild (SB County Code Enforcement), Chris Danyow (SB County Hazardous Tree Removal).

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by John Bauer.

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the April 2009 meeting were approved as written, after corrections were made during previous review by the board. Motion to approve minutes was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Joyce Harrison. Motion passed 6/0.

Public Comments and Questions:

Ed Ross talked about the recent planned power outage, and how CERT supported the community during this outage.

Wildfire & Disaster Awareness Day recap (John Aziz): Gave an award to Sharon Wild, of County Code Enforcement, for their support of WAD. John distributed the "2009 Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Events Recap" memo, detailing the success of the event. 208,960 lbs recycled this year. 3 year total is 707,880 lbs. Over 3,000 people attended the event. Over 1,000 hot dogs, and 30 lbs of popcorn were given out. This year, the extinguisher recharging service was once again a large success. New this year, was a rock climbing wall.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: Bob Blount is the new ranger that has been assigned and will begin in June. Fire threat level moved to High. Big Pines piling burning project continues. Wrightwood Fuel modification project is still ongoing, and is a multi-year project that will be funded incrementally. The area north of Mountain High East has been completed.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Don't expect to be doing any more burning, due to adverse conditions. Temporary staffing for fire season is in place. Stimulus funding for road/gate improvements is in place. SBNF is looking for contractors to have gates built and installed. Strike teams supported the recent Santa Barbara fires.

Forest Care Program (Julie Crick): Program is still active in Wrightwood. No new information to report.

Cal Fire (Paul Camarena): SR-2 clearance work continues. Paul announced some recent management changes, and promotions. Northern California is expected to have a higher than normal fire risk this year. CALFIRE might be involved with roadside clearance on Lone Pine Canyon road, too, pending approvals.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement (Sharon Wild): Briefly discussed this year's inspection process in general terms.

SB County Fire (Dan Filter): Temporary personnel to support fire season are in place. Training continues for personnel.

SB County Hazardous Tree Removal (Chris Danyow): Thanked the FSC for inviting them to the WAD. Wrightwood projects continue. Their program will continue to be controlled by County Works (and not County Fire). John Aziz mentioned a few trees in the local area that needed to be looked at (Blackbird area, and near the Yodeler). They expect to be able to do the 40 acre "Sheep Creek" parcel in the near future.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer's report was submitted. Details from the WAD were not finalized yet.

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on June 16, 2009.

Minutes submitted by:

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council