

FIRESAFE MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2009

Meeting called to order: 1900

Flag salute led by: Ryan Foley

Attendees: FSC: Kathy Smith, Chuck Carrol, John Aziz, Joyce Harrison, Miles Wagner, John Bauer, Vince Pulsipher, Bob Fino, Hank Hallmark, CERT: Ed Ross, Bonnie Ross, Community Members: Jerry Engler, Jack Smith, Angeles USFS: Bob Blount, Elk YMCA Camp: Jim Emery, CalFire: Paul Camarena, Forest Care: Allison Roth, Leann Ortmann, LA County Agricultural Commission: David Brackin, San Bernardino County Fire: Steve Roeber

Ryan's Eagle Scout Presentation:

Wrightwood Fire Prevention Sign – wants FSC approval

Wooden posts & river rock base

As seen in Lucerne Valley – double sided – free signs available from
CalFire – custom from Norco CC for \$100-\$200 both sides

Estimated cost - \$500-\$1,000: fund raising by Ryan

Estimated hours-250

John A. – motion to accept proposal

Vinnie – 2nd

Unanimous approval

We will look over the possibilities & pick a sign. FSC can buy the sign from Norco.

He will give us a copy of the proposal.

Minutes:

John A. – moved

2nd –Joyce

USFS - Angeles: Bob Blount – Some fire left in wilderness areas. Otherwise looking good. Full containment by 19th. Then prepare for floods, mud slides, rock falls, etc. CalTrans is working on the roads. Jody (Forest Sup.) working on coordinating state & county roads,

permittees in Forest, etc., as much as possible. Fire has been transitioned from Type 1 Team to Type 2 Team. CalTrans says Hwy. 2 is closed currently from Big Pines on. CalTrans is working 24/7. Hopefully more information will be available on the internet next week.

John Bauer wondered if we don't need more USFS employees working over here because visitors will be coming here because it isn't burnt. John A. also thinks we'll get hammered this winter even worse than usual. Bob Blount says he's new here and is still learning about this problem.

Bob Blount - Big Pines will be open for us & the Historical Society & the Volunteers only until things can be worked out with CalTrans to get better parking.

Much of what has been burned is too steep to do anything with.

Meeting on Sept. 23rd with communities likely to suffer from flooding/etc. problems.

Vinnie – Mt. High anticipates blowing snow in 5 weeks.

Bob Blount – There may be some people who never made it out. We may never know.

Crews will be working the fire for several weeks. Springs Fire is out. Law enforcement presence near the mine by Desert Front will be analyzed. Springs Fire is still under investigation. Forty acres at southeast corner of Wrightwood is targeted for thinning & brush clean up. (Near water reservoir south of Lone Pine Canyon Road west of Helicopter Hill.) John A. asked to have Karen send us a map of the map & what type of treatment will be done. The faulty bridge on the Wrightwood Guest Ranch will be taken care of to provide good access for fire engines, as per Bob Blount.

USFS – San Bernardino – Boundary Ridge gate is out to contract. Lone Pine Canyon project has to go to NEPA to make it more than 10 feet wide. (NEPA process has been started.)

Leann Ortmann and Allison Roth – Forest Care – 1250 parcels treated – 9 parcels treated in Wrightwood – 25 educational visits in Wrightwood – gave us literature with cards that can be mailed in by individuals for info. – Foresters will come out for free – All 1-20 acre parcels have been contacted regarding Forest Care services –

CalFire – Paul Camarena – Equipment has returned from Central California & relief is being arranged – CalFire is covering in behind LA County so that they can attend funerals for the firefighters who died in the fire – Everyone is back in the camps & stations as of last night – Trees in front of bank are on the top of the list – A staffing plan will be in place for the hot days this weekend – Trees needing attention: Heath Creek s/o Thrush & Twin Lakes east of Elm – Highway 2 will be an ongoing project for Fenner – Tanker 910 is contract – 747 (\$29,000/hour) is call when needed –

LA County Ag. Dept. – David Brackin – WW Guest Ranch project is done – David is happy with the way the west end of town looks – Juniper Hills now has a dozer line ringing the community

No LA County Fire

San Bernardino County Fire – Steve Roeber – Thermogel task force was ready to deploy in this area – There was some double staffing & the brush patrol was staffed – Some overhead people were up in Yuba County but are back – Dennen is area OES coordinator – MAST was a big help – the phone went nuts at the station and at dispatch when it was smoky here – USFS had 2 FIOs at the hardware store who were much appreciated – The MAST plan was very useful for firefighters from out of the area – Reverse 911 was never activated; it was a CERT information phone tree – There was a general discussion about Thermogel

NRCS Treated Areas: WW Guest Ranch, 15 Acre Parcel by Oak, 15 Acres north side of Highway 2, 15 acres by Sheep Creek water tank, parcel at top of Cardinal

Treasurers's Report – Bob Fino: Bob handed out the treasurer's report. John Aziz moved we pay SLIP insurance, Miles 2nded, unanimous approval

Next Meeting – Big Pines

Adjourned at 2101 hours