



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 February 16, 2010 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, Chuck Carroll, Robert Comperini, Bob Fino, Hank Hallmark, Joyce Harrison, Al Morrissette, Vince Pulsipher, Kathy Smith, Miles Wagner.

The following WFSC community members were present: Jack Smith, Karin Core, Tim Delgado, Jim Emery, Dee Potter, Bonnie Ross, Ed Ross, Carol Goss.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Bob Blount (ANF), Thomas Bradt (SB County Fire Hazard Abatement), Jim Cowan (Golden State Water), Chris Danyow (SB County Fire Fuels Management Program), Julie Hernandez (SB County Code Enforcement), Darrayl Felgar (SBCO Fire), Steve Turner (SBCO Fire).

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

Board Nomination: Bob Fino nominated the existing board members, to serve on the WFSC for the 2010-2011 term. Chuck Carroll nominated Bob Fino. No nominations were received from the members in attendance. Board elections will take place during the March 2010 WFSC meeting.

Mountain High FSC Night: Bob Fino announced that this year's FSC event would take place on February 24, 2010.

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the November 2009 meeting were approved as written, after corrections were made during previous review by the board. Motion to approve made by Bob Fino. Motion seconded by Joyce Harrison. Motion passed 11/0.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount): Met with CWPP committee, to discuss prioritizing fuel reduction projects around Wrightwood.

Jim Cowan (Golden State Water) briefly discussed 2010 projects, including tank updates, and water main replacements.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Have not received much funding for this year (3.6 million dollars). Approximately 200 piles in Boundary Ridge project need to be burned. Projects will be impacted because of the lack of funds. SBNF continues to monitor "Snow player" activity in the Circle Mountain/Lone Pine. No cause for the Sheep fire has been determined. It is still being investigated.

Forest Care Program: Tree count lowered to 100 trees per acre. They did not receive many responses from the Wrightwood area. 13 projects completed in Wrightwood. There are only 2

Wrightwood projects going on at this time. 29 educational visits were made to the Wrightwood area.

Cal Fire: No report

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report

LA County Fire: No report

SB County Code Enforcement (Julie Hernandez): Enforcement period will begin shortly after the Wrightwood pine needle/green waste collection event. Julie briefly discussed the enforcement process, and fines that can be levied against property owners that do not clear their property to county standards.

SB County Fire (Darrayl Felgar): Added additional ambulance staff 12 hours per day, 7 days per week to handle the extra calls received during this ski season. Station 101 handled several calls to help people who were unable to clear snow from their driveways. They also spent a considerable amount of time clearing fire hydrants (over 70). Ice rescue/avalanche training took place, and was very successful. Their "brush patrol" vehicle is currently down for maintenance. This vehicle is used to tow their snow-cat.

SB County Fire Fuels Management Program (Chris Danyow): Discussed funding levels, and status of several treatment projects around the local area. In the Wrightwood area, the property behind Jensen's (approx 42 acres) is still scheduled for treatment. Other areas, closer to Desert Front Road, are being considered for treatment.

Public Comments and Questions:

Treasurer's Report: The only transaction during this period was a \$500 donation check written to the Wrightwood Communications Group, for the purchase of radio equipment.

Old Business: None

New Business: Hank Hallmark submitted a grant application to State Farm. Chuck reminded everyone that our Wildfire Awareness Day event is only a few months away.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on March 16, 2010.

Minutes submitted by:

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council