



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 March 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, Robert Comperini, Bob Fino, Hank Hallmark, Joyce Harrison, Vince Pulsipher, Kathy Smith, Miles Wagner. Absent was: Al Morrissette, Chuck Carroll.

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Don Fish Jr. (News Plus), Dee Potter, Patrick Martin, Jack Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Paul Camarena (CALFIRE), Darrayl Felgar (SBCO Fire), Ron Heinig (Angeles National Forest), Pam Morey (Forest Care), Steve Turner (SBCO Fire).

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

Announcements: John Bauer announced that board elections would be postponed for one month, because the required 10 day public notice was not published in the local newspaper. The Wrightwood Fire Safe Council's annual "ski event" was postponed from an earlier date. This year's event will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Mountain High West.

Public Comments and Questions: None

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the February 2010 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 Joyce Harrison. Motion passed 9/0.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Boy Scout troop 351 sign update (John Bauer): Sign almost completed, and will be installed soon. Caltrans permit has already been obtained. Sign to be located west of Wright Mountain Road along SR-2. Sign may be dedicated on or about May 3, 2010, during the kick-off of the Wrightwood Wildfire Awareness week, and the "Ready-Set-Go" program.

Angeles National Forest (Ron Heinig, Assistant Recreation Officer): Ranger Blount is out of town on training. Pile burning will continue in the Big Pines area on week days, as long as weather conditions are favorable. Ron briefly discussed the process of pile burning, and fuel clearance. Masticating project scheduled for the eastern portions of Wrightwood has not started yet, but they do expect it to be started within one month. The Jackson Flats and Guffy campground areas are scheduled for mastication, and tree planting treatment some time in the spring of 2010.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Still working on signage for the burn area along Lone Pine Canyon road. Signage will state that the area is closed. The hiring process will begin soon, for the upcoming fire season. Other projects being planned in the forest include Oak Glen and Angeles Oaks.

Forest Care Program (Pam Morey): Has been in the area promoting the Forest Care program. To date, the Forest Care program has provided 28 educational visits in the Wrightwood area. They have treated only 11 properties in Wrightwood. They want to get more participation from the Wrightwood area. Forest Care has hired additional staff.

Cal Fire (Paul Camarena): Cal Fire is in the process of hiring additional foresters. In April, and June, staffing levels will increase, in preparation for the upcoming fire season. Spring training will commence in May. The DC-10 aircraft are back in Victorville. Both aircraft had been deployed to Australia, for their fire season.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

SB County Fire: No report (attendees had to leave to respond to a call)

SB County Fire Fuels Management Program: No report.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: John Aziz announced some upcoming events, including: Pine Needle & Green Waste Pickup (May 1-8, 2010), Wildfire Awareness Week (May 2-8, 2010), Wildfire & Disaster Awareness Day event, May 8, 2010, at Mountain Hardware in Wrightwood. On May 4, 2010, the WW Fire Safe Council, and the WW Property Owners Association will hold a public presentation "looking back at the Sheep fire" at the Wrightwood Community center. Chief Filter will give a presentation on the new "Ready-Set-Go" program.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2016 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on April 20, 2010.

Minutes submitted by:

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council