



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 May, 17 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, Bob Fino, Al Morrisette, Vince Pulsipher, Kathy Smith, Miles Wagner. Chuck Carroll, Hank Hallmark. Absent; Robert Comperini, Joyce Harrison

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Janet Coltrin, Clayton Coltrin, Patrick Martin, Ray Olson, Bill Plummer, Chris Plummer, Dee Potter, Bonnie Ross, Ed Ross, Jack Smith, James Prince-Hamilton, Carol Goss.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (SBNF), Paul Camarena and Richard Logan (CALFIRE), Bob Blount (ANF) Chris Danyon (SBC Hazardous Tree)

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Vince Pulsipher

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the April 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 Bob Fino. Motion passed 9/0.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Board Member, John Aziz gave a detailed report of the Wildfire Disaster Awareness Week. Aziz co-chaired the weeklong event with Bob Fino. The series of events that made the week such a success utilized the pine needle/green waste drop-off as the connecting link. Promoted as the Tri-Community Green Waste Recycling this year CR&R transported 41 -40 cubic yard containers of pine needles equaling to 131.72 tons. 2009 was a banner year for green waste chipped but 2010 exceeded that by 41% with 1640 cubic yards of material. In its 4th year, the drop-off has exceeded 1 million pounds of material brought to the County Transportation Yard in Wrightwood. Aziz gave thanks to the many volunteer residents of Wrightwood that manned the site to help guide the loads to its proper location, plus he thanks the volunteers from CR&R, San Bernardino Fire and the fire slash crew that unloaded 1271 vehicles of material.

The first of three events for the week came on Monday, May 3 when the San Bernardino Fire Service gave their opening press conference promoting Wildfire Awareness Week in Wrightwood at the site of an Eagle Scout sign project promoting the county's Ready-Set-Go program. The following evening county fire announced the Ready-Set-Go program in the Wrightwood Community Center to a capacity crowd.

The final event of the week came the following Saturday when from 10am-3pm the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council held their annual Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day. This event provided valuable information about emergency preparedness and fire prevention to thousands of visitors. Kids of all ages participated in the climbing wall, an earthquake classroom simulator and a number of fire service games that encouraged kids to use proper fire safety. Along with everything going on was a series of talks at the conservation garden that explained the proper way to choose the right plant, how to trim trees and

mulching. Also 43 dogs were micro chipped during the event and the Wrightwood Disaster Preparedness Team sponsored CERT demonstrations and also sold 52 water barrels, 18- 3 day emergency kits and several other items. In conclusion of this report Aziz gave thanks to the hundreds of volunteers that manned the 8 days of green waste and helped to bring each featured day to be a prime service to the Tri-Community.

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount): Blount mentioned several small mastication projects that will start soon and some tree thinning projects. He gave thanks to the Angeles National Forest Volunteers that dedicate hours of service to help keep the trails cleared and during the winter snow season were instrumental in parking patrols along the highway.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): confirmed that they are already staffed for the upcoming wildfire season with grasses in the lower elevations already drying out but was glad that higher elevation moisture readings were stable. They are concerned with OHV traffic affecting the regeneration of burn areas from last year's Sheep Fire.

Cal Fire (Paul Camarena): mentioned that the agency is in the process of contracting the Supertankers and other aircraft for the wildfire season, plus all stations are manned. Fenner Camp Capt Rich Logan spoke of CalFire camp crew working numerous roadside clearing projects in consort with Caltrans along I-15, Hwy 138 and Hwy 2.

County's hazardous Tree Removal Service (Chris Danyon) mentioned that they removed several trees near the banks that were dead from the Bark Beatle and that they have expanded into the West Cajon Valley.

Public Comments and Questions:

Ed Ross (CERT): Briefed the WFSC on their upcoming training and meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on June 15, 2010.

Minutes submitted by:

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