

## Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to Order by Chuck Carroll on October 19, 2010 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

**Roll Call:** The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, Al Morrisette, Chuck Carroll, Bob Fino, Joyce Harrison, Kathy Smith, John Bauer, Hank Hallmark, Vince Pulsipher.

Absent was. Robert Comperini and Miles Wagner

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

**Review of previous month's minutes:** The minutes of the September 2010 meeting were approved

### Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest Ranger, Bob Blount explained that they will have a 129 acre mastication project that covers the area east of the Pacific Crest homes between Lone Pine canyon Rd and Hwy 2, next to an area that was backfired during last year's Sheep Fire. He also mentioned that the continuation of "pile burns" in the Big Pines area will go forward as long as weather and moisture condition are prime.

Discussion between Blount and WFSC board members were brought forward concerning the trespassing on forestry land that involved the strip mine near Desert Front Rd. Members explained that local residents have voiced concerns of OHV traffic and overnight partying. Blount expressed that he will direct staff to rebuild the berms that have eroded over the years.

San Bernardino National Forest, Lauren Blake stated that the Sheep fire closure has been lifted except for motorized vehicle, primarily on trails and dirt roads. They are still concerned over several sensitive areas that need to reestablish vegetation to help control erosion. She voiced concerns of "wood theft" in the areas of the Sheep Fire burns. It appears that she witness several people cutting live oak trees near the top of Lone Pine Canyon and was able to call law enforcement to arrest these poachers. This and other burn sites appear to be a common area for theft and Blake assured both forestry agencies and county law enforcement are alert and patrolling. The forest has stop issuing firewood permits due to excessive vehicle erosion from people leaving designated trails and roads.

CalFire Rep, Paul Camarena has been involved in a statewide fire evaluation of federal, state and local fire projects and protocols, so this effort has occupied most of his time and efforts. This evaluation is to precede the revamping of a collaboration of all fire service into a state fire project master plan. He did mention that Fenner Camp has been involved in shoulder weed abatement along Hwy2, 138 and the I-15. The DC-10 supertankers are currently off contract but are being kept at local air ports and are on an "as needed" basis.

San Bernardino County Battalion Chief, Dan Filter mentioned that Wrightwood fire station 14 had 77 calls in September of which 57 were medical aid, of the 77 calls 41 were in the Phelan/Pinon Hills area. The station had a capital improvement program through Edison to change out all light fixtures at the Wrightwood station. The estimated saving of electricity to

the station is \$4,200 annually and the program was fully funded resulting in no cost to the county.

**Public Comments and Questions: none**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours local time. The next general WFSC Meeting will be held on November 16, 2010. December meeting will be dark.

Minutes submitted by:

Al Morrissette

Wrightwood Fire Safe Council