



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 August 16, 2011 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, Kathy Smith, Miles Wagner. Absent was: Vince Pulsipher.

The following WFSC community members were present: Alex Brandon, Karin Core, Don Fish Jr. (News Plus), Carol Goss, Richard Hallet (Wrightwood Guest Ranch), Dee Potter, Jack Smith, Bonnie Ross, Ed Ross

The following agency representatives were present: Julie Crick (Forest Care), Paul Camarena CALFIRE), Dan Filter (SB County Fire), Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Peter Brierty (SB Co Fire), Julie Hernandez (SB County FHA), Chief Mull (LA County Fire), Robert Taylor, and others (LA County Fire, station 79)

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Miles Wagner.

Public Comments and Questions: None

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the July 2011 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve made by Bob Fino. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 10/0.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount via email): No updates on fuel modification projects in the Big Pines/Largo Vista area. The ANF/Wrightwood Fuels project documents are not in any danger of expiring. A discussion about the Wrightwood Guest Ranch bridge took place, with Mr. Richard Hallet. It was agreed by ANF and Mr. Hallet that a covered bridge would be built, at Guest Ranch expense. The bridge will consist of 3 railroad flatbed cars as the base. Mr. Hallet is currently seeking Caltrans approval for an encroachment permit.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): SBNF has provided documentation to the FSC for the Boa project. SBNF has had several small fires along Highway 138. Staffing levels are normal. There have been no recent requests for out-of-area fire support. Lauren described various ongoing fire break, and fire road maintenance projects, including repairing storm damaged areas. There are no success rates available for the Lone Pine tree replanting effort available yet.

Forest Care Program (Julie Crick): There have been 17 new appointments in the Wrightwood area, since the demo house event. This brings the Wrightwood total to over 50. Most requests for Forest Care's help came from properties in the area of the demo house.

Cal Fire (Paul Camarena): No information available for local projects. Cal Fire supported several small fires along Highway 138. Investigations are ongoing. There have been some fires in the Lucerne area, started by people attempting to steal metal along roadside, by using grinding equipment. There was a

508 acre fire in the Napa County, and several smaller fires throughout the state. This will be the last FSC meeting Paul will attend. Paul is being transferred to the Pilot Rock camp. Debbie Chapman will be his replacement. Tom Foley has been promoted to Chief of Operations.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Brackin via email): Notices have been sent to LA county property owners, including larger undeveloped properties. As of this date, some property owners have not responded.

LA County Fire (Chief Mull, Bat 17): LA County will continue to have a presence at FSC meetings. The on-duty battalion chief will most likely be the person attending.

SB County Code Enforcement (Julie Hernandez/Peter Brierty): The second round of mountain surveys is underway, looking for code compliance. Surveys are being done mainly in the area of the demo house. Julie clarified the new restrictions on Juniper bushes. They must be at least 15 feet away from buildings. SB County will write "letters of compliance" to property owners, who need them to satisfy insurance company requirements. To request this letter at no charge, contact the office of Fire Marshall, at (909) 386-8400. There was a brief discussion concerning management staff positions that were eliminated because of budget concerns.

SB County Fire (Dan Filter): July stats: 95 calls total (48 to Wrightwood, 29 to Phelan, 18 to Pinon Hills). Rescue training at the Navitat property will take place August 17-19, 2011. The Arizona Vortex and capstan equipment have been ordered. Delivery expected within 30 days.

SB County Fire Fuels Management Program (Chris Danyow via email): West Cajon Fuels Modification project: 271 acres complete. Camp Wrightwood project contract expected to be awarded by September 2011. Planning for a 1000+ acres project in the West Cajon Valley area is in progress. Work is expected to begin in 2012.

Treasurer's Report: Several deposits and expenditures during this period. Beginning balance: \$18,483.60. Ending balance: \$18,753.60.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2047 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on September 20, 2011.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "C".

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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