



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 October 18, 2011 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

Roll Call: The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Robert Comperini, Bob Fino, Hank Hallmark, Joyce Harrison, Al Morrissette, Miles Wagner. Absent was: John Aziz, Vince Pulsipher, Kathy Smith.

The following WFSC community members were present: Marja Anderson, Carol Goss, Dee Potter, Jack Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Bob Blount (Angeles National Forest), David Brackin (LA County Agricultural Commission), Debbie Chapman (Cal Fire), Chris Danyow (SB County Hazardous Tree), Dan Filter (SB County Fire), Steve Roeber (SBC Fire).

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Hank Hallmark.

Public Comments and Questions: None

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the September 2011 meeting were approved as written, after corrections were made during previous review by the board. Motion to approve made by John Bauer. Motion seconded by Miles Wagner. Motion passed 8/0.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount): A 200 acre mastication project is planned. A contact for another 100 acre thinning project is planned for the Blue Ridge area. Wrightwood pile burning to continue. Pleased with the way the fireman's ball turned out. Bob hopes to be able to re-open the facility in 2012. Obstacles include money, for infrastructure (parking, accessibility, etc.). Bob is addressing the area near Desert Front Road, in an attempt to keep traffic out of the no-traffic areas, using boulders to block access. Overall, staffing is at about the same levels. Budget cuts were in other areas, excluding fire-fighting personnel.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Personnel continue to support wildfire efforts in Texas. By November 2011, temporary staffing will have been released from duty. SBNF continues to operate into November on a Continuing Resolution. Sheep fire planting status: Overall, they are seeing average survival success (50%) of the trees that have been planted. More trees are being ordered, and will be planted in spring 2012.

Forest Care Program: No report

Cal Fire (Debbie Chapman): Warmer temperatures expected over the next few weekends, which tends to raise the potential for fires. No new status on budgets, or planned cuts. Chuck Carroll asked if Debbie could get some more benches made for the Wrightwood trail. Debbie will report back at the next meeting.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Brackin): Briefly discussed thinning projects on the LA County side of Wrightwood, and outstanding issues with a few privately owned properties.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement (Thomas Brandt via email): No new information to report. Chris thanks Wrightwood for their high compliance with defensible space requirements.

SB County Fire (Chief Filter): Chief Filter presented the latest monthly stats (82 total calls, 42 of those were out of district). Arizona Vortex and Capstan equipment has arrived. Chief Filter thanks the various Wrightwood organizations that made this possible, Discussed the possibility that the Victor Valley Community Hospital could close by the end of the month, and the impact that could have for EMS. Various agency and government people are working to find a solution. Al Morrisette agreed to draft a letter to the Attorney General's office, opposing this closure. Chief Filter thanked the FSC and other Wrightwood organizations that helped during the recent telephone/internet outage.

SB County Hazardous Tree (Chris Danyow): Contactor has begun work in the Camp Wrightwood area. Future treatments will take place in the West Cajon and Wright Mountain road areas. Funding is sufficient through the middle of 2013.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$18,753.60. Deposits were received from other organizations for purchase of rescue equipment (Arizona Vortex and ARRS Rope Rescue System). Two checks were written to purchase this rescue equipment. Ending balance: \$18,855.62

New Business: Bob Fino informed us that our SLIP insurance premium needed to be paid. A motion to pay the premium was made by Joyce Harrison. Motion seconded by Miles Wagner. Motion passed 8/0. Joyce Harrison announced an upcoming "Medicare in a Nutshell" seminar to be held November 16, 2011 in Phelan.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2022 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on November 15, 2011.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council