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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 November 15, 2011 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Don Fish Jr., Don Fish Sr., K. Flanagan, Carol Goss, Jean Kerry, Bruce LeClare, Arnie Michols, Ed Ross.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Bob Bount (ANF), Gerald Cosey (LA County Fire), Julie Crick (Forest Care), Matt Edmiston (Cal Fire), Darrayl Felgar (SB County Fire), Dustin Kraseski (SB County Fire), Brian Skerston (ANF), Jon Wight (Cal Fire).

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Vince Pulsipher.

Public Comments and Questions: John Aziz announced the schedule for events in 2012. Wildfire Awareness Week: May 6-13, 2012. Kickoff: May 7, 2012. WDAD Event: May 12, 2011. Wrightwood Demo house: June 2, 2012. Green Waste Recycling: June 2-10, 2012.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the October 2011 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve made by Vince Pulsipher. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 7/0. John Aziz abstained.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount): Discussed the National Park Service study regarding ANF, and "recreational areas". Bob indicated that no matter what the outcome, the Forest Service will retain control of the area. Bob indicated that the NEPA had been renewed, which will allow work to continue in the Wrightwood Fuel Modification Project area. Pile burning and clearance work will continue. John Aziz asked that we be notified when pile burning operations begin, so we can notify the community. Ed Ross mentioned unsecured propane tanks at various ANF facilities (such as Grassy Hollow). Bob said he would look into it. Bob introduced Brian Skerston (ANF, Patrol 38).

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Discussed staffing reductions for the upcoming winter season. Pile burning continues in the Boundary Ridge, Angeles Oaks, Oak Glen, and other areas, although there is not a large concentration of unburned piles left. It is expected that burning will not begin until after January 1, 2012.

Forest Care Program (Julie Crick): Discussed the mission of Forest Care. Good participation in Wrightwood. Wrightwood statistics (since 2005): 96 landowner educational visits, 48 reductions contracts were completed with 9 unfinished contracts.

Cal Fire (Jon Wright): Cal Fire is also reducing staffing for the winter season. Jon Aziz handed out information regarding the latest developments of the California Fire Fee.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Brackin via email): Abatement activities on the west side of Wrightwood continue.

LA County Fire (Gerald Cosey): Introduced himself as the acting desert Division Chief. Jon discussed their staffing reductions for the winter season.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report

SB County Fire (Darrayl Felgar): Previous month statistics: 95 total calls (45 out of area). Extra ambulances have not yet been staffed, but should be within the week. A three day pre-winter ops training session for fire personnel will take place starting November 16, 2011. The Victor Valley hospital closure issue has not yet been resolved. During the recent structure fire on Irene Street, the homeowner discovered that his garden hose was frozen, and could not be used to help suppress the fire before the fire department arrived. John Aziz reminded everyone to make sure any garden hose left outside, is not frozen. No chimney fires have been reported yet. Patrol 14 is back at the station.

SB County Fire Fuels Management Program: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$18,855.62. One check for SLIP insurance was paid. Ending balance: \$17,191.58.

Old Business: Jean Kerry asked if there is any development regarding reimbursements for people who must replace their shake roofs. Chuck Carroll said he would look into it, as the FSC has no new information.

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on January 17, 2012. There is no meeting in December 2011.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council