



**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 January 17, 2012 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Bruce LeClair, Patrick Martin, Brian Naas, Loretta Naas, Matt Naas, Bonnie Ross, Ed Ross

The following agency representatives were present: Glenn Barley (CALFIRE), Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Bob Blount (ANF), Chris Danyow (Hazardous Tree), Dan Filter (SB County Fire), Tim Holschbach (Forest Care), Patrick Martin (CALFIRE), Bob Mull (LACO Fire), Brian Skerston (ANF), Jon Wight (CALFIRE).

**Flag Salute:** The flag salute was led by Brian Naas.

**Public Comments and Questions:** None

**Special Presentation:** Brian Naas gave a presentation on his proposed Boy Scout Eagle Scout project. His project involves helping to complete the task the FSC proposed to make sure all properties in Wrightwood had proper address numbers. This task involves the coordination, distribution, and possible installation of house numbers on properties that need them. Brian asked FSC members questions to help him plan his proposal. Brian asked the FSC to provide him a letter supporting his project.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the November 2011 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve made by Bob Fino. Motion seconded by Joyce Harrison. Motion passed 7/0.

### Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount): Mastication work has been on hold, because of low humidity levels. SBNF has secured a grant to enforce OHV restricted area. SBNF contacted ANF, and offered to share some of that money, to help mark non-OHV areas. John Aziz asked Bob if he could supply a list of fuel reduction tasks that are planned.

Bob indicated he would coordinate with John to make sure that information is made available.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Because of low humidity, extra staffing was added to handle any fires that occur. Lauren briefly discussed the Highway 18 fire. This fire was caused by a vehicle crashing off the road. Although there were very high winds, the fire was held to 9 acres. No mastication or pile burning is taking place during this low humidity weather we are experiencing. SBNF does expect a worse than normal fire danger this summer, if we don't get a lot of measurable precipitation this year.

Forest Care Program (Tim Hulschback): Forest Care statistics for 2011: 33 educational appointments, 30 participants, 27 completions. Total statistics since inception: 98 educational appointments with 40 participants. The Wrightwood demo house date is scheduled for 6/2/2012. No location as been selected yet.

Cal Fire (Glenn Barley): Glenn discussed some minor changes being made (effective 1/1/2013) to state responsibility areas, and what agency has primary responsibility. No changes are expected in the immediate Wrightwood area, although areas, such as the area between Crestline and Big Bear, and Idyllwild are affected. The new "fire fee" proposed rules are still being modified. The latest modifications concern definitions of habitable structures, including multi-family (apartment, condo) type structures. Although the saw mill has been transferred to the ownership of the region, Glenn does not feel we area in any danger of losing that piece of equipment. No change in status on the CWPP template.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

LA County Fire (Bob Mull): Discussed upcoming management changes. Staffing has been increased because of the low humidity weather.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

SB County Fire (Dan Filter): Dan thanked the FSC and other organizations for the equipment purchases. Statistics for November 2011: 107 total calls including 39 in Wrightwood, 23 in Phelan, 18 in Pinon Hills, 27 in LA County. December 2011: 125 total calls, including 35 in Wrightwood, 19 in Phelan, 14 in Pinon Hills, 57 to LA County. Total calls for 2011: 1267 total calls, including 494 in Wrightwood, 246 in Phelan, 162 in Pinon Hills, and 362 in LA County. Chief filter reported that during the Christmas holiday, station 14 experienced delays of slightly over one hour traveling from Mountain High back to Wrightwood. These were on days where there was not a lot of snow play or snowboarding activity. This is an unacceptable amount of time to transport a patient. Chief Filter discussed the recent Mountain Top Café fire. Fire was an electrical fire that started in the attic area. St. Mary's hospital has submitted a bid to purchase Victor Valley hospital. At this time, Victor Valley hospital remains open.

SB County Fire Fuels Management Program (Chris Danyow): 42 Acre project on the east side of Wrightwood has been completed. John Aziz asked that the community get advanced notification when these kinds of operations (especially those using helicopters) are taking place. This helps eliminate any fears or concerns by residents. The Camp Wrightwood project is almost complete. The Camp Maria Stella project has been completed (approximately 17-19 acres). 3,000 acres in the Cajon Valley area are currently undergoing an archaeological study before any contacts can be placed in this area. Chris discussed the Desert Front Road/Horse Canyon area, and the difficulties of being able to effect a reduction in those areas due to terrain, etc. Smaller projects on individual properties may be considered in the future. At this time, no projects are planned in those areas.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance: \$17,191.58. A check to purchase 3 AEDs (\$3,075.00), and a donation to the Wrightwood Helping Hands (\$200.00) was made. One deposit, from the Lion's Club fire station equipment donation was received (\$578.00). Ending balance: \$14,494.58.

**Old Business:** Per Chuck Carroll. There is no new information on any wood shake roof replacement grant money:

**New Business:**

February 25, 2012: Weather spotter/Sky Warn class will be held in Wrightwood. Contact John Aziz for more information.

Wildfire Awareness Week May 6-13. Kickoff on May 7, 2012. WDAD: May 12, 2012. June 2-10, 2012 green waste recycling.

FSC Board elections will be held in March 2012. Kathy Smith/John Bauer will be on the elections committee.

March 17, 2012 is the tentative date for our annual fund raising event at Mountain High.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on February 21, 2012.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary  
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