



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 July 19, 2012 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, Hank Hallmark, Joyce Harrison, Al Morrissette, Kathy Smith, Miles Wagner. Absent was: John Bauer.

The following WFSC community members were present: Craig Baumbusch (Lions), Dan Campbell, Karin Core, Don Fish Jr. (News Plus), Bruce LeClair (CERT), Patrick Martin (CERT), Brian Naas, Loretta Naas, Mathew Naas, Dee Potter, Bonnie Ross (CERT), Ed Ross (CERT), Jack Smith, Mary Lou Parsons-Urak, Michael Urak, Shawn Wagner (SCE).

The following agency representatives were present: David Brackin (LA County Agricultural Commission), Debbie Chapman (Cal Fire), Darrayl Felgar (SB County Fire), Julie Hernandez (SB County Fire Hazard Abatement), Carmen Mackey (LA County Fire), Bob Mull (LA County Fire), Brian Skerston (ANF), Roger Williams (SBNF).

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Jack Smith.

Public Comments and Questions: None

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the June 2012 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Miles Wagner. Motion passed 7/0. Bob Fino and Kathy Smith were absent during the approval of the minutes.

Eagle Scout project (Brian Naas): Gave an update on the address project. So far, a total of 73 packages address packages were handed out during recent events and by delivering packages to homeowners. There were some packages that could not be delivered (house numbers already installed on homes, unable to locate address, invalid address, etc.). Undelivered address packages will be returned to the WFSC. Brian would like the FSC to write a letter officially closing out this project. There was a discussion on how the WFSC can continue to work on getting the remaining packages handed out. SB County Fire indicated they might be able to help, during their upcoming neighborhood "inspections" for house addresses.

Shawn Wagner (SCE): SCE is in town replacing older equipment, and installing substation equipment upgrades (\$1.1 Million). This should improve quality of service (more stable voltage) in Wrightwood, and lessen the frequency of power outages. Automation upgrades are scheduled for later this year.

Chuck Carroll: The WFSC has made a donation to CERT, for their participation and support of the recent pine needle drop-off event.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Brian Skerston): Fire level set to "Very High". Brian had no additional information on the cause of the Wright fire. The WFSC asked Brian to ask Bob Blount for status of our previous requests for maps and information regarding fuel reduction projects already completed.

San Bernardino National Forest (Roger Williams): Discussed survival rates for trees planted since the fire. Survival rates up to 90% are being seen. Roger also discussed upcoming fuels reduction projects. Roger did not have knowledge of the cause of a recent fire in the Lytle Creek area.

Forest Care Program/Cal Fire (Debbie Chapman): Since the demo house, 50 Wrightwood residents have made appointments with Forest Care. Cal Fire has not had any fires in the local area recently.

LA County Fire (Bob Mull): Bob discussed the recent Oasis fire. He briefly discussed communications problems, which are the result of "growing pains" with new radio equipment systems being implemented. Carmen Mackey suggested we request the earthquake simulator for the 2013 WDAD event by April 2013.

SB County Fire (Darrayl Felgar): Supported several smaller fires in the area this past month. The station also supported the recent Oasis fire. June 2012 statistics: 84 calls total (51 in Wrightwood, 19 in Phelan, 10 to Pinon Hills, 4 to LA County). Station 14 has a new ambulance.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Brackin): Two fuel reduction projects on the west side of Wrightwood will begin in August 2012, and will consist mainly of brush treatment.

SB County Hazardous Tree (Chris Danyow via email): Wright Mountain Road, Wild Horse Canyon, West Cajon Valley projects are going out for bid within the next week.

SB County Code Enforcement (Julie Hernandez): 850 notices went out this year. Due date is 7/29/2012. 212 phone calls in response to these notices were received. The demo house is a great tool to educate people.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$14,686.60. Several checks were written to cover expenses from WDAD. Several deposits were made from WDAD. Ending balance: \$16,075.77.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on August 21, 2012.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council