



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 16, 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, Bob Fino, Bruce LaClaire. Absent was: John Bauer, Robert Comperini, Hank Hallmark, Joyce Harrison, Al Morrisette, Kathy Smith, Miles Wagner.

The following WFSC community members were present: Karin Core, Keith Fragiaco, Patrick Martin, Frank Mowlton, Dee Potter, Frank Pregiovanni, Ed Ross, Jack Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (SBNF), Debbie Chapman (Cal Fire), Gerald Cosey (LA County Fire), Dan Filter (SB County Fire), Tim Holschbach (Forest Care), Carmen Mackey (LA County Fire), Brian Skerston (ANF)

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Chuck Carroll.

Approval of minutes: Approval of the minutes is postponed to the following month, because there was not a quorum of FSC board members present to approve the minutes.

Public Comments and Questions: A member of the community received one of the "advanced notices" that they would soon receive a bill for the new "fire fee". The FSC advised that the fee be paid before it's due, but to file a protest when the fee is paid. Not paying the fee, will cause late fees and penalties to be assessed.

Chuck Carroll welcomed Bruce LaClair as the newest member of the FSC board.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Brian Skerston): Brian discussed that hunting season has begun. Chuck Carroll said that he would be communicating with Bob Blount regarding the CWPP. Chuck also talked to Bob Blount about the failing footing of the rock wall at the entrance to Mountain High West. No additional information about illegal off-road areas (Desert Front Road area) was available.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Not much activity to report. They are still fully staffed to support fire season. Expect high fire conditions later this week.

Forest Care (Tim Holschbach): September has been a very busy month. During September, Forest Care handled 588 appointments in their area of operations. 34 of these appointments were in Wrightwood. Forest Care will be scaling back during the winter months. Funding for reimbursements is expected to end by April 15, 2013.

Cal Fire (Debbie Chapman): Staffing for fire season remains in place. Nothing further to report.

LA County Fire (Gerald Cozy): Reminded us that fire conditions still exist, and can exist even shortly after rain storms. LACo Fire is still honoring the burn ban that the state proclaimed on 8/15/2012. Permits for rural back yard burns, and things like tumbleweed burns will not be issued while the ban is in place. LA County fire contracted aircraft will remain in place until December, or as long as any fire threat exists. LACo Fire is preparing for the upcoming "Shake-Out" event. Citizens should make sure they are prepared for large earthquakes. LACo Fire was invited and requested to participate in the upcoming winter traffic meeting. John Aziz asked if LA Co Fire would send a representative to the FSC meeting in the spring, before their scheduled property "defensible space" inspections commence.

SB County Fire (Dan Filter): September stats: 107 calls total (59 to Wrightwood, 34 calls to Phelan, 11 to Pinon Hills, 3 to LA County). Chief Fox is retiring in November.

Hazardous Tree: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Brackin via email): One large fuel reduction project (mulching) remains on the far west side of Wrightwood. This will be completed when favorable weather and moisture conditions exist.

Treasurer's Report: One expense was paid this month for printing and postage related to the community crime/neighborhood watch meeting that was recently held in Wrightwood.

Old Business: None

New Business:

John Aziz discussed the recent neighborhood watch meeting that took place at the community center in Wrightwood. A neighborhood watch captain meeting will be held on Sunday October 21, 2012.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1850 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on November 20, 2012.

These minutes were prepared from an audio recording of the meeting.

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".

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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