



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 21, 2014 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

Roll Call: The following WFSC Board of Directors were present:

John Aziz, John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Robert Comperini, Al Morrissette, Bruce LaClaire, Kathy Smith, Patrick Martin, Jim Emery. Absent, was: Hank Hallmark.

The following agency representatives were present: Glenn Barley (Cal Fire), Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Battalion Chief Jeff Birchfield (SB County Fire), Brian Skerston (ANF), Capt. David Groat (SB County Fire), Russell Bell (SB County Fire)

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by John Bauer.

Public Comments and Questions: None

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the November 2013 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Bruce LaClair. Motion seconded by John Bauer. Motion passed 8/0. Robert Comperini abstained.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Brian Skerston): Staffing changed in response to "red flag" alerts.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Discussed staffing levels, and how they change staffing levels during red flag alerts. Lauren discussed support given to recent Colby fire. Lauren also discussed our dry winter, the Santa Ana winds, and how they will affect fire conditions this coming year.

Forest Care Program (Glenn Barley): The Forest Care program closed at the end of December 2013. 6000 parcels were treated while the program was operational.

Cal Fire (Glenn Barley): Discussed staffing levels in response to "red flag" alerts. New CalFire forester: Henry Herrera. Increase in bark beetle mortality. Gold Spotted Oak Boarer still active, but remains south of us. Discussed other pests that are spread primarily by firewood. CWPP: No updates and no progress. There should be 2014 funds available later this year, to support fuel reduction projects.

LA County Fire: No report

SB County Fire (BC Birchfield): Staffing levels changed in response to red flag alerts. Statistics for December 2013: 115 calls total, including 49 to Wrightwood, 21 to Phelan, 14 to Pinion Hills, and 31 to LA County.

SB County Code Enforcement (Julie Hernandez via email): Currently gearing up for 2014 season. Wrightwood statistics for 2013: 428 notices sent out. 270 investigative reports. 101 abatements. \$28,800.00 abatement costs.

LA County Agricultural Commission (David Braklin via email): County wide, 27,000 annual notices for vacant property maintenance will be sent out soon. 12,000 of those are for locations north of the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$19,677.82. One check was written for insurance (\$1,939.40). Ending balance: \$17,738.42.

Old Business: None

New Business: March 1, 2014 is our annual fundraising event at Mountain High.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on February 18, 2014.

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