



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 March 18, 2014 at 1900 hours local time, at the Wrightwood Community Center, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

Roll Call: The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Robert Comperini, Hank Hallmark, Patrick Martin, Al Morrissette, Kathy Smith. Absent was: Jim Emery, Bruce LaClaire.

The following agency representatives were present: Cal Fire (various members, including Glenn Barley, Debbie Chapman), ANF, SB County Fire (Jeff Birchfield), SB County Code Enforcement, San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake), Debbie Chapman (Cal Fire), Tom W. Coleman, Ph.D., Forest Entomologist, USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection.

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Al Morrissette.

Nominations for Board members: John Bauer nominated current members to board. Patrick nominated Glenn Goldstein. Glenn, and his wife Nancy, moved to Wrightwood about one year ago. Glenn has a B.S. in Agronomy with a soils specialization. He has been licensed and employed as a Riverside County Agricultural Biologist / State plant quarantine officer. Glenn worked on the recent State and Federal project to quarantine Citrus Greening disease and its vector, the Asian Citrus Psyllid. Glenn is currently licensed through the California State Board of Architects as a Landscape Architect. As a Landscape Architect he has designed commercial sites and parklands as well as designed and/or advised on schools. Although retired, Glenn still maintains his active Landscape Architects License.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the February 2014 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Kathy Smith. Motion seconded by Al Morrissette. Motion passed 8/0.

Public Comments and Questions: None

Bark Beetle Presentation (John Aziz): John showed a Powerpoint presentation which described the bark beetle, and current conditions. Presentation included weather history. We are now in our third year of reduced precipitation. The presentation also discussed what to look for and how to properly dispose of infested wood. A lot of wood already cut by SCE was improperly disposed of. Wood piles should be sealed under plastic for a set amount of time, to kill any beetles living in the wood. Once a tree becomes infested, there is not much that can be done to save the tree. Some pesticide treatments may help prevent infestation. Deep watering helps the tree become healthy, which will help prevent beetles from infesting the tree. Always use licensed contractors for tree removal.

Following the presentation, Glenn Barley and Tom W. Coleman answered questions from the audience.

The following documents were available for the public:

<http://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/barkbeetle/3.18.14.Beetle.Presentation.pdf>

<http://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/barkbeetle/CalfireBarkBeetleReduction3.2014.pdf>

<http://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/barkbeetle/calif5spine.pdf>

<http://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/barkbeetle/treenote28.pdf>

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on April 15, 2014.

Minutes submitted by:

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

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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