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Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) meeting Tuesday April 15, 2014

Agenda-Minutes

Call to order- called to order at 7 PM by Chuck Carroll

Flag Salute-**John Bauer** led flag salute

Introductions

- Public Comments-**No public comments**
- Election of FSC Board Members-**Chuck/John Bauer/Patrick Martin & Bruce LaClaire** passed out ballots (after amending to include Kathy Smith's name (deleted by accident), then collected ballots and tabulated. Results were 100% approved the ballot that elected all current board members and election of Glenn Goldstein.
- WDAD 2014 Cancellation-**John Aziz** reviewed the 2014 WDAD was cancelled due to FSC attention needs to be focused on our critical Bark Beetle problem here in Wrightwood plus added work required to have a 2014 Pine Needle & Green Waste Event
- Green Waste & Pine Needle Event. This year's event begins on May 31 running thru June 7, 8 days. We are trying to get Angeles National Forest to let Pine Needles be recycled at Mountain High to help with soil erosion. Mountain High would like them but we need approval from the Forest Service. Entomologists are making sure it is safe. A Demo House is being planned for this year timed around this event. Tipping Fees will be greatly reduced with recycling at Mountain High. Still working on how to handle tipping fees that we will have to pay.
- Bark Beetle issue/Cal Fire-**Glenn Barley** reported Cal Fire Fenner is very busy removing dead or dying trees and tenting with clear plastic to prevent further spreading of the Bark beetle. Areas being treated now are in Oak/Blackbird, the Guest Ranch, Cedar, and the Methodist camp. Glenn discussed a need to establish a reporting process, where, owner, is it near an Edison tree. Glenn said that Cal Fire was temporarily out of Sporaz but will treat trees when back in stock. Glenn discussed that there is not penalty in affect for not tenting downed trees.
- Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2014

Cooperative Partner & Agency updates

- Edison Contractor Pino Tree Service discussed their efforts on removing trees and how they are treated or transferred once they are down. They are hauling slash from these trees to the transfer station in Phelan. Pino Tree Service can also do private party work outside of the Edison projects.
- Angeles National Forest-**Brian Skerston-not at meeting**
- San Bernardino National Forest- **Lauren Blake-Not at meeting**

- Cal Fire-Debbie Chapman- Glenn further discussed issues with funding. The good news is current funding needed to handle Bark Beetle issues is fine. Funding is not available so far for help with tipping fees during our green waste event. Glenn said Cal Fire has hired SRA defensible space inspectors. Cal Fire is at Peak staff. Glenn reported more than double the number of fires for this year versus last. Reservoirs are very down. No good Snow Pack. Cal Fire is part of the governors drought task force.
- Los Angeles County Fire- Chief Cosey-Not at meeting
- San Bernardino County Fire- Batallion Chief Jeff Birchfield- Not at meeting but Chief Felgar attended letting us know he is now responsible for Crew 40.
- San Bernardino Code Enforcement- Julie Hernandez-Not at meeting.
- Los Angeles County Agricultural Commission-David Bracken-not at meeting
- Treasurer report-Bruce will have a report at next meeting
- New/Continued Business-John Aziz reminded us all of the Steve Ferris Hwy 330 dedication to him on May 16. Steve helped get Fire Safe Councils up and going and was a great contributor.

Announcement of next meeting- May 20, 2014

Adjournment of meeting-Chuck Adjourned the meeting at 8:25

Meeting minutes taken by Chuck Carroll