



Meeting Minutes

Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Call to Order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by John Bauer on August 19, 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, Jim Emery, Glenn Goldstein, Hank Hallmark, Patrick Martin, Kathy Smith. Chuck Carroll, Al Morrisette

The following board members were absent: , Robert Comperini, Bruce LaClaire, Tom Delgado.

The following agency representatives were present: Debbie Chapman (Cal Fire), Capt. Steve Roeber (SB County Fire), Battalion Chief Rich Campos (SB County Fire) and Lucas Minton (S.B. National Forest)

Public Comments and Questions: John Aziz: upcoming Ham Radio Certification Class, Ed Ross: Aug 30 CERT donation drive at Wrightwood Community Center

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the July 2014 meeting were approved as written. A motion approve was made by Kathy Smith. Motion seconded by Al Morrisette. Motion passed 8/0 with 1 abstention: Chuck Carroll.

Tour Highlights: John Aziz, Glen Goldstein and Patrick Martin recently participated in the California Forest Pest Council Insect, Disease, and Animal Damage Committees Field Tour starting in El Cajon and touring other sites.

Aziz and Goldstein spoke of the aggressive predator, Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer, which has been found in Avocado trees and 110 other known host tree varieties. It was originally found in landscape trees near the Long Beach harbor and is thought to have been transported from Asia. It has rapidly spread throughout So Cal and is identified by patches of small 'D' shape holes.

Characteristics have shown that this borer D-shape hole conforms to the configuration of the body which is flat on the underside and half circle body. Females outnumber the males and bring with them a red fungus that is used as nesting as it feeds off of the vascular tissue of the tree and disrupts water and nutrient flow. The borer only takes 1 month to mature and the females venture to new trees bringing a portion of the fungus with them to lay their young. Usually the top half of an infected tree is killed because this borer seems to focus upon the tree's midpoints.

Like the Bark Beetle and Goldspot Oak Borer, there seems to have no known natural enemies and this species appears to attack both sick and healthy trees. If you suspect that you have any of these predators in your trees, it is recommended that you contact the WFSC, CalFire or the U.S. Forestry Service.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: No report.

San Bernardino National Forest: Lucas Minton, staffing levels are full, some staff and equipment have responded to fires in other parts of the state. No burns are on the horizon due to low fuel moisture

Cal Fire: Debbie Chapman, Fenner Camp Crew helped restore the Wrightwood Village Trail and are working on some tree removal, plus brush clearings, staff at all stations are full.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Fire (Steve Roeber): July 2014 stats: 70 total calls, including 30 to Wrightwood, 27 to Phelan, 14 to Pinon Hills and 4 to LA County. September 24, 2014 station 14 will be adding another person to staff their engine and the County is hiring 40 new firefighters and ETM. The County has purchased a new Dozer and other equipment such as a new Water Tender for Wrightwood.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report. John Aziz stated that the Demonstration House was a success in showing residents the proper clearing methods, it is located on the corner of Lone Pine Canyon/Summit Rd.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

Treasurer's Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on September 16, 2014.

Minutes submitted by:

Al Morrissette
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council