



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 John Bauer on January 20, 2015 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, Tom Delgado, Jim Emery, Hank Hallmark, Bruce LaClaire, Al Morrisette, Kathy Smith. Absent was: Glenn Goldstein, Patrick Martin.

The following agency representatives were present: Jeff Birchfield (SB County Fire), Lauren Blake (SBNF), Henry Herrera (CalFire), Brian Skerston (ANF).

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

Mountain High Wrightwood FireSafe Council Days: To be held on Saturday March 7, 2015. Tickets will be handed out to board members to sell.

Public comments and questions:

Bruce LaClaire: The monthly senior lunch will be held on Wednesday January 21, 2015, at the Wrightwood Methodist church. A donation of \$6 is requested.

There was a brief discussion about the recent MAC meeting, and snow player problems in Wrightwood, and what (if anything) further the WFSC council can do.

John Aziz reported that District Ranger Gabe Garcia (SBNF) and Steve Turner (SB County Fire) and Tom Contreras (ANF) are all retiring.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the November 2014 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 10/0.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Brian Skerston): In full winter staffing. Currently, Big Pines is staffed, but staffing will transfer to Valyermo soon. SR-2 will remain closed beyond Vincent Gap until the end of the winter season. ANF has no additional staffing during holidays and weekends, even when large snow play traffic is expected. ANF relies heavily on volunteers. John Aziz talked about local businesses who sold many thousands of dollars in Adventure Pass fees during the recent holiday weekend, yet they see no increase in ANF staffing. Brian agreed to bring the WFSC concerns to his management.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): SBNF relies heavily on their volunteers to help manage things during holidays and weekends. Lauren briefly discussed their staffing levels.

CalFire (Henry Herrera): Discussed staffing levels. Discussed the process for people to obtain burn permits. John Aziz reported that he has not heard of any new bark beetle activity, so the work that Cal Fire/Fenner has done to combat this infestation has helped.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Fire (Steve Roeber): December 2014 statistics: 76 total calls, including 32 in Wrightwood, 16 to Phelan, 20 to Pinon Hills and 8 to LA County. Other stations came into Wrightwood 5 times. New Division Chief Gary Bush. Station 14 kitchen is currently being remodeled. Cabinets and counter tops are also going to be replaced. Captain Dave Bolesworth will be assigned to the station.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

Treasurer's report: Current cash balance is \$15,153.92.

New business: John Bauer asked about the Amazon Smile program. John Aziz reported that it is set up, but Amazon only issues payments quarterly.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on February 17, 2015.

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
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council