



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 February 17, 2015 at 1903 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Wesley Anzai (LA County Fire), Jeff Birchfield (SB County Fire), Bob Blount (ANF), Debbie Chapman (Cal Fire), Brian Skerston (ANF).

Mountain High FSC Event: Still scheduled, if the resort re-opens with new snowfall.

Public comments and questions: None

National Monument (Bob Blount): National Forest Foundation is a neutral party charged with helping to build community involvement. Tom Contreras is retiring. A new supervisor will be selected soon. The Forest Service is charged with implementing the management plan within 3 years. Bob recommends that we contact the Forest Service, to make sure that they understand that the community of Wrightwood is interested in being involved with the management plan, and management committees as appropriate. The Forest Service is required to hold public meetings as this management plan evolves. Bob assured us that Wrightwood would be involved with those public meetings when they occur, and that we would have opportunity to get involved.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Bruce LaClaire. Motion passed 8/0.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Bob Blount): Big Pines Project NEPA to be signed this week or next week. There will be no pile burning until we get more rain. There will be no reduction in firefighting staff. New Angeles fire chief will be Bob Garcia. Chief LEO officer Mike Mercado is retiring.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake by phone): Still working on fuel reduction projects, as weather allows. Current projects include the Boa Fuel Break and Oak Glen.

Cal Fire (Debbie Chapman): Still on winter staffing. Cal Fire will monitor weather conditions, to help determine future staffing levels. Cal-Fire personnel supported firefighting for a recent fire in the Bishop area.

LA County Fire (Wesley Anzai): LA County will continue to staff three helicopters during this season.

SB County Fire (Jeff Birchfield): Statistics for January 2015: 105 total calls, including 38 into Wrightwood, 19 to Phelan, 17 to Pinon Hills and 31 to LA County. Station 14 will provide staffing for an upcoming Mountain High concert. There are some new personnel at station 14. Station 14 kitchen remodel should be complete by mid March. There was a brief discussion on how to dispose of unneeded prescription drugs. Contact SB County Fire or SB County Sheriff for disposal information.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

Treasurer's report: No treasurer's report was submitted, as there was no activity during the last month.

Old business: None

New business: Al Morrisette is working on possibly getting a Hazmat facility in Phelan. Al announced a few upcoming events: Senator Mike Morell will talk about the "fire fees" on 3/12/2015 from 1800-2000 hours. Tom Lackey will hold a meet-and-greet on 4/11/2015 in the morning. Contact Al for details on where these events will take place.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on March 17, 2015.

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