



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 April 21, 2015 at 1903 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

Roll call: The following WFSC Board of Directors were present:

John Aziz, Bruce LaClaire, John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Glenn Goldstein, Jim Emery, Kathy Smith and Hank Hallmark. Absent was: Robert Comperini, Tom Delgado and Al Morrissette,

The following agency representatives were present: Jeff Birchfield (SB County Fire), Jeff Allen (SB County Fire), Mike Carnes (LA County Fire), Bob Pera (LA County Fire), Lauren Blake (SBNF), Henry Herrera (CalFire), Matt Edmiston (CalFire), Mary Stock (CalFire), Brian Skerston (ANF)

Flag salute: The flag salute was led by John Bauer.

Wildfire & Disaster Awareness Day (John Aziz): Will be held May 9, 2015, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Community Center. Event will be in an "open house" format, with an emphasis on getting back to the basics of the event. The mailer will be prepared for mailing this week.

Wildfire Awareness Week Kick-Off Event (Jeff Birchfield) Will be held Monday, May 4th, 2015 @ 10am at SB County Fire Station #14 in Wrightwood. This is a public event and everyone is invited to attend. The public is also invited to tour the newly remodeled kitchen facilities that were recently completed at Station #14.

Pine Needle/Green Waste Recycling (John Aziz): Will be held from May 30 to June 6, 2015. Recycled needles will once again be taken to Mountain High for erosion control. Open from 10:00am to 2:00pm each day. On June 2-4, the hours will be from 12:00pm to 6:00pm.

Public comments and questions: John Aziz: John discussed a recent CalFire briefing held for public officials which he attended. John indicated that the meeting was very informative and had good information.

It was announced that Ed & Bonnie Ross have been recognized and awarded the "2015 Eagle Award" by San Bernardino County Fire - Office of Emergency Services for their valued and continued work with OES and CERT.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the March 2015 meeting were not submitted for approval.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Brian Skerston): Brian reported that there had been 4 or 5 fires on the ANF recently. ANF had provided Hot Shot Crews and Fire Crews to support to the Highway Fire in Corona. Brian also reported that the Blue Ridge road had been opened and that the ANF expected to open the Pinyon Ridge road next week. All seasonal firefighters will be brought on staff by May 17th, 2015.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): SBNF has continued staffing at as high a level as possible, 4 engines minimum. Crews have been working on a Western Pine Beetle infestation in Sheep Canyon just off of Lytle Creek Road. Lauren also reported that the new ranger for SBNF, Christine Hill has started her new position and is getting used to her new job. Lauren hoped that the new ranger will be able to attend an upcoming meeting of the WFSC after she has some more time available.



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Cooperative partner & agency updates (Continued):

CalFire (Mary Stock): CalFire has started transitional staffing and will be staffing 13 engines from the current 7 engines by May 18, 2015. In addition CalFire will have 19 crews, 2 bulldozers and 1 helicopter. Mary also reported that CalFire has 4 crews and 5 engines working in support of the Highway Fire in Corona.

Cal Fire (Henry Herrera): Seven (7) SRA grants were awarded in San Bernardino County and one (1) in Mono County. Among the grants funded in SB County was a grant to establish a web based system for storage and access to all local Fire Safe CWPP's, maps and other vital information. This web based system will make it much easier for personnel to locate and share information in one place.

Henry also indicated that he had attended another meeting of the National Monument "collaborative group" and that the group would be suggesting that a meeting to gather community involvement and input be held in the Phelan/Wrightwood area as a part of the process in developing the management plan for the National Monument. The collaborative group will also be recommending that the public comment period be extended from the current 30 day period to a 60 day public comment period.

LA County Fire (Mike Carnes): Nothing new to report. Carnes will check to see if LA County Fire will have representatives at the WDAD event on May 9th, 2015.

SB County Fire (Jeff Birchfield): Statistics for March 2015: 84 total calls, including 36 into Wrightwood, 21 to Phelan, 20 to Pinon Hills and 7 to LA County.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

Treasurer's report: No report.

Old business: None

New business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on May 19, 2015.

Minutes submitted by:

Jim Emery, Director (for R. Comperini)
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