



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 July 21, 2015 at 1900 hours local time, at the Wrightwood Community Center, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Kelly Anderson (SB County Fire), Marc Collat (LA County Fire), Chief Gerald Cosey (LA County Fire), Carmen Mackey (LA County Fire), Cathey Mattingly (CALFIRE), Bonnie Ross (CERT), Ed Ross (CERT), Philip Salazar (LA County Code Enforcement), Mary Stock (CALFIRE)

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

Public comments and questions:

Ed Ross asked about bark-beetle tarps in his neighborhood that were blown off during recent storms. A representative from CALFIRE said they would look into it.

Hank Hallmark talked about excessive flooding and erosion that occurred with recent storms. Hank suggests that removing too much ground cover (pine needles) is a contributing factor. Glenn Goldstein suggested that when removing pine needles on the ground, a thin layer (2 inches) should be left to prevent erosion. Regulations do allow for a thin layer of pine needles to remain on the ground, for erosion control.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Kathy Smith. Motion seconded by Hank Hallmark. Motion passed 7/0. Robert Comperini and Jim Emery abstained.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: No report.

San Bernardino National Forest: No report.

Cal Fire (Mary Stock): North fire update: 4250 acres. A few crews will remain to finish mop up and to check for flareups. Forest Service is heading up the investigation of cause. The Pines fire consumed 200 acres. Cathey Mattingly was introduced. She discussed the various volunteer positions available within CALFIRE.

LA County Fire (Chief Gerald Cosey): Discussed the Pines fire. LA County fire responded and provided structure protection and evacuation efforts. 12 engines, 3 helicopters, 2 helicopter fuel

tenders, 2 dozer teams, water and fuel tender, 4 strike teams, 9 camp crews, 1 hazmat squad, 2 paramedica squads, PIOs, 6 battalion chiefs, and others. Eventually, the Forest Service took over primary responsibility at the fire.

SB County Fire (Kelly Anderson): June statistics: 92 calls total (46 in Wrightwood, 25 to Phelan, 20 to Pinon Hills, 1 to LA County).

SB County Code Enforcement (Philip Salazar): Inspections completed. 767 notices will be mailed this week. The number of notices written is similar to the number of notices mailed last year.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2006 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on August 18, 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
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