



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 3/15/2016 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, Glen Goldstein, Hank Hallmark, Kathy Smith, Al Morrisette. Absent was: Chuck Carroll, Robert Comperini, Jim Emery, Bruce LaClaire.

The Following agency representatives were present: Mary Stock (CalFire), Henry Herrera (CalFire), Terry Hill (Mountaineer Progress), Mark Wright (SB County Fire), Bonnie Ross (Cert), Chief Pat Sprengal (LA County Fire).

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

Public comments: Mark Wright from SB County Fire mentioned that they had been having some problems with one of the vacation rentals in town having bon fires in the back yard. He made a point that no open burning is legal in Wildfire Risk areas, which includes Wrightwood. He contacted Air B&B that was handling the rental and explained the situation and they stated that they would comply.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of February 16, 2016 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 6/0.

Mountain High FSC Day: WFSC Day at Mountain High that was scheduled for March 5, 2016 will be canceled due to lack of snow. All ticket are to be turned in. Thank you to Mountain High for their efforts.

Wrightwood FSC Board election: Nominating Committee chairperson John Bauer announced the proposed slate of Board members to be voted on at the next meeting which included: John Aziz, John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Robert Comperini, Jim Emery, Glenn Goldstein, Hank Hallmark, Bruce LaClaire, Al Morrisette, Ben Smith, Kathy Smith. Terry Hill was nominated from the floor. Terry Hill will be added to the proposed slate and published in the local paper at least 10 days prior to the April 19th general meeting.

Cooperative Partner and Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: Did not have a representative at the meeting. District Ranger Bob Blount emailed a notice that they were starting the rebuilding of the Jackson Lake House as part of the new National Monument improvements. Also they had been doing some pile burning on the lower end of Big Pines Highway.

San Bernardino National Forest: Did not have a representative at the meeting. Lauren Blake emailed that they have been doing some pile burning when weather permitted.

Cal Fire: Mary Stock announced that Glenn Barley had been appointed Unit Chief for San Bernardino. Cal Fire Henry Herrera announced that April 9th 2016 was volunteer day for replanting trees in burn areas.

LA County Fire: Pat Sprengal reported that they had been to Serrano High School to demonstrate their Fire Helicopters filling with water at hydrants located near the school. SB County Fire was also there and they both reported that the demonstration went very well. They were all happy with the water source and that it will shorten the fly time between loads greatly. Pat also reported that they had been doing snow & ice rescue training at Mountain High along with Forest Service, Cal Fire, SB County Fire County, Sheriff Departments and Search and Rescue from both counties.

SB County Fire: Mark Wright collaborated on all the training that has been going on between the two counties. Both SB County Fire and LA County Fire agreed that their training together has given them a great working relationship. Mark also reported that Jeff Birchfield was promoted to the new Division Chief Valley Division.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative and no report.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No representative and no report.

Treasurer's report: No report

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 April 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Bauer: