



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 Chuck Carroll on 01/17/2017 at 1900 hours local time, at the 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (SBNF), Matthew Bokach (ANF), Sean Wolf (ANF)

Flag salute: The flag salute was led by Bruce LaClaire.

Public comments:

Terri Hill: Big Pines Visitor Center will be re-opening on Thursday 1/18/2017.

FSC Mountain High Event: Scheduled for March 5, 2017. The FSC had to cancel this the past two years, because of lack of snow. The FSC will receive tickets to sell soon.

California Conservation Corp. Project: Paperwork issues are causing delays with the start of this project.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the November 2016 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion passed 10/0.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Mathew Bokach): The Big Pines Visitor Center will be staffed, beginning on 1/18/2017. This is a paid position. It is expected that Adventure Passes and fire permits will be sold, in time. The 2017 annual Adventure Passes won't be available for about 2 months, due to printing delays.

The Forest is aware of our weekend snow player issues. They are working on getting additional help for us on weekends (servicing restrooms, etc.). ANF has placed more dumpsters at Inspiration Point, Big Pines and Apple campground.

There is a new Field Ranger program. This program puts paid Forest representatives in the forest, interacting with the public (public education, handing out trash bags, letting the public what the rules are, etc.). ANF will try to have a Field Ranger or two stationed here in the winter time (starting next year).

Jackson Lake was not closed this year, and probably won't be in the future. ANF legal has advised ANF that future closures will most likely not be approved.

Fuels reduction projects: Wrightwood mastication continues along Highway 2 on the east end of town. 40 out of 300 acres of land treated. This project will continue through April. A similar project along Big Pines Highway is underway. 35 out of 250 acres have been treated. This project will continue as weather and snow conditions allow.

San Bernardino National Forest: (Lauren Blake): Discussed fuels reduction programs (and areas that no longer needed to be treated, because of the Blue Cut fire). Tree replanting is being planned for areas in the Blue Cut fire area. Pile burning continues, when weather conditions allow. Fire staffing level was slightly reduced.

Cal Fire: No report.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Fire: No report.

SB County OES: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: \$6,469.67.

New business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on February 21, 2017.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council