



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 March 21, 2017 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

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

The following agency representatives were present: Kelly Anderson (SB County Fire), Tim Smith (SB County Fire), Brian Craven (SB County Fire), Jen Miescher-Vanderez, Matt Edmiston (CalFire), Vincent Jauregui (LA County Ag Commission) and Lauren Blake (SBNF)

Public comments and questions:

John Aziz introduced the group to a magazine/publication produced by Cal-Fire called Forestland Steward Magazine and suggested to the group that if interested, they could view the publication by visiting the website at: <http://calfire.ca.gov/foreststeward/newsletter>

Chuck Carroll updated the group on the Mountain High lift ticket fundraiser sales event to raise money for the WFSC. The event went well and there were good sales of the tickets. The WFSC would like to thank Mountain High Resort for their continued partnership and support of the WFSC.

Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day: Will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Wrightwood Community Center. John Aziz informed the group that he has made the arrangements to have the Earthquake Simulator from the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services at the event. There is an administrative cost of \$250.00 to have the simulator at this event which will be paid for by generous donations from the Wrightwood CERT Team and Hank & Kris Hallmark. The kickoff event for Wildfire Awareness Week will be held on Monday May 8th, 2017 at SB County Fire Station 14 in Wrightwood at 10am. The WFSC is working with Jeff Allen at SB County Fire to make the necessary arrangements for these events.

Pine Needle and Green Waste Event: Will be held June 3rd through June 10th, 2017. The WFSC will be asking for volunteers at upcoming meetings.

California Conservation Corp Project: The WFSC continues to work on this potential project and is exploring grant opportunities to pay for the cost of a CEQA EIR (California Environmental Quality Act-Environmental Impact Report) which is required prior to any such project being approved. The estimated cost of a CEQA EIR is approximately \$3k-\$5k.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the February 2017 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Terri Hill. Motion passed 7/0.



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Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (No Representation): John Aziz informed the group that the WFSC had received notification that Bob Blount will again be returning as the interim District Ranger on April 3d, 2017 for the SCMRRD until the Monument Management reorganization is finished in the coming months. Matthew Bokach will continue to be engaged on most issues.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): SBNF has seen an increase in fuels growth as a result of increased precipitation and has been monitoring fuel and moisture levels on a regular basis.

CalFire (Matt Edmiston): CalFire reported that Fenner Canyon is down to 5 crews from 6 crews and that the 6th crew may not comeback before fire season. Current staffing for CalFire is at 8 engines which will increase to 13 engines on April 17th and the increase again to 16 engines in May.

LA County Fire: Brush clearance inspections will be starting soon and fees will be increasing for non-compliance.

SB County Fire (Kelly Anderson): SB County Fire has been working on flood damage in West Cajon Valley and the Cajon Pass areas following severe weather over the last couple of months. 100+ vehicles have been recovered or mitigated as a result of this work. Kelly Anderson stated that additional flooding is still possible in these areas if severe weather returns and all residents should remain prepared in the event of any such storm systems.

SB County OES: No representation

SB County Code Enforcement: No Representation

LA County Agricultural Commission (Vincent Jauregui): Annual notices have been sent out to all undeveloped parcel owners in the LA County area of Wrightwood. Parcel inspections will begin in late April and full compliance is required by June 1, 2017 in the LA County areas.

Treasurer's report: No report.

Old business: None

New business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on April 18, 2017.

Minutes submitted by:

Jim Emery, Vice President (for R. Comperini)
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council