



**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 April 18, 2017 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Kelly Anderson (SB County Fire), Sam Bashaw (SB County Fire), Lauren Black (SB National Forest), Matt Edmiston (CalFire), Scot Fisher (SB County Fire), J. Gonzales (USFS), Vincent Jauregui (LA County Agricultural Commission), Sabrina Johnson (VANF), C. Mathews (USFS), Elena Miranda (SB County FHA), Dave Renteria(?) (SB County Fire), Bonnie Ross (CERT), Ed Ross (CERT), Mary Stock (Cal Fire), Greg Torrenn(?) (SB County FHA), Ariel Virayo (LA County Agricultural Commission), Sean Wolf (ANF).

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

**Public comments and questions:** From Hank Hallmark: The Wrightwood Property Owners Association will co-sponsor the earthquake simulator at this year's WDAD.

**Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day:** (John Aziz) May 13, 2017 at the Community Center. John discussed the planning that is underway for this year's event.

**Pine Needle & Green Waste event:** (John Aziz) June 3-10, 2017. John discussed challenges this year, getting inmate crews to help man the event. Ben Smith confirmed that Mountain High will accept pine needles again this year.

**California Conservation Corp Project:** A grant was applied for earlier this year, to fund this project. Chuck Carroll checked on its status, and the grant is still "open", which means it still could be approved.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Kathy Smith. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion passed 9/0.

**Cooperative partner & agency updates:**

Angeles National Forest (Sean Wolf): Fire danger rating is back to "Very high". Sean discussed the process of burning old piles from previous fuel reductions projects. ANF wants to get these piles burned before beginning new fuel reductions projects. Organizational camps within the Forest will soon be getting their annual "fuels" inspection by June.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Discussed equipment status. Several engines are in shop for maintenance. Lauren briefly discussed upcoming staffing increases. A 30+ acre reduction project near Angeles Oaks was recently completed. More reduction projects are planned in the Boundary Ridge and Lytle Creek areas.

Cal Fire (Mary Stock): Fenner staffing is back up to 6 crews. It is unknown how Prop 57 will affect their staffing capability. "Transition staffing" level in effect. "Peak staffing" will be in place by mid May. Cal-Fire will participate in WDAD. They can provide a "Smokey Bear" if needed. Mary Stock will be retiring in May 2017.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Fire (Kelly Anderson): SB County Fire will be taking care of the fees associated with the earthquake simulator that will be used at the WDAD. Although she couldn't say with complete certainty, Kelly thinks that funding for Inmate crews will continue. John Aziz requested that someone from the Fire Marshall attend our next meeting, to clarify the "fire pit" rules in Wrightwood.

SB County Code Enforcement (Elena Miranda): Last year property inspection statistics: 775 notices were sent out. 50 citations were issued. 32 abatements were completed. Inspections in Wrightwood will begin around June 12. Code Enforcement will have a booth at WDAD. Dead trees on private properties are cited. An Arborist will confirm that the tree is dead, before action is taken. When a property is inspected and problems are found, a notice is issued to the property owner. The property owner has 30 days to correct the problem. The property will be inspected again on the 31<sup>st</sup> day. If the property is still not compliant a \$100 fine for each violation will be assessed, and the abatement process will begin (with warrants issued, when needed).

LA County Agricultural Commission (Vincent Jauregui): Vincent introduced Ariel Virayo, who will be taking over the position previously held by David Bracken. Property pre-inspections have been completed in the LA county side of Wrightwood. Notices have been sent to property owners, who have violations on their property. Property owners can contact the Commission any time, to ask for an inspection.

**Treasurer's report:** We raised \$3,933 from the Mountain High event. The WFSC balance is \$9,822.27.

**New/continued business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2019 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on May 16, 2017.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council