



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 September 19, 2017 at 1910 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

Flag salute: The flag salute was led by Hank Hallmark.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Chris Brookhart (SB County Fire), Kalyn Salgado (SB County Fire), David Renteria (SB County Fire), Debbie Chapman (CalFire), Ariel Verayo (LA County Ag Commission), Gary Harris (LA County Fire), Chris Matthews (ANF), Brian Roberson (UCLA) and Lauren Blake (SBNF)

Public comments and questions:

Chuck Carroll informed the group that the next San Bernardino Fire Dept. Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held on October 28, 2017 in the community of Phelan. This event will held at the C.R.&R. Yard located at 9828 Buckwheat Road, Phelan, CA. The event hours of operation are 9am – 1 pm.

WFSC Audit Committee Formation: The WFSC board agreed to the formation of an Audit Committee as required by the new Liability Insurance provider. The committee will consist of Ben Smith, Director and Terri Hill, Director.

California Conservation Corp Project: A status update on the CCC Fuel Reduction Project was given by John Aziz. Due to requirement of obtaining a CEQA document prior to any fuel reduction work commencing, the project is currently at a standstill until a sponsoring government agency can be identified and agrees to be the sponsor of such a project. The WFSC has identified a Forester who is capable of producing this CEQA document and the WFSC has agreed to pay for the CEQA document. Work continues by the WFSC to work on these requirements to allow for the obtaining of the CEQA and taking advantage of the opportunity to have this work performed by the CCC.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the August 2017 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by Hank Hallmark. Motion passed 8/0. Robert Comperini was absent.

Blue Cut Fire Evacuation Survey Presentation: Brian Roberson who is a Captain in the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Dept. was at the meeting to give a presentation on the research study he conducted as part of his work/studies at UCLA. This study examined the evacuation processes, details and factors affecting residents willingness, abilities and response to evacuate during this wildfire event.



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Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Chris Matthews): The ANF discussed current fuel reduction/modification projects, controlled burn planning and possible funding opportunities for additional fuel modification projects around the area that are being worked on by the ANF.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): SBNF is currently working on winter planning and prep for fall fire season. The SBNF is currently working in partnership with CALTRANS on the Cajon Pass Ignition Reduction Project. This project is focused on reducing fuels along I-15 in the Cajon Pass easement to help limit possible ignition sources of wildfire. This project is currently in the planning stages.

CalFire (Debbie Chapman): CalFire reported that Chief Gaddy from Fenner Camp had indicated that work to remove hazard trees along will begin in the very near future as more crews return to the camp. Work could begin as early as in the next week depending on staffing. Debbie also indicated that CalFire is still working on the pre-attack mapping project for the Wrightwood area.

LA County Fire (Gary Harris): LA County announced that they funded the purchase of 2 new Blackhawk Helicopters that will be added to their fleet of existing aircraft. These helicopters are capable of holding up to 1000 gallons of water and are also capable of transporting crews.

SB County Fire: No representation. Personnel were called out to respond to a call during the meeting.

SB County Code Enforcement: No Representation

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): The Wrightwood area in LA County is currently at 96% compliance on weed abatement with 3 parcels requiring clearance by outside contractors who are hired by the county and the costs passed along to the property owners.

Treasurer's report: Because of time limits no treasurer's report was given at this time. Bruce LaClaire did indicate that the current WFSC bank account balance was \$10,006.17. A report will be given at the next regular meeting.

Old business: None

New business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on October 17, 2017.

Minutes submitted by:

Jim Emery, Vice President (for R. Comperini)
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