



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 Jim Emery on February 20, 2018 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Mathew Bokach (ANF), Nina Di Pieri (LA Co Fire), David Whitney (LA Co Fire), Mark Wright (SB County Fire).

Flag salute: The flag salute was led by Ben Smith.

Public comments and questions: None

Mountain High fundraiser (2/25/2018): Ben Smith reports that Mountain High will be open every day until at least April 1, 2018. John Aziz is coordinating volunteers to work the event.

CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan): John Aziz updated the group on the status of our CWPP. John will ask that a committee be appointed to work on updating our CWPP.

WDAD and green waste event: WDAD scheduled for May 12, 2018, from 1000 to 1500 hours. LA County Fire was invited to attend. ANF was asked to supply Smokey Bear. Terri Hill will get details on the size of the Lion's Club vehicle that is scheduled to be on display. Jim Emery asked if the FSC needed to order more shirts to offer for sale. A committee will be formed soon. John Aziz mentioned the CSD's request to hold more green waste events during the year. In addition to the event already scheduled for June 2018, a new "pine needle recycling" event will be held in September 7-8, 2018 from 0900 to 1500 hours. A permit to use the county yard has been requested. Fire hand crew support has been requested.

Nominating committee: Committee consists of Jim Emery, Terri Hill and Ben Smith. The current FSC board members have agreed to remain on the ballot for the next term. A request for additional nominations was made by Jim Emery. None were submitted. Elections will take place during the March 2018 meeting.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by Bruce LaClaire. Motion passed 8/0.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Mathew Bokach): Forest Service is operating with a hiring freeze in place. The Forest Service is still able to hire positions directly related to fuels reduction/timber production activities. Essential positions may also be filled during the hiring freeze. Mathew discussed some promotions that have happened recently. Mathew announced the passing of Bob Blount. Bob's

passing leaves a vacancy in the ANF that has not been filled yet. A new PIO and Partnership Coordinator have been hired. Those positions are considered to be essential positions. Some of the fuels reduction programs that were announced to take place around the Wrightwood area will not be accomplished this year. Some of the project areas lie within areas protected for the spotted owl. New surveys will need to be performed to ensure the safety of these animals. The area along the Blue Ridge trail and near Lone Pine Canyon will be treated in 2018. The other projects will take place in 2019.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Pile burning has begun. Lauren discussed the areas where these prescribed burns are taking place. Winter staffing is still in place. Fuel reduction will take place in the Cajon Pass along I-15, to clear areas 30 feet from the interstate. This project should take place in May 2018.

Cal Fire: No report.

LA County Fire (David Whitney): David discussed live fuel moisture levels in the area.

SB County Fire (Mark Wright): No report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

Treasurer's report: None

New/continued business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2021 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on March 20, 2018.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "C".

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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