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MORONGO BASIN MAC TALKS ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

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Jennifer Cusack, Southern California Edison's Government Relations Manager, discussing SCE Wildfire Mitigation Efforts.

The Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council met last night at the Joshua Tree Community Center to discuss a number of issues, though fire safety was the main topic of the evening. Reporter Heather Clisby was there...

Last night's gathering of the Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council made one thing clear: Fire season is upon us.

County Fire got the ball rolling by noting that the agency has ceased all controlled burns since the month began. Due to the heavy spring rains, the county has an unusually high grass crop which means extra fuel for unwanted fires. High heat and winds means that fires can move quickly so attendees were warned to have an evacuation kit ready and to register their phones at sbcfire.gov to receive timely evacuation notices.

Jennifer Cusack, from Southern California Edison, presented on the SCE Wildfire Mitigation Efforts that include grid improvements, vegetation management, community outreach and the installation of high-def cameras to monitor remotely. She noted that in 2017, SCE had 928 outages due to the release of Mylar balloons and asked that those celebrating graduation please destroy and safely dispose of these gifts.

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JOSHUA TREE BRUSH FIRE SHOWS FIRE DANGER

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Photo courtesy San Bernardino County Fire Department

A potentially dangerous brush fire broke out about 2:30 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Highlands area west of Quail Springs Road near Anaconda Drive Monday.

A 9-1-1 call from a resident there brought fast-acting county, CalFire, and National Park fire crews who put out the 4.4-acre fire.

County Fire Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said the flames bumped up against a detached garage, but firefighters were able to save the garage and the neighborhood.

McClintock added that heat and winds have dried out the superbloom vegetation and grasses in San Bernardino County, increasing the fire danger posed by the high volume of dead vegetation.

Hotter, drier conditions in the region have led the County Fire Department and Cal Fire to suspend all burn permits.

These burn suspensions ban all residential outdoor fires, including camp fires and burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves. Calfire is investigating the cause of the fire.

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Firefighters extinguish small fires in Fontana

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Firefighters finish extinguishing a fire which broke out in a garage at a house in Fontana on the morning of June 10.

Firefighters were able to quickly contain a fire which broke out at a house in Fontana on June 10, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

No injuries were reported as a result of the blaze, which began in an attached garage of a single story residence in the 9500 block of Oleander Avenue shortly before 10 a.m.

Medic Engine 72 responded to the scene as heavy smoke was seen in the area. The fire briefly spread into the attic but was then contained within 15 minutes, and the rest of the house was preserved, said Battalion Chief Mike O'Bier.

The contents of the garage, including motorcycles, were heavily damaged. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

----- EARLIER THAT MORNING, another fire was reported on Slover Avenue in the southern area of the city. About five semi trailers were damaged in a commercial structure fire, but crews successfully saved a trucking supply business, the Fire Department said. Slover between Beech and Hemlock avenues was closed to traffic before being reopened later in the day. There were no injuries, and the cause of the fire was under investigation.

----- ALSO, on June 9, a small vegetation fire broke out in northwestern Fontana. The fire, which was located alongside the northbound Interstate 15 Freeway between Sierra Avenue and Duncan Canyon Road, was limited to less than one acre. No structures were threatened and no injuries were reported. The cause was under investigation.

Fire officials are very concerned about the potential for fires because of the hotter weather conditions as summer approaches. Temperatures were expected to reach 105 degrees in Fontana on June 10.

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‘First Heat of Summer’ Coming to SoCal With Threat of Brush Fires

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Summer doesn't technically arrive until June 21, but forecasters on Monday are already warning about triple-digit temperatures that, mixed with low humidities and gusty winds, could ignite brush fires across Southern California.

Inland areas can expect highs up to 90 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit through Tuesday, while temperatures in coastal communities can reach 70 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Forecaster said that heat, combined with very low humidities and Santa Ana winds gusting northeast-east with speeds of up to 30 mph during the morning hours, means elevated fire danger--especially in the interior regions.

In Hesperia, crews were already battling a 3 to 4-acre vegetation fire in the 13700 block of Mojave Street on Monday morning, the **San Bernardino County Fire** District said just after 9:30 a.m. Flames were spreading at a moderate speed, but they weren't threatening any structures, authorities said.

Fontana, the Hollywood Hills, Castaic and Santa Clarita all saw brush fires on Sunday, when conditions were similarly hot, dry and windy.

"[The] first heat of the summer means the conditions may be especially impactful," the National Weather Service cautioned.

The agency advised the public to watch out for potential heat-related health issues. Babies, outdoor workers, the elderly and people who are homeless are especially vulnerable, the Weather Service noted.

"Remember your hot weather tip and take extra precautions during this time," the Weather Service said.

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