



## 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 May 20, 2014 at 1905 hours local time, at the Wrightwood Community Center, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

**Roll Call:** The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Robert Comperini, Tom Delgado, Jim Emery, Glenn Goldstein, Bruce LaClaire, Patrick Martin, Kathy Smith. Absent was: Hank Hallmark, Al Morrissette.

The WFSC welcomes two new board members: Glenn Goldstein and Tom Delgado.

The following agency representatives were present: SB County Fire (Jeff Birchfield and others), Cal Fire (Glenn Barley and others), Brian Skerston (ANF), Vincent Jaurdgui (LA County Agricultural Commission).

**Green Waste and Pine Needle Event:** Chuck discussed this upcoming event. This event will run from May 31 – June 7, 2014. Because of various budget cuts, the WFSC will have to pay “tipping fees” (the landfill fees) which we normally didn’t have to pay in past years. To help offset these high fees, we will be hauling clean pine needles to Mountain High, which will use them for erosion control. We will also reduce costs by using SB County Fire inmate crews.

**Illegal/Dangerous Camp Fires:** John Aziz discussed the illegal encampments that had been discovered, and the problems associated with those. There was also a presentation regarding the kinds of “recreational” fires (camp fires) that are and are not allowed. For more information, please consult the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council website, and view the SB County Fire pamphlet entitled “Outdoor Fire Requirements Guide”. This pamphlet talks about what is and is not allowed, and what is allowed by permit only.

**Bark Beetle Presentation:** John Aziz and Glenn Barley gave a presentation on the current beetle problem. The presentation included a brief weather history, to show why we are now having a beetle problem. Cal Fire is currently working two areas in Wrightwood. On the east side of town, 130 trees have been removed. Cal Fire will begin working in an area on the west side of Wrightwood, too. Southern California Edison is also participating to remove trees. Glenn discussed the proper way to secure freshly cut piles of wood. These piles must be wrapped in plastic for at least 6 months, to trap and kill any beetles in the wood. If you see a pile that has been covered, please don’t disturb the plastic. Much of the work Cal Fire is doing is being funded by the new “Fire Fee” that people living in State Responsibility Areas are paying. Residents, who wish to report trees that are infested, may do so by contacting SB County Fire station 14 in Wrightwood, or by contacting Cal Fire in San Bernardino at (909) 881-6900.

### Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

**Angeles National Forest** (Brian Skerston): ANF is aware of the dead trees in the area of the recent Sharp fire. So far, those dead trees are not caused by the beetle. Those dead trees were probably caused by the fire. ANF continues to monitor trees in their area for beetle infestation.

**LA County Agricultural Commission** (Vincent Jaurdgui): Will begin property inspections in LA County during the first week of June 2014.

**SB County Code Enforcement:** No representative present. SB County will begin property inspections on June 7, 2014. Code enforcement does plan to have a "demo" house in Wrightwood again this year. The house will be selected and available for tours most likely toward the end of June.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2032 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on June 16, 2014.

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 a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council