



**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 June 20, 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, Absent was: Kathy Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Mathew Bokach (ANF), Debbie Chapman (Cal Fire), Chris Matthews (ANF), Battalion Chief Seta (LA County Fire), Donna Termeer (LA County Supervisor Barger Field Rep), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission), David Whitney (LA County Fire - Deputy Forester)

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

### Public comments and questions:

Pine needle & green waste event (John Aziz): Turnout was just as good even with reduced hours. Number of loads is up 23% from last year. 410,000 pounds were recycled this year. A total of 3.4 million pounds have been recycled since this event first began. The WFSC thanks all the volunteers, CR&R, the inmate crews, SB County Fire, Mountain Hardware, Jensen's, Mountaineer Progress, Grizzly Café, Snowline School District, CERT, SB County Public Works, SB County Sheriff Department, and everyone else that helped make this event a success.

CCC Project (Chuck Carroll): Chuck was unable to get any updates on grant funding for this project.

Ed Ross discussed the recent Zermatt fire, and lack of a controlled net on the Table Mountain amateur radio repeater. Ed asked that ECS staff someone at the ICP, so information can be broadcast in a timely manner. John Aziz addressed Ed's concerns. Chris Matthews (ANF) discussed the first few hours of the fire, and how it was handled.

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes from the May 2017 meeting were not available yet. Approval will take place during the July 2017 meeting.

### Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Mathew Bokach): Discussed the recent Zermatt fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation, and started near the trail that runs in that area. Mathew discussed future plans for fuels reduction projects around Wrightwood. John Aziz mentioned that there appear to be people opening the gate on the JPL road. Bob Blount should be notified, as he has authority to take action. In October 2017, Mathew will become our Monument Ranger after district reorganization takes place. Fire services will remain 3 divisions. Mathew discussed Forest Service management, staffing, and issues within the federal government, that control how the Forest Service operates. Mathew

discussed the National Monument Executive Order issues. The legality of Monuments is being investigated at the federal level.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake via email): Fuel moisture levels are 92% for new growth, and 73% for old growth. 60% is the critical level for fuel moisture. There have been several small fires in the district.

Cal Fire (Debbie Chapman, David Whitney): Mentioned several SRA Fire Prevention Fee Grant Workshops taking place throughout the state. Debbie handed out information on clearance guidelines.

LA County Fire (Battalion Chief Seta): Introduced himself to group as BC17A from the Palmdale area. Their personnel did respond to the recent fire in the LA County side of Wrightwood.

Supervisor Barger's Office (Donna Termeer): Could not locate any information for the public regarding recreational fires.

SB County Fire: Tim Tate (via email) mentioned that some of the information he presented at the previous meeting regarding recreational fires, was wrong. This issue continues to be worked on at the county level.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Discussed the status of parcel clearance in the LA County side. Crews will continue to work into July, until most parcels are cleared.

**Treasurer's report:** Made approximately \$262 net from the WDAD and the pine needle event. Balance is approximately \$9800.

**New/continued business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2039 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on July 18, 2017.

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  
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