



**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 May 15, 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), Matt Kirkhart (Cal Fire), Chris Matthews (ANF), Elena Miranda (SBC Fire Hazardous Abatement), Charlie Parsons (Big Pines Camp Assn), Geno Ramirez (LA County Fire), Mike Strawhun (ANF), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission)

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

**Public comments and questions:** Bob Comperini discussed what board members need to do at the bank, to get online access to the FSC bank account.

**CWPP** (John Aziz): No update

**WDAD Review:** Jim Emery thanked everyone who participated or helped in any way with the WDAD event. There were a lot of positive comments about the event being moved back to the Mountain Hardware parking lot. John Aziz reported that 27 pounds of popcorn were made. Several hundred hot dogs were consumed.

**Green Waste Recycling Event (John Aziz):** Permits are in place for both events. Update banner and porta-potties have been ordered. Terri Hill is coordinating volunteers to work the event. The second "pine needle only" event will be held September 7-8. John reminds everyone to read the list of items that cannot be dropped off during these events.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the April 2018 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Terri Hill. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 8/0.

### **Cooperative partner & agency updates:**

Anges National Forest (Chris Matthews/Mike Strawhun): Chris described the various fuels reductions areas around Wrightwood. Some clearing and mastication will take place along the Blue Ridge Trail area later this year. Chris discussed their plan to help speed up the process of completing the projects over the next 5-7 years. Temporary firefighters are in place for fire season. Mike discussed the increased level of equipment that is in place to support fire season. This year is predicted to be an "average" year for fires.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Fire season staffing increases are in progress. The clearance project along I-15 in the Cajon Pass was completed on 5/14/2018. Fuel moisture levels are a little bit lower than those reported in the ANF.

Cal Fire (Matt Kirkhart): Fire Prevention Grant money is still available for fuel reductions. Matt discussed the new online method for obtaining campfire permits. Several FSC members discussed the contradictions between the Cal Fire allowing permits when County Fire says none will be issued. John discussed the problems with SCE tree contractors not properly handling (tenting) potential bark beetle wood from trees they cut down.

LA County Fire (Geno Ramirez): LA County has responded to several small (less than 80 acre) fires already. Fire season staffing is in effect.

SB County Fire: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement (Elena Miranda): Inspections begin on June 11. Code Enforcement is looking at having a "demo" house this year. Code Enforcement is seeking a suitable property to use as a demo property.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Wrightwood inspections will begin on June 18. Inspections should be completed by June 21.

**Treasurer's report:** Terri reported that she will be getting a new accounting program to help manage our finances. Terri will be getting online access to the account, soon. Total deposits from WDAD: \$954.00. The list of expenses for WDAD was not yet compiled.

**New/continued business:** John Aziz reported that he's been talking with Chuck Carroll about coordinating the Hazardous Waste collection event. This event is proposed to take place on September 29, 2018, in Wrightwood.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2021 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on June 19, 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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