



**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 July 17, 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: Charles Bostwick (LA County Supervisor Barger Assistant Field Deputy), Chris Matthews (ANF), Elena Miranda (SBC Fire Hazardous Abatement), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission), Capt. Wright (SB County Fire).

**Flag salute:** The flag salute was led by Jim Emery.

**Public comments and questions:** None

**CWPP update** (Jim Emery): A meeting was held before the WFSC general meeting. The purpose was to proof-read the draft document. The document still needs a lot of work. The document will take several revisions over several months to be completed.

**Pine needle only recycling event** (Jim Emery): To be held September 7-8, 2018, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. We will be accepting pine needles (which can include pine cones) only. No other green waste will be accepted.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the June 2018 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Bruce LaClaire. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion passed 8/0.

**Cooperative partner & agency updates:**

Angeles National Forest (Chris Matthews): Fire season is here. There was one lightning strike to a tree on Blue Ridge during the recent storm. July 30 is the end of the public comment period for the NEPA. John Aziz asked if ANF was approached to give information for the CWPP. Chris reports they were not yet contacted. John Aziz asked how we could obtain a "fire condition" sign for the Grassy Hollow area. Chris will look into it.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake via email): She is still working the Valley fire. She has started to review the CWPP update. Her observations were that the document did not mention several projects in the Lone Pine Canyon area.

Cal Fire: No report.

LA County Fire: No report. LA County Supervisor Barger's representative indicated that our new representative to the WFSC will most likely be Chief Tom Sullivan.

SB County Fire (Capt. Wright): Type 3 and type 6 strike teams are back from northern California. One brush patrol vehicle is out of service for engine repairs. One water tender is also out of service for maintenance. Capt. Wright indicated that he'd like to get rid of the water tender, as it is really not needed at this station. In response to a question from John Aziz, Capt. Wright indicated that residential fire pits are still not allowed in Wrightwood. Only propane or gas fire rings are ok. Capt. Wright discussed several fireworks and campfire calls they responded to. Capt. Wright discussed the County FP5 "Fire fee" that is being proposed. It's currently out for a 60 day review. There is no community meeting scheduled at this time. Jim Emery asked what brands of retardant are used at the station. Capt. Wright reported that they use Thermo-Gel and Fire Blocker. The Thermo-Gel product is being phased out, in favor of the Fire Blocker product, which is more eco-friendly and easier to clean.

SB County Code Enforcement (Elena Miranda): Wrightwood inspections are complete. In 2016, 780 notices were issued. In 2017, 320 were issued and in 2018, 1180 notices were issued. Elena reports that they have not taken an excessive number of phone calls regarding the notices. Many of the notices were for weeds and grass. No "demonstration" house has been found so far.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Inspections were completed at the end of June. Beginning July 23, the county will perform the abatement for those properties that are not in compliance by that time. There were no violations in Wrightwood. Two violations were found in the Vallyermo area. Special emphasis is being placed on "power line corridors" to keep the areas near powerlines clear of flammables. Between August and October, resources will be placed on illegal dumping.

**Treasurer's report:** No report.

**New/continued business:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2052 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on August 11, 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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