



**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 November 20, 2018 at 1901 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

**Roll call:** The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, Jim Emery, Terri Hill, Bruce LaClaire, Ben Smith and Kathy Smith. Absent were Robert Comperini and Hank Hallmark.

The following agency representatives were present: Karl Hegle (SB County Fire), Nick Papageorges (SB County Fire)

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

### **Public comments:**

Lee Parde (Resident of Oak Springs Valley area off Desert Front Road) was present at the meeting and addressed his concerns related to hazard fuel reduction and clearances around homes and roadways in the Desert Front Road and Oak Springs Valley areas. He questioned who he may contact for help with inspecting and enforcement of the required fuel clearances and reductions to make this area safer for residents and first responders in the event of wildfire. Capt. Hegle from SB Co. Fire Station 14 reinforced Mr. Parde's concerns and related that the area is need of fuel reduction and clearance.

John Aziz updated the group on the work that was being done on his property through a NRCS Grant to reduce fuels and create a fire break near residences around his properties/parcels. Anyone interested in seeing this work firsthand is encouraged to contact John and arrange to walk the property.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the September 2018 meeting were approved with a correction to the spelling of "Keenbrook" in the San Bernardino National Forest report. A motion to approve was passed 6/0. Hank Hallmark and Robert Comperini were absent.

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

Angeles National Forest: No report.

San Bernardino National Forest: No Report

Cal Fire: No report.

LA County Fire: No report.



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**Cooperative partner & agency updates (continued):**

SB County Fire: Captain Hegle from Station 14 provided updates on SB County Fire resources and the status of crews and mutual aid dispatch in support of wildfires burning throughout the state. SB Co. Fire Dept. Strike Teams have been assigned to the Woolsey Fire near Malibu and SAR Teams had been assigned in support of the Paradise Fire in northern California. Captain Hegle also indicated the all three current Captains at Station 14 had recently gone through the "bid" process and will remain assigned to Station 14 in Wrightwood and that this will be beneficial to the community to have personnel who are familiar with the area and needs of the community.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deposits from the WCSD and Amazon Smile have been made in the prior month. Ending account balance: \$12,320.22. Restricted account balance: \$6850.00.

**New/continued business:** Ben Smith updated the group on Mountain High Resort's continued efforts to finish an agreement with LA County Fire to use the parking lot at Mountain High West as a nighttime water filling location for the LA County Fire helicopters.

CWPP: No new updates or progress.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on January 15, 2019 (No meeting in December).

Minutes submitted by:

Jim Emery, President (for R. Comperini)  
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