



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 March 19, 2019 at 1902 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

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

The following agency representatives were present: Kelly Anderson, Karl Hegle (SB County Fire), Lauren Blake (SBNF), Michelle Palmer, Eddie Garcia (San Bernardino Fire Hazard Abatement).

Public comments and questions: Randy Marbach (WWPOA) asked about status of CCC and CCI Grants- discussion follows below under CCI and CCC Grants.
Cherie and Craig Hansen (home/ property owners Oak Springs Valley) want addressed issues with Mine off Desert Front Rd- Illegal fires, shooting, trespassing. They would like to see a gate installed to keep people out. Mine is on ANF- request to be passed on to Matthew Bokach/ ANF.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the February 2019 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Terri Hill. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 7/0.

Mountain High Fire Safety Day- Sunday March 3, 2019: Thank you to Mountain High for supporting the WFSC, \$4,021 from the event.

California Climate Investments (CCI) Grant: \$3,960,656 Grant applied for that includes Approximately 1,100 Federal and 450 SRA acres. Proposed grant includes fuels reductions, pest management, pine needle recycling, research on Spotted Owl, and benefits of recycling pine needles in and around the community of Wrightwood. WFSC partnering with ANF, LA County Fire, SB County Fire and CAL FIRE.

Funding Opportunity- California Conservation Corps (CCC): \$173,000 (5000 hours) awarded to the CCC through Prop 68, currently looking for projects in the area. CEQA requires a lead agency, WFSC cannot be lead agency due to 501c3 status. San Bernardino County Fire volunteered to be lead agency. Scheduling time with RFP to walk area of work.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: No Representative

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): 1st Fire last Thursday, only ¼ acre due to high fuel moistures. Winter precipitation has led to big grass crop.
Cajon Pass Fuels Reduction Project- meetings regarding 30' road clearances from Kenwood to Cleghorn. Partners are CalTrans, SBCF, and CalFire. Planned project beginning late May/ Early June. Prescribed Burns in late June.
5yr Plan- Fuel breaks around Lytle Creek and Evacuation Corridor clearances.



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GSOB being transported in firewood- "Buy it where you Burn it" campaign. Likes big healthy oak trees.

CalFire: No representative, no info

LA County Fire: No representative, no info.

SB County Fire (Kelly Anderson, Karl Hegle): Kelly- Mirror last years WDAD event, Explorers for hot dogs and Firefighter challenge.

Karl- asked to change WFSC magnet listing for Wrightwood fire to 911.

140-150 calls this year to Mountain High. Mountain High Ski Patrol very professional.

500 acre fire already in Brawley.

No open burning in Wrightwood/ no burn permits will be issued.

CERT was used this winter for downed power lines in Wrightwood.

SB County Code Enforcement (Michelle Palmer, Eddie Garcia): New Weed Abatement and Notice program, which includes details of hazards with clarifications- in the 21st century. Utilizing EZRI mapping, and photos on inspections.

We are aware of the Desert Front/ Oak Springs Valley area and addressing the area mid-May.

Coordinating inspections to coincide with WFSC Green Waste Event.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No representative, no info.

Treasurer's report: \$15,838.39 in the main funds, \$6,850 in additional restricted funds. Deposit of \$4,021 for Fire Safety Ski Day, Checks for website \$275.40 to Ryan Enterprise, AED battery \$77.40 to John Aziz.

New/ Continued Business:

- CWPP tabled for future meetings.
- Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day (WDAD) May 11, 2019 10a-3p. Updated magnets to be included with flyers.
- Green Waste Recycling Sat June 1st- Sat June 8th, 2019.
- Pine Needle Only Recycling Days Friday Sep 6th and Saturday Sep 7th, 2019.
- Honoring Chuck Carroll at WDAD
- Paradise Fundraiser- Kathy Smith to talk about WFSC and Safety, Terri Hill to give information regarding House to House and Gutters. Will also have a booth at WDAD.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2039 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on April 21st, 2019.

Minutes submitted by:

Ben Smith, Vice President (for R. Comperini)
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