



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 Ben Smith on April 16, 2019 at 1902 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

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

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

The following agency representatives were present: Michelle Palmer, Eduardo Garcia, Andres Diaz (San Bernardino Fire Hazard Abatement), Ariel Verayu (Los Angeles County Agricultural Commission).

Public comments and questions: Terri Hill represented the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council at the Paradise Fire Fundraiser. Paradise fire discussion of house to house fire- appropriate screen size (1/16") for vents, and clearing gutters. Still 100's of properties yet to be cleared with the State of California covering most of the costs.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the March 2019 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Terri Hill. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion passed 6/0.

California Climate Investments (CCI) Grant: The Wrightwood Fire Safe Council was not awarded the grant. Discussion regarding scoring system and scores given to grant application (62.5 pts out of 100 pts). There were 40 grant applications submitted and 16 were awarded statewide. Lowest scoring grant awarded was in the mid to high 70's. Positives are we have a lot of ground work accomplished for the next grant cycle and know areas needing improvement.

Funding Opportunity- California Conservation Corps (CCC): \$173,000 (appx. 5000 hours) awarded to the CCC through Prop 68, currently evaluating 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 RPF to walk area of work, and continuing with mapping possible work. Focusing on East side of Wrightwood due to past fire history.

Southern California Edison Grant: The Wrightwood Fire Safe Council has applied for a grant (\$5,100) through SCE to cover miscellaneous costs of annual Wildfire Disaster and Awareness Day, and Green Waste Events. Costs include flyer production and mailings, emergency contact magnets, portable restrooms.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: No Representative. Chris Matthews has taken a new job out of the area with a different agency.

San Bernardino National Forest: No Representative, no info.

CalFire: No representative, no info.



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LA County Fire: No Representative, no info.

SB County Fire: No Representative, no info.

SB County Code Enforcement (Eduardo Garcia, Andres Diaz): Coordinating fire hazard abatement inspections to coincide with WFSC Green Waste Event.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayu): Winter Rains have increased vegetation significantly. There are 63 unimproved parcels in Wrightwood with inspections in with June 1st due date. All work completed by end of June.

Treasurer's report: \$13,944.76 in the account

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 Mailers. Flyers submitted to elementary and middle schools for distribution to students.
- 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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2029 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on May 21st, 2019.

Minutes submitted by:

Ben Smith, Vice President (for R. Comperini)
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council