



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 21, 2019 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, Ben Smith, Kathy Smith. Absent was: Bruce LaClaire.

The following agency representatives were present: Jeff Enerick (LA County Fire), Julie Hernandez (SB County Code Enforcement), Susie Kirschner (Inland Empire Resource Conservation District), Dan Telez (SB County Fire), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission)

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

Public comments and questions: John Aziz Oak Springs Valley (Desert Front Road) area was identified as one of the areas for treatment funded by the CCC. CCC funding by fall 2019. First priority will be the Wright Mountain Road area, followed by the Blackbird and then the Oak Springs Valley roadways

SB County Fire Glen Helen crew has indicated they may begin with Oak Springs treatment before CCC funding is complete.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Terri Hill. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 5/0. Robert Comperini & Jim Emery abstained

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (Susie Kirschner): Susie was present to brief the WFSC on what the IERCD does. She presented an overview of the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Grant. This grant is available for: Funding Demo projects, Bark Beetle treatment, education and outreach, and funding support staff. They can manage contract for us if desired.

Angeles National Forest: No report.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake via email): Staffing and training ramping up for 2019 fire season. There was one 28 acre fire near Mill Creek. 32.5 acres have burned so far since March 2019. City Creek fuel moisture levels were 107 for new and 87 for old growth.

Cal Fire: No report.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Discussed property inspections taking place in the Antelope Valley. Inspections in the LA Portion of Wrightwood will begin in June.

LA County Fire (Jeff Enerick): As of 5/16, all homes in the LA County portion of Wrightwood and along Big Pines Highway have been inspected for defensible space. Only two properties were found to be out of compliance.

SB County Fire (Dan Telez): Dan asked the WFSC for feedback from County Fire's participation in the recent WDAD. Dan asked the WFSC if there was anything they needed for the upcoming green waste event. Dan spoke about the recent small fire on SR-2. No cause has been established yet, although these kinds of fires tend to be caused by a discarded cigarette.

SB County Code Enforcement (Julie Hernandez): Discussed the success of the new software they are using to issue violations. Use of this system has significantly reduced the number of phone calls Code Enforcement receives, from property owners who didn't understand what the violation was for. The new system also reduces the number of errors when generating the citation.

Treasurer's report: Terri Hill presented the latest report to the WFSC. WDAD income from sales, food, donations: \$620.10. Mountain hardware donation toward green waste event: \$300. Ending balance \$13905.73.

New/continued business: Terri Hill is still looking for volunteers to man the green waste event. John Aziz mentioned that banners are in. Porta potties are scheduled for the event.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2018 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on June 18, 2019.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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