



**Wrightwood Fire Safe Council**

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Instead of a regular business meeting, the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council hosted a Gold Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB) community presentation, which was held at the Wrightwood Community Center. During this presentation, representatives from various agencies gave presentations to educate the public on GSOB.

Since this was not a regular business meeting, no minutes were taken. Enclosed, are the handouts given to attendees.

Submitted by:

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Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council



## Wrightwood Community Meeting Agenda Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB): Invasive Pest

Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Wrightwood Community Building, 1275 Highway 2, Wrightwood

- 1) Welcome & Introductions: Wrightwood Fire Safe Council
- 2) Forest Pests & Sugarloaf & Wrightwood Discovery – Ian McBride, CAL FIRE Forestry Assistant
- 3) GSOB ID, Biology, Life History, & Threats - Andrea R. Hefty, PhD, USDA Forest Entomologist
- 4) GSOB Infestation Treatment, Management Options, & Prevention - Andrea R. Hefty, PhD, USDA Forest Entomologist
- 5) Oak Glen Experiences: DOUG CHUDY, The Wildlands Conservancy, Preserve Design & Planning Director
- 6) Potential Funding Sources to Assist Property Owners  
Natural Resources Conservation Services - Tomas Aguilar Campos, District Conservationist  
Inland Empire Resource Conservation District – Susie Kirschner, Program Manager
- 7) University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners – Shelley Egan, Master Gardener
- 8) Next steps – Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance, Laura Dyberg
- 9) Questions & Answers

Closing comments



# *Is There a Killer Lurking in Your Firewood?*

**Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) *Agrilus auroguttatus*** is an invasive pest contributing to the on-going oak tree mortality occurring on federal, state, private, and local Native American lands in many areas of Southern California. Isolated areas of infestation have been confirmed in Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties in Southern California. **GSOB was detected in Wrightwood this month.** Widespread oak mortality can have severe implications to the environment and human safety. Due to the current and potential impacts to California oaks and communities, public and private organizations are working together in the research, education and outreach efforts related to GSOB management.

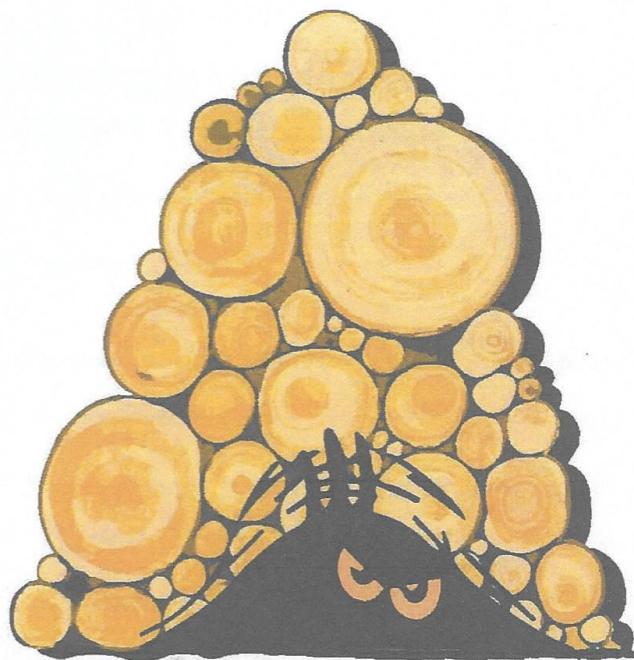
A special public workshop, hosted by Wrightwood Fire Safe Council, is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19 at the Wrightwood Community Building, 1275 Hwy 2, Wrightwood, 7:00pm**, to provide the general public with information about this invasive and devastating pest.

The beetles aggressively attack California black oaks, coast live oaks and canyon live oaks. Dead trees can also increase risk of fire danger. Selling fire wood from the downed dead oaks helps the beetle move from community to community.

While the beetle is native to Arizona, but is believed to have traveled first to San Diego County and then Riverside and now up to the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains via infested fire wood.

Come to the workshop to learn more about the beetle, how to identify it or evidence it has attacked your trees and what the USFS, CAL FIRE, other local authorities and organizations are doing to address it.

For more info about the GSOB, visit [www.GSOB.org](http://www.GSOB.org).



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