



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 October 20, 2020 at 1900 hours local time. This was a virtual meeting, held live using the Zoom service. This meeting was recorded. Audio of the meeting is available here: <https://wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/10.20.20.WFSC.mp4>.

Roll call: The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, Jim Emery, Ben Smith, Kathy Smith. The following directors were absent: Robert Comperini, Hank Hallmark.

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Chief Dave Corbin (SB County Fire), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission).

Upcoming WFSC Meetings: Because of the continued Covid threat, it has been decided that for the near term, WFSC meetings will resume, as virtual Zoom meetings.

Zoom is audio/video conferencing software that is free to use. People interested in attending future WFSC meetings via zoom, can do so by visiting the Zoom website at www.zoom.us. Zoom is also available as an iOS and Android app. You are not required to sign up for an account to view the meeting. You only need to have their software running to attend with video and all the features Zoom offers. The Zoom meeting ID for these upcoming WFSC meetings, is: 977 9263 6671. All meetings will begin at 7:00pm California time.

Upcoming virtual meetings:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
(no meeting in December 2020)
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

If you prefer not to use Zoom software, you can still participate by telephone. To attend by phone only, dial (669) 900-6833. When prompted, enter the meeting ID, which is 977 9263 6671#. When prompted for a password, enter 723743#

Public comments and questions: None

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the February 2020 meeting could not be approved, as there was not a quorum present.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

SB County Fire (Chief Dave Corbin): Introduced himself to the FSC. The chief praised the hospitality of the residents of Wrightwood for their support of the fire fighters that fought the Bobcat fire. Chief Corbin can be reached by email at dcorbin@sbcfire.org.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Prescribed burning has taken place, including along the I-15 corridor in the Cajon Pass. During the summer, the Forest Service has had several fires to respond to, including the Apple and El Dorado fires and the fire in the Lytle Creek area. Aircraft support this year has been very important to getting these fires under control quickly. For fiscal year 2021, budgeted items will include additional fuel reduction in the I-15 corridor in the Cajon Pass, and fuels reduction in the Lone Pine Canyon areas. Prescribed burns will most likely begin in spring 2021. The Forest still has a campfire prohibition in effect, due to the high fire danger. Lauren discussed their efforts to protect their staff from Covid. This includes temperature checks, and mask wearing mandates.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Fire hazard clearance began in May 2020 and ended in August. Over 11,800 parcels were cleared this year in the Antelope Valley. Last year, 11,668 parcels were cleared. Currently, their department is concentrating on tumbleweed mowing. Parcels in the Lake Hughes area will also be treated soon. Since the lake has dried up, there are new areas of the former lake bottom that are dry and pose a fire hazard.

Treasurer's report: Ben Smith, acting financial officer reports that as of September 30, 2020, the WFSC has \$26,007.02 in the bank. Since February 2020, 5 checks were written for various expenses.

New/continued business: None

Upcoming Winter Traffic Meeting: John Aziz reported that there has been discussions as to whether or not to have a meeting this year. Because of Covid, it was decided that there is no way the meeting can take place in person, at the Community Center. The idea of a virtual meeting was also suggested. Ultimately, it was decided that this meeting will take place as a series of emails between agencies. These emails should commence in mid to late November.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on November 17, 2020.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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