



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 June 15, 2021 at 1800 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/WFSC.6.15.21.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Peter Brierty (Retired SBCFD Fire Marshal), Michelle Palmer (SB County Code Enforcement), Tom Stukey (LA County Fire), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission), Chief Bill Vilorio (SB County Fire), Stephen Volmer (CAL FIRE).

Announcements: None

Public comments: None

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting were approved as written. Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. John Aziz seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

SB Fire Hazard Abatement Inspections (Michele Palmer): Inspections in Wrightwood began 6/7/2021. Inspections were completed on 6/15/2021. Notices will be going out next week. Almost 700 violations notices were issued in Wrightwood.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: No report.

San Bernardino National Forest: No report

CCC: No report

CAL FIRE (Stephen Volmer): Staffing level at full for this fire season level. Capt Volmer mentioned a few small brush fires that they responded to in the local desert areas. The Pilot Rock crews are positioned at Camp Elk for the fire season. CAL FIRE will be removing trees along SR-2 just east of the fire station in Wrightwood.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Fuel reduction projects have begun in the Green Valley area. Illegal dumping locations are going to be cleaned up in August. These sites are located in the Sun Village and Lake Los Angeles areas. Wrightwood inspections took place on 6/21/2021. 17 properties were non-compliant. The county will clear those properties soon, if not cleared by the owners.

LA County Fire (Tom Stukey): Chief Stukey discussed the recent active shooter event at the Agua Dulce fire station, which claimed the life of one fireman, and the injury to another. LA County Fire continues to collaborate with LASD regarding the illegal grow eradications. LA County Fire's concern is the availability of water to fight fires. Chief Stukey discussed the importance of their helicopter assets in firefighting.

SB County Fire (Bill Vilorio): The department supported the recent 250 acre Oak Hills fire. Cause of the fire appears to be from a homeless encampment. Fire season staffing is in place. There was an active duty fireman death due to medical issues.

Treasurer's report: Ben reports that the WFSC spent \$275.40 for website hosting and domain name registration. The WFSC received a donation from Amazon Smile for \$45.08.

New/continued business: At the July meeting, the WFSC will reevaluate whether or not we can resume in-person meetings. Kathy Smith reported on her recent attendance at the Wrightwood Property Owners Association ice cream social event. Kathy was there to promote the WFSC and hand out literature to people.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1850 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on July 20, 2021.

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
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council