



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 February 15, 2022 at 1803 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.2.15.2022.mp3>.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Sadie Albers (Wrightwood CSD), Travis Lemm (CAL FIRE), Frank Spandler (CAL FIRE), Tom Stuke (LA County Fire).

Announcements: None

WCSD fire protection feasibility report: Is scheduled to be discussed at a special meeting to be held at 7:00pm local time on February 22, 2022. Sadie reports that this meeting is not canceled, even though the Mountaineer Progress newspaper reported this meeting as being canceled.

Community wildfire protection plan (CWPP) updates: Ben Smith will take the lead on future CWPP updates. Original CWPP was created in the early 2000s. Approximately 3 to 5 years ago, a grant was issued to update our CWPP. There is more funding now, to continue the update of this document.

Gold spotted oak Borer (GSOB): Frank Spandler is a Forester with CAL FIRE. He has been assigned the task of preparing the response plan to the GSOB problem in Wrightwood. Frank worked at Big Pines in the late 1970s as an interpreter/naturalist. He then became an operator on the Forest Service engine in Big Pines in 1979-1980. Frank then became a forester with the USFS in the Sequoia and Stanislaus National Forests. In 1994, he went to work for CAL FIRE managing the bark beetle program in the San Jacinto mountain area. He then transferred to Tulare County, where he worked as a Forester, and later Assistant Chief. Tentative training dates for GSOB spotters will be 3/24/2022 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. This training will be a virtual meeting, held over Zoom. During the meeting, CAL FIRE will provide an introduction to GSOB, current survey methods and management, tree assessments, online tools, etc. Another training session on 3/25/2022 will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This will be an in-person training session. Tree assessments, field tools and outreach materials will be discussed during this training event.

Public comments and questions: None

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting were approved. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Terri Hill. Motion passed 6/0.

Return to in-person meetings: Meetings will continue to be held remotely using Zoom for the near future.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: No report. Ben Smith briefly discussed Mountain High's role as the new concessionaire. Ben also discussed the proposed mountain biking activities, being proposed for Mountain High West. The process is currently in the comment period within the ANF.

San Bernardino National Forest: No report.

CCC: No report.

CAL FIRE (Travis Lemm): Supporting fires when they happen. CAL FIRE has begun the hiring process for the next fire season. CAL FIRE is still working on various fuel reduction projects. The scheduling process for the green waste disposal program at the Phelan station was published. Fenner Division Chief Duran Gaddy has retired. Chief Joe Pigeon will be taking his place.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

LA County Fire (Tom Stukey): Still working on mutual aid agreements with SB County Fire. No major updates since last month.

SB County Fire: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

Treasurer's report: Not much activity during this period. Recent deposits include a \$100 donation from Blackbaud Giving Fund (McKay family).

New/continued business: The WFSC was asked if we thought we would be holding a green waste event this year. Jim Emery reported that it was a little too early for us to make that decision.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1849 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on March 15, 2022.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council