



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 March 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.3.15.2022.mp3>.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Matthew Bokach (ANF), Karl Hegle (SB County Fire), Seth Mitchell (ANF), Philip Salazar (San Bernardino County Code Enforcement), Tom Stukey (LA County Fire), Strech Suba (CERT), Stephen Volmer (CAL FIRE).

Announcements: None

WCSD fire protection feasibility report: On February 22, 2022, the Wrightwood CSD (WCSD) held a special meeting to discuss the feasibility report. The WCSD has determined that it is not in the best interest to continue working on this effort.

Gold spotted oak borer (GSOB) training: John Aziz reported that as of now, not enough people have signed up for this training. The Zoom meeting training can be held as scheduled on 3/24/2022, but the in-person training scheduled for 3/25/2022, cannot take place unless more people sign up. An effort is being made to get more people to sign up for this training.

Wrightwood Property Owners Association Garden Faire: This event will take place on May 7, 2022 at the Wrightwood community building.

Green waste recycling event: This event will be held at the county yard located at 1452 SR-2 in Wrightwood. The event will be held June 3, 4, 5, 2022 from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Philip Salazar, of SB County Code Enforcement agreed to postpone the beginning of their property inspections until after this event. The WFSC is looking for volunteers to man this event.

Public comments and questions: Strech Suba of CERT, expressed a desire to help revive the annual WDAD event. He and John Aziz will look into this, and possibly see if there is a way the event could be held toward the end of summer 2022.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting were approved. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Terri Hill. Motion passed 7/0.

Return to in-person meetings: Meetings will continue to be held remotely using Zoom for the near future. John Aziz did make contact with the CSD for rental on the facility, for when we do return to in-person meetings.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Matthew Bokach): Matthew discussed the current ANF policies on Covid. As of right now, masking is no longer required, and much of the ANF personnel will return from work-at-home status. In-person meetings are still limited to 50 people, but ANF expects that to be lifted soon.

Adrienne Dunfee, deputy monument manager for the south side of the monument, has taken a temporary assignment in another division of the ANF. Division Chief Seth Mitchell will fill in as deputy manager.

Fuels work (pile burning, broadcast burning, etc.) has shifted to Chilao portion of the Forest. Work will continue in the Big Pines area, when weather conditions permit.

The Mountain High mountain bike project is moving forward. The public comments portion of the review has ended, and ANF will be reviewing the comments submitted, and making any changes that are deemed necessary.

The Mountain High concession permit process is still ongoing. Several issues will need to be resolved before operations can begin.

San Bernardino National Forest: No report.

CCC: No report.

CAL FIRE (Stephen Volmer): CAL FIRE has supported several fires throughout the state, including the Heritage Fire in the Oro Grande area. Fire season will be here soon. CAL FIRE will begin staffing equipment for fire season beginning April 11, 2022. Stephen offered his support for our upcoming green waste event.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

LA County Fire (Tom Stukey): Water theft in the Lake Los Angeles area has tapered off, thanks to recent task force activities.

SB County Fire (Karl Hegle): SB County Fire is interested in reviving the WDAD event. The new fire engine should be placed in operation by summer.

SB County Code Enforcement (Philip Salazar): Two inspectors have been added. This brings the total to 5 fire hazard inspectors. Wrightwood inspections will take place after the green waste event (6/6/2022). Philip confirms that the Desert Front Road areas are now a part of their inspection area. John asked if there were any pamphlets available to educate Wrightwood residents on property clearance requirements. Philip will provide that information to the WFSC.

Treasurer's report: WFSC received a \$48.07 check from Amazon Smile.

New/continued business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1929 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on April 19, 2022.

Minutes submitted by:

Robert Comperini

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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