



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 Ben Smith on April 19, 2022 at 1804 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.4.19.2022.mp3>.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Matthew Bokach (ANF), Charles Bostwick (LA County Supervisor Barger Assistant Field Deputy), Karl Hegle (SB County Fire), Travis Lemm (CAL FIRE), Philip Salazar (San Bernardino County Code Enforcement), Strech Suba (CERT), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission).

Announcements: None

Gold spotted oak borer (GSOB) training: Training was conducted March 24-25, 2022. FSC members that participated agreed that the training was very well done. Ben Smith summarized the training that was given. Four WFSC board members attended the training. It is generally agreed that GSOB has spread over large areas due to the transportation of firewood, and mulch. Public education and the proper disposal of GSOB infected trees plays an important role in eliminating GSOB.

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.

John Aziz reported that this event will be similar to past events, except that it's 3 days instead of 8. No inmates helping with chipping this year. Paid fire crews will man the chippers. The flyer for the event is posted on the WFSC website.

Public comments and questions: None

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting were approved. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Terri Hill. Motion passed 6/0. Hank Hallmark abstained since he was not at the meeting.

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. It is recommended that the WFSC hold a board meeting soon, to further discuss this issue.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Matthew Bokach): More pile burning may take place again later this week, depending on weather conditions. This upcoming burn will most likely be the last burn of the season. ANF is already sending personnel to support wildfires in other states. The concessionaire permitting process has been finalized. The permit is good for two years. Mountain High will start operating the facilities that are part of this permit later this month.

San Bernardino National Forest: No report.

CCC: No report.

CAL FIRE (Travis Lemm): All stations will be open soon. By May 16, 2022, stations will be fully staffed for fire season. CAL FIRE property inspections have begun in their areas of responsibility. Travis will report back with the status of the removal of hazard trees located along SR-2. CAL FIRE will look at providing clearing & maintenance by the county yard area, before the green waste event begins.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): The department is ready to begin property inspections. Weed and brush clearance projects have begun on LA County properties. Property inspections will begin in the Wrightwood area, near the end of May or early June 2022.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Fire (Karl Hegle): A new engine will be assigned to the Wrightwood station by this summer. Karl will talk to Ben Smith at a later time, to discuss how the fire department can best serve the Mountain High area, when the mountain biking attraction begins.

SB County Code Enforcement (Philip Salazar): Property inspections will begin within one week after the green waste event. If a property fails its inspection, the county will send the property owner a "notice to abate". This notice details what needs to be done to the property to bring it in to compliance. The property owner has 30 days to make the corrections. After 30 days, the county will re-inspect the property. If the property is still not in compliance, a second notice is issued. This second notice gives the property owner 10 days to correct the issues. If the property is still not in compliance after the 10 days, the county contractor will come to the property and will correct the problems, at the owner's expense.

LA County Board of Supervisor's Office (Chuck Bostwick): Chuck introduced himself to the board.

Treasurer's report: The current bank account balance is \$23,905.48. In the last month, two \$100 checks were deposited, plus one \$10 cash deposit. Ben Smith reports that he changed the bank account to "paperless". This waives a \$4 per month fee. Ben asked to be added to the online banking access for the account. John Aziz made a motion to approve this. Terri Hill seconded the motion. Motion was approved 7/0.

New/continued business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1917 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on May 17, 2022.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council