



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 August 16, 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.8.16.2022.mp3>.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Beeyond Prepared (Patricia), Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Stan (CERT), Victoria Rineck (Mountaineer Progress), Strech Suba (CERT), Steve Tracy (San Bernardino County Fire), Matt Ramstead (ANF), Joe Pigeon (CAL FIRE)

Public comments and questions: None.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting were approved as written. John Aziz made a motion to approve. Terri Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0. The minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting were approved as written. John Aziz made a motion to approve. Terri Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0. Ben Smith abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

WWPOA hosted Sheep Fire debrief: Jim Emery reported that several WFSC board members attended via Zoom and in person. Response to the fire was discussed. Not much information about post-fire rehabilitation efforts was given. The cost of fighting this fire was estimated to be between 10-13 million dollars. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Highway 2 right-of-way fuels project: John Aziz reported that a resident contacted him regarding outer highway 2 area that is overgrown. Caltrans was contacted since it's their right of way. Caltrans wanted to see if CCC could provide support to clear this area. Ben Smith has been in contact with responsible agencies. Work has begun to clear that area.

Return to in-person meetings: Meetings will continue to be held remotely using Zoom for the near future. Jim Emery did discuss the possibility of returning to in-person meetings, using the Big Pines facility.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Matt Ramstead): Will ask ANF if we could use the Big Pines facility to hold future in-person WFSC meeting. A 1.3 million dollar grant was received, for fuels reductions along the south side of Big Pines Highway. A contract is out to bid. There are several bidders on this 1200 acre project. ANF is currently working on the NEPA document for Sheep Fire restoration. Project will be submitted for fiscal year 2024. The district has a fuel break strategy that they want to implement. If approved, this would allow fuel breaks to be constructed from Table mountain eastward to SR-2 and toward Highway138.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Devore is considering setting up their own Fire Safe Council. Lauren discussed recent fuel moisture levels. Lytle Creek has a fuels reductions project that is going through the public comment period. This comment period will end August 26, 2022. The Cajon Pass Ignition Reduction project in cooperation with Caltrans is moving forward after some delays.

CCC: No report.

CAL FIRE (Joe Pigeon): Some grants opportunities are coming up, if the WFSC is interested in pursuing those.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Fire (Steve Tracy): New equipment for station 14 is being purchased from a grant SB County fire received through Assemblyman Lackey. This money will be used to purchase another 4-wheel drive fire engine similar to the one station 14 has now.

LA County Board of Supervisor's Office: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

Treasurer's report: No report.

New/continued business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1903 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on September 20, 2022.

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 "C".

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council