



Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by Jim Emery on October 18, 2022 at 6:00pm local time, at the Wrightwood Community Center. This meeting was recorded and can be heard here:

<https://wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WFSC.10.18.2022.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Lauren Blake (SB National Forest), Julie Clark (UC Cooperative Extension), Cameron Marston (SB County Fire), Jesse Quinalty (SB County Fire), Matt Ramstead (ANF), Vicky Rinek (Mountaineer Progress), Strech Suba (CERT), Jen Miescher-Vandevrugt (SB County Fire), Steve Volmer (CAL FIRE)

Public comments and questions: Strech Suba announced upcoming CERT basic training classes. These classes will be held the first three Saturdays in November 2022, from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Wrightwood Community Center.

San Bernardino County Fire will have an open house event at the Phelan station on November 5, 2022.

Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve the July 19, 2022 minutes was made by Jim Emery. Motion second made by John Aziz. Motion passed 5/0. Ben Smith, David Larkin and Kathy Smith abstained as they were not present at the meet.

A motion to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes was made by Jim Emery. Motion second made by John Aziz. Motion passed 7/0. Hank Hallmark abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

A motion to approve the September 20, 2022 minutes was made by John Aziz. Motion second made by Jim Emery. Motion passed 3/0. Robert Comperini, Kathy Smith, Hank Hallmark, Terri Hill and David Larkin abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

WFSC Board Elections: Jim Emery announced that the time for WFSC board elections is coming up. In January 2023, a nominating committee of at least 3 members will be formed. In February 2023, the committee will present the slate of nominees to the current board. In March 2023, elections will take place.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Anges National Forest: (Matt Ramstead): A fuels reduction contract was awarded for the area along the south side of Big Pines Highway from Table Mountain westward toward the Forest boundary. The contractor may begin work as early as November 2022. This is a three year contract.

Sheep fire update: No cause has been announced. Areas that were previously masticated did will in the fire. Mastication efforts do help.



San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Lauren discussed current fuel moisture levels in the Forest. Moisture levels near the Devore area are low, but not yet at a critical level. They are better than last year's levels. Other levels are above normal. Recently lightning strike fires have not spread.

Staffing: The Forest is currently not at full staffing levels. There have been a significant number of resignations. Some engines are out of service, because of staffing shortages.

Prescribed burning: Forest was on a "burn pause" since last May. Management is currently updating burn plans to include latest guidance and rules.

Lytle Creek hazardous fuel reduction project: The proposed 4800 acre project is moving forward. The public comment period has ended. It is expected that this plan will be approved in the fall.

I-15 corridor project: Was not done this year. Expected to start up again in spring 2023.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Steve Volmer): CAL FIRE is updating the Fire Hazard Severity Zones Maps for the state of California. These maps have not been updated since the late 1980's. The updates should be complete by early 2023.

New fire protection grants: Grants come out in fall 2022. CAL FIRE will keep the WFSC updated on what grants may be available.

Staffing: Staffing levels are normal for this time of year. Everyone is back from remote deployments to other fires.

Pilot Rock facility: Upgrades are not completed yet. There are 5 paid crews on site now. This will be reduced to 2 crews at the end of the fire season.

Fenner: Currently staffed with 3 inmate crews.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire (Jesse Quinalty): The Phelan station will hold an open house on November 5, 2022 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Wrightwood statistics for the month of September:

Vegetation fire:	1
Other fire:	1
Investigation/Alarm:	5
Medical:	36
Traffic collision with extrication:	1
Total:	44



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SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

Treasurer's report: A check was written to renew our Zoom account. An Amazon smile donation was received.

New/ Continued Business: Ben Smith wants a board discussion to talk about the National Forest Foundation GSOB Grant and what our next steps should be on how to use grant money

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1915 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held at the Wrightwood Community Building on November 15, 2022 at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini".

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council