



Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by Jim Emery on January 17th, 2023 at 1802 hours local time. Because of the possibility of inclement weather, this meeting was held via Zoom. This meeting was recorded and can be heard here:

<https://wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WFSC.1.17.23.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Beeyond Prepared, Julie Clark (US Cooperative Extension – Ventura), Tim Heinrich, Travis Lemm (CAL FIRE), Seth Mitchell (ANF), Vicky Rinek (Mountaineer Progress), Donna Termeer (LA County Supervisor Barger's office).

Public comments and questions: Vicky Rinek: The Wrightwood Village Foundation will be hosting a grant writing workshop to be held on January 25, 2023 at 6:00pm. There will be a small charge for attending this workshop. Contact Vicky for more information.

Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve the November 15, 2022 minutes was made by John Aziz. Motion second made by Hank Hallmark. Motion passed 4/0. Robert Comperini, Kathy Smith abstained as they were not present at the meeting. There was no meeting in December 2022.

WFSC Board Elections: Jim Emery asked for names of people who want to be on the nomination committee. During January, nominations to the board will be accepted by the committee. At the February meeting, the slate of board nominees will be announced. In March, board elections will take place.

GSOB Updates: Ben Smith discussed the latest flyer that was released. This flyer discusses the best practices to help prevent the spread of GSOB. Julie Clark went over the content of this flyer. The flyer is posted on the Wrightwood FireSafe Council website. There was a discussion about making contact with firewood vendors.

Ben reported that several agencies including the National Forest Foundation, CAL FIRE, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD), Angeles National Forest and others have been working together to create more educational training workshops for the public. The St. Edwards Retreat Center in Wrightwood has offered the use of their facilities to host these workshops.

Ben reported that the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) has been awarded another grant for GSOB surveys and treatments. On private lands, property owner permission is required. A process is needed to reach out to owners to get this permission and a process to get those permissions back to IERCD.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest: (Seth Mitchell): ANF will be reducing fire restrictions soon. The ANF will be going from "Very high" to "high". Seth discussed the recent controlled burns that took place in the Big Pines area before Christmas. Burning will resume when conditions are optimal. Staffing levels are normal.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.



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CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Travis Lemm): No large fires at this time. CAL FIRE crews supported several flooding related work around the state (sand bagging, etc.). New helicopter was used for its first hoist rescue recently.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

Treasurer's report: Ben reported that the WFSC did receive a check for reimbursement of green waste event printing charges. The check was for \$1,163.88.

New/ Continued Business: None

Ben Smith mentioned that one of the discounts available on his property insurance was living in a "fire wise community". Ben wants to look into this more to see if Wrightwood would qualify. This could help residents secure insurance, or get discounts on their insurance premiums.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1921 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held at the Wrightwood Community Building on February 21, 2023 at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by:

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

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council