



## 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 April 18, 2023 at 1805 hours local time. This meeting was held at the Wrightwood Community Building. Audio of this meeting is available here:  
<https://wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WFSC.4.18.23.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present:

Julie Clark (US Cooperative Extension – Ventura), Eddie Limbaga (St. Edward Retreat Center), Vicky Renick (Mountaineer Progress), Gay Crusius ([Green Valley Oak Tree Alliance](#)), Ian McBride (CAL FIRE), Ron Wright (ANF), Patricia Gonzalez (Beeyond Prepared), Capt Wright (SB CO FIRE), Matthew Bokach (ANF), Stan Souders (CERT), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission)

**Public comments and questions:** Stan Sounders announced that there will be a Basic CERT Class to be held April 22, 2023 in Pinon Hills.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Ben Smith. Motion approved 4/0. Jim Emery abstained as he was not at the meeting.

**WDAD:** This event will be held on May 13, 2023 at the Mountain Hardware parking lot from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

**Green Waste Recycling Event:** Will be held June 2-4, 2023 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This event will be held at the county yard in Wrightwood.

**WFSC Board Elections:** Because the March 2023 meeting was held virtually, board elections were postponed from the April 18, 2023 meeting. Board elections took place. The Wrightwood FSC welcomes new board member Tim Heinrich to the board. The Wrightwood FSC also thanks outgoing board member Terri Hill for her years of service to the WFSC. Terri has moved out of state, and is no longer able to participate as a board member. After the elections, the current board for the WFSC is: John Aziz, Robert Comperini, David Larkin, Jim Emery, Hank Hallmark, Tim Heinrich, Ben Smith and Kathy Smith.

**GSOB Updates:** Residents, who would like someone to inspect Oak trees on their property, may complete the online application, found at: <https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/GSOB/gsobinspection.htm>. The community GSOB training workshop will be held the morning of Saturday June 17, 2023. This event will take place at the St. Edwards Retreat Center in Wrightwood. Lunch will be provided. There is no fee for attending this event. People interested in attending may send an email to [staff@wrightwoodfsc.com](mailto:staff@wrightwoodfsc.com) to reserve a spot. For more information, visit: <https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/GSOB/gsobworkshop.htm>.

### Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Anges National Forest (Matthew Bokach): Matthew discussed staffing changes. The favorable weather has allowed ANF to perform a lot of prescribed burns, in the Big Pines area and in other areas within the Forest. Fuel reductions will continue on the south side of Big Pines Highway. \$30 million dollars in funding has been allocated for fuels reductions.



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Matthew discussed the ANF's current plan to combat GSOB.

The mountain biking agreement with Mountain High has been approved. Mountain High expects to open the mountain biking attraction later this summer.

The ANF is seeking bids for the new concessionaire. The existing permit issued to Mountain High (the incumbent) is expiring soon. ANF expects to award the contract in early 2024.

Matthew briefly discussed that there are restoration projects scheduled for the areas of the Bobcat and Sheep fires. In the Sheep fire area, the road to the old quarry in the Desert Front road area will be decommissioned and made impassible.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Ian McBride): Staffing levels are currently changing from winter staffing to transitional staffing. CAL FIRE will have 7 hand crews during fire season at the Pilot Rock Fire Center. Residential burn permits expire at end of April. Residents must re-apply to get new permits.

There are currently two fuels reduction projects CAL FIRE is working on. The old Oak Springs Ranch area near Desert Front Road is a project of approximately 100 acres in size. This project is currently on hold, pending a Department of Fish and Wildlife determination on listing the Joshua trees in the project area. The Department of Fish and wildlife will be meeting in the next few months. The second project is in the area east of I-15 along the Forestry Road. This project is also on hold for issues regarding wildlife in that area.

CAL FIRE is still working on getting Pilot Rock Fire Center crews certified for tree climbing

CAL FIRE was involved with snow removal in Mammoth/big bear/arrowhead

CAL FIRE will attend the San Bernardino County fair.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): We conducted a survey in the Antelope Valley and Green Valley. The areas are very green and there is a lot of vegetation from rains and snow. The poppies are in bloom. We expect a very busy season because of the increased vegetation. We have hired additional employees and additional vendors for cleanup and removal. Wrightwood properties will be inspected beginning the second week of June. Our department will be at WDAD. LA County property inspections will begin during the third week of April. Inspection of private properties will begin during the first week of May.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire (Capt Wright): Capt. Wright discussed the 3 rescues this winter that used their new snow cat. Two of these rescues were at night, during storm conditions. The snow cat was also used in the Lake Arrowhead area. Station 14 sustained some damage from the snow storms. These included damage to vents and the radio tower. Hand crews helped dig out fire hydrants during the storms.

John Aziz asked about the explorers at WDAD. Captain Wright replied that ROP from Serrano will be there. The department is still trying to get the seismic trailer for WDAD. Jr Fire challenge will happen.



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SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

**Treasurer's report:** Ben Smith submitted the FY22 report. It is attached to the end of this document.

**New/ Continued Business:** Beyond Prepared announced two events they will be attending.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held at the Wrightwood Community Building on May 16, 2023 at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by:

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

Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council