



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 June 20, 2023 at 1807 hours local time. This meeting was held at the Wrightwood Community Building. Audio of this meeting is available here:
<https://wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WFSC.6.20.23.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Julie Clark (US Cooperative Extension – Ventura), Patricia Gonzalez (Beeyond Prepared), David Haas (CAL FIRE), Ray Mitchilson (Los Angeles ACS), Isidro Mora (ANF), Vicky Renick (Mountaineer Progress), Strech Suba (CERT), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission), Jon Wight (CAL FIRE), Ron Wright (ANF).

Public comments and questions: Local resident and photographer Karen Godfrey displayed some photos she took of the recent Sheep fire.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Hank Hallmark. Motion approved 7/0.

Tri-Community Green Waste Recycling Event Recap: This event was held June 2-4, 2023. During this 18 hour event, 662 vehicles were serviced, and over 57 tons of green waste was collected. The Wrightwood FSC thanks everyone who helped make this event a success, including CERT, CR&R, the Wrightwood CSD, San Bernardino County Fire, San Bernardino County Public Works, Snowline School district, CAL FIRE, Mountain High, Mountain Hardware, the volunteers that worked the event, and Wrightwood residents for participating. Several donations were received.

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 recent workshop held on 6/17/2023 at the St. Edward Retreat Center was a success, and was well attended. Thanks to CAL FIRE, Tree People, SCE, and other agencies and Fire Safe Councils for supporting this event.

US Cooperative Extension (Julie Clark): Julie discussed the recent GSOB workshop. It was well attended. Several agencies were in attendance. See www.gsob.org for more information.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (Ron White): The ANF will have "No Fireworks" signs in place for the 4th of July. ANF will attend Mountaineer Days. Defensible space inspections of local organizational camps will begin soon. The Table Mountain fuel reductions project is still in progress. Ron discussed future burn plans for that area. Controlled burns in the Blue Ridge area will begin soon. Site visits with potential contractors for future fuels reduction projects along Big Pines Highway will take place soon. Expect those contracts to be finalized soon. Work on the project could begin as soon as fall of 2023.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.



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CAL FIRE (Davis Haas): CAL FIRE is fully staffed for fire season. All stations are open. There are two crews at each conservation camp. A total of seven crews are planned to be stationed at Pilot Rock. Five crews will be stations there by the end of June 2023. David briefly discussed CAL FIRE's air support capabilities.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): The department is still very busy clearing vacant parcels in their area. They have hired additional employees to help with the increased workload. Clearing in the Green Valley area is in progress. Wrightwood and Juniper Hills inspections should be completed this week. In Wrightwood, 27 properties out of 67 are non-compliant.

LA County Fire: Brush inspections are being completed in the Wrightwood area. No burn permits will be issued after June 26, 2023. While this does not affect the Wrightwood area, it does affect areas such as the Antelope Valley. There was a 1500 acre grass fire in the northeast area of the Antelope Valley. Augmented staffing will be in place during the 4th of July. LA County Fire would like to know more about Mountain High's mountain biking attraction, to make sure they have an emergency plan in place for injuries.

SB County Fire (Capt. Wright): The department is at normal staffing levels. Repairs to the station from the winter storms continue. Assemblyman Lackey is helping to secure funding for a new Type 3 and water tender. This project is currently in the ordering phase.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report. John Aziz said the Desert Front Road area has been completed. The county has an interactive website allowing people to see which properties have been inspected and received notices. For more information, see:
<https://sbcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=f5d8869706c447368fc8edbce25a4cd2>

Treasurer's report: No report.

New/ Continued Business: CERT training will take place this coming Thursday.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1920 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held at the Wrightwood Community Building on July 18, 2023 at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by:

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

Robert Comperini, Secretary
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Meeting Attendees

6-20-23	
John Aziz	WFSC
Bob Campanini	WFSC
Tim Heinrich	WFSC
Kathy Smith	WFSC
Jim Emery	WFSC
David Jackin	WFSC
Hank Hallmark	WFSC
Isidro Mora	ANF
Ron White	ANF
Vicky Rinck	MPA
David Hues	CAL FIRE
Jon WIGHT	CAL FIRE 335168
STRECH SUBA	CERT
Karen Godfrey	resident / photographer
PATRICIA Gonzalez	Beyond Prepared
Ray Mitchell	LAC Army ACS
Ariel Verayo	LACounty Agricultural Com
Wright	- OSB co fire
Julie Clark	- us coop Extension