



**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 October 17, 2023 at 1800 hours local time. This meeting was held at the Wrightwood Community Building. Audio of this meeting is available here:  
<https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WFSC.10.17.23.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Chris ?? (CAL FIRE), Julie Clark (US Cooperative Extension – Ventura), Brian Craven[?] (SB County Fire), Tim Gofor[?] (SB County Fire), Anibal Gutierrez (ANF), Brian James (SB County Fire), Travis Lemm (CAL FIRE), Anthony Milnick (CAL FIRE), Isidro Mora (ANF), Matthew Neal (SB County Fire), Jocelyn Perez (Inland Empire Resource Conservation District), Vicky Rinek (Mountaineer Progress), Adrian Shum (CalTrans), Satan Souders (CERT), Strech Suba (CERT), Kayla Thompson (Inland Empire Resource Conservation District), Pam Wright (Wrightwood Property Owner's Association).

### Public comments and questions:

**Kathy Smith:** The Wrightwood Firesafe Council is saddened to learn of the death of Kathy Smith. We send our thoughts and condolences to the family. Kathy Smith has been a part of the WFSC since the early 2000's. She will be missed. After the meeting, the WFSC board of directors approved a motion to pay the fee associated with the cost of renting a portion of the Table Mountain campground, where a celebration of her life was being planned.

**Pam Wright (WWPOA):** The WWPOA appreciates that the WWFSC is being proactive with the request to return emergency warning sirens to Wrightwood. He asks that the WWFSC continue to advocate for the return of the siren.

CERT subsidized a recent CPR class. 12 new members were certified.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Hank Hallmark. Motion approved 6/0. Tim Heinrich and Kathy Smith abstained as they were not present at the August meeting.

**GSOB Update:** Julie Clark discussed the various chemical treatments available for GSOB infested trees. She discussed the limitations of those treatments.

Kayla Thompson and Jocelyn Perez with the IERCD have been going door to door to make contact with residents in the targeted areas of Wrightwood, as opposed to just sending out a mass mailer. The IERCD hopes to educate residents in affected areas. The IERCD has GSOB flyers available. They are happy to print them for the WWFSC to hand out. The Golden Spotted Oak Borer was first discovered in Wrightwood in 2019, in the Acorn Canyon area. This beetle kills mature oak trees.

### Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

**Angeles National Forest (Anibal Gutierrez):** Fuels reduction project is in progress along Big Pines Highway. Areas in Blue Ridge will also be treated. Fire warning level is "high". Rifle hunting season is open. ANF has patrols out until 2100 hours making sure there are no illegal fires or other issues with the hunters.



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San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Travis Lemm): The insect control program at pilot rock did some work in the Wrightwood area. 14 trees were removed. Additional trees in the Wrightwood area will be treated soon. Fire staffing will continue until mid to late November. The burning suspension is still in effect. CAL FIRE has many available open positions. Please see the CAL FIRE website for a list of available job openings.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire (Bryan James): There is no update on County Fire's position on the emergency siren for Wrightwood. County Fire assures the WWFSC that there will be more information available for the November 2023 meeting. Bryan discussed the status of new equipment that is scheduled to be delivered within the next year. SB County fire will inspect properties upon request to help property owners learn how "fire safe" their property is.

Hank Hallmark reiterated the urgency of our request for SB County Fire to consider the emergency siren for the community of Wrightwood. Bryan said he would find out what the current status is, and would report back to the WFSC.

The WFSC asked Bryan James to try to locate an accurate fire hydrant map for the WFSC. Our previous attempts to get a map have not been successful as of this date.

Cal Trans (Adrian Shum): Discussed the status of several fuel reduction projects.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

**Treasurer's report:** No report.

**New/ Continued Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1910 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held at the Wrightwood Community Building on November 21, 2023 at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by:

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

Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council



Meeting Attendees

- WFSC 10/17/2023
1. Isidro Mora Angeles N.F/USFS
  2. Anibal Gutierrez Angeles N.F / USFS
  3. STAN SOULDERS WW CERT
  4. STRECH SUBA WW CERT
  5. Adrian Shum Caltrans
  6. Vicky Rinek MPN
  7. ANTHONY SPAMPINARO Local Community
  8. Teri SPAMPINARO "
  9. Pablo Jacquin WCHC Super intendent
  10. Joel Paz WCHC Assistant.
  11. Travis Lonn CAL FIRE
  12. ANTHONY MILNICK CAL FIRE
  13. Chris B... CAL FIRE
  14. Jocelyn Perez Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
  15. Kayla Thompson IERCD
  16. Julie Clark UC Agriculture & Natural Resources
  17. PAM WRIGHT WWFOA
  18. Matthew Neal SBCoFD
  19. BRIAN CRAVED SBCoFD
  20. TIM GOFORTH SBCoFD
  21. Bryan James SBCoFD
  22. David Larkin Board of Director
  23. Jim Emery WFSC
  28. John Aziz WFSC
  24. Tim Heinrich WFSC
  25. Robert Comperry WFSC
  26. John Aziz WFSC
  27. Hank Hellmark WFSC