



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 January 16, 2024 at 1900 hours local time, at the Wrightwood Community Building, 1275 SR-2, Wrightwood, CA 92397. Audio of this meeting is available here:

<https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WSFC.1.16.24.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Jack Franklin (CAL FIRE), Aaron Gonzales (SB County Fire), Michael Laabs (SB County Fire), Andre Luna (ANF), Jason Mahan (CAL FIRE), Ian McBride (CAL FIRE), Ray Mitchilson (LA County Fire), Daniel Rios (SB County Fire), Adrian Shum (CalTrans), Drew Smith (CAL FIRE), Stan Souders (CERT), Strech Suba (CERT), Ron White (ANF), Pam Wright (WWPOA).

Flag salute: The flag salute was led by Jim Emery.

Public comments and questions: Strech Suba mentioned a recent CERT meeting that took place on January 25, 2024. CERT is planning a ham radio course which will be open to the public. Tentative dates for the ham radio class is May 17-19.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Jim Emery. Motion passed 6/0. Tom Foley abstained as he was not present at the November meeting.

2023 year in review: Ben Smith discussed the WFSC accomplishments in 2023. They included WDAD, green waste event, continuing work against GSOB, fire hydrant mapping, winter traffic meeting, emergency warning sirens.

Goals for 2024: Ben Smith discussed the WFSC goals for 2024. They include: Continuing public education, working with residents and local agencies to continue reducing fuels reduction projects in the local area, restarting the "adopt-a-hydrant" program, continuing the fight against pests such as GSOB and updating the CWPP.

GSOB (Kayla Thompson via email): GSOB surveys have slowed down, but this is typical during this time of year, because of weather conditions, and holidays. There are a few surveys scheduled for February. As a reminder, IERCD has a pool of funding that is available through the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity grant. Funds are available for local projects.

EAS Systems:

Jim Emery recapped the previous WFSC meeting, where the siren issue was first discussed. The WFSC is waiting for SN County Fire to provide EAS vendor and pricing information to the WFSC. The WFSC would like SB County Fire to hold a public meeting to discuss EAS. The WFSC would also like the SB County Sheriff department to educate residents on their "High-Low" siren/notification system.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Ron White):

2023 recap:

- North side of BPH piles burning complete in the Table Mountain area
- Lupine fire supported
- Started Big Pines Highway South fuels reduction project
- Lost 3 Battalion Chiefs
- Added 3 new Battalion Chiefs
- Lost one Division Chief
- Attended WDAD
- Participated in CSD firewood giveaway

2024 plans:

- Discussed more staffing changes in ANF
- Added two 20 person “fuels” crews and a heavy equipment team
- Discussed new deputy Monument manager
- Upcoming projects include Big Pines Highway, which started in January 2024
- Starting 1/17/2024 to 1/20/2024 – Burning to start near JPL
- Mastication in the Chilao area is taking place now. After that, the masticator will be coming to the area west of WW
- ANF will do more “fire prevention” education efforts
- Keep developing and participating in the firewood giveaway
- Will help with CWPP grants

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

Cal Fire (Jason Mahan): Discussed GSOB work that has been performed in the area. Discussed the Insect Control Program, and CAL FIRE’s abilities to inspect and remove infested trees. Jason discussed staffing levels at the local stations, Pilot Rock and Fenner. Recent fuel reduction projects included the Desert Front area.

LA County Agricultural Commission: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire (Ray Mitchilson): Discussed staffing of LA County Fire personnel at the Wrightwood station, during times when snowplay activity is expected to be high, and when station 14 is responding to Mountain High. Discussed an upcoming change to the radio system County Fire uses.

SB County Fire (Michael Laabs): Michael is one of three new permanent captains assigned to the Wrightwood station 14.

Statistics for December 2023: ME14 responded to 51 calls. Of those, 11 were to Mountain High. MA14 responded to 86 calls, with 15 of those to Mountain High.

SB County Fire reminds citizens to sign up for the Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS), to receive emergency notices via text or voice messages. To sign up, visit www.sbcfire.org. The TENS registration link is found near the bottom of the main web page.

Other useful links for residents: Install the PulsePoint app on your smart phone/tablet to see what calls agencies such as SB County Fire are responding to. The SbReady app from SB County Fire, is another useful app. Visit www.SBReady.com for more information.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

Caltrans (Adrian Shum): Projects completed in 2023: Fuel reductions on Highway 138, and 173. Caltrans received authorization to use pesticides along many areas of these highways. 2024 projects: Continued fuel reductions along Highway 138 and other areas as contracts are awarded

Treasurer's report: Ben Smith submitted a Profit and Loss report (attached). Current bank balance is: \$23,546.51.

New/continued business:

Vicky Renick announced an upcoming presentation on FP-5, to be held on January 30, 2024 at the Community Center in Wrightwood.

It was announced that the next Wrightwood Disaster and Wildfire event (WDAD), will be held on May 11, 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1953 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on February 20, 2024.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

Attendance

1-16-24 WFSC MEETINGS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>email</u>
John Aziz	WRIGHTWOOD FSC	
Robert Comperini	"	
Tim Heinrich	"	
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Financial Report

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Accrual Basis

Wrightwood Fire Safe Council
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43300 · Direct Public Grants	
43340 · Nonprofit Organization Grants	3,477.96
Total 43300 · Direct Public Grants	3,477.96
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43410 · Corporate Contributions	132.92
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	132.92
49000 · Special Events Income	
49010 · Special Events Contributions	1,962.00
Total 49000 · Special Events Income	1,962.00
Total Income	5,572.88
Gross Profit	5,572.88
Expense	
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	454.59
62850 · Janitorial Services	310.00
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	600.00
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	1,364.59
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	757.40
65030 · Printing and Copying	282.00
65040 · Supplies	89.45
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	209.50
Total 65000 · Operations	1,338.35
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65110 · Advertising Expenses	256.73
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	3,564.00
65160 · Other Costs	48.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	3,868.73
Total Expense	6,571.67
Net Ordinary Income	-998.79
Net Income	<u>-998.79</u>

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Wrightwood Fire Safe Council
Statement of Cash Flows
January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-998.79
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	-998.79
Net cash increase for period	-998.79
Cash at beginning of period	24,545.30
Cash at end of period	<u>23,546.51</u>