



**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 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/WFSC.4.16.24.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Catherine Eurbin (ANF), Steffen Fuller (ANF), Marlon Gomez (OFM SB County), Vicky Rinek (Mountaineer Progress), Adrian Shum (Caltrans), Drew Smith (CAL FIRE), Strech Suba (CERT), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission), Mark Wright (SB County Fire)

**Flag salute:** The flag salute was led by Ben Smith.

**Public comments and questions:** Strech Suba announced an upcoming ham radio class in Wrightwood. The class will be held May 17-19, 2024. For more information, contact Strech.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the March 19, 2024 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Hank Hallmark. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Robert Comperini and Tim Heinrich abstained as they were not present at the meeting. Motion passed 6/1.

**GSOB:** Kayla Thompson reported via email that outreach and surveying efforts continue, especially in the Acorn Drive area. Contact has been made with the owners of the highly infested properties. Funding for removal of these infested trees is being made available from the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council. Current GSOB focus is on two new distinct and separate infestations in the Santa Clarita area, comprising over 6,000 acres. Much of this area is woodland, with no roads for access. Aerial surveillance will begin in the next several months, to help map the area. This surveillance will be conducted by CAL FIRE with possible support from the Geography Department of Cal State Northridge. JPL/NASA may join the team in fall 2024 or in 2025 with refined satellite based imaging.

**WDAD:** Will be held Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Mountain Hardware parking lot. Snowline has finished printing mailers for this, and the green waste event. Mailers will be sent to post office soon, for mailing. The insert for publication in the Mountaineer Progress will be delivered the first week of May. Flyers will also be distributed to students at Wrightwood Elementary School.

**Tri-Community Green Waste event:** Will be held May 31, June 1 and June 2, 2024 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the County Yard, located just east of the Wrightwood Post Office.

### Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Anges National Forest (Steffen Fuller): The Bug Pines fuel reduction project is continuing. It should be completed in the next two months. To date, approximately 70 acres were burned in the Big Pines area. A new contract is being worked on, for a project in the Blue Ridge area. There is grant money available to communities with CWPPs in place. Permits are available from the ANF to take downed wood from the Forest. Permits are available at the Acton office. ANF will see if there is another way to get permits locally or more conveniently for people in the Wrightwood area.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Drew Smith): Fire season staffing will begin on April 22, 2024. Drew discussed the number of engine and crews that will be staffed for fire season. CAL FIRE is expecting another active wildfire season, based upon moisture levels. Fuel reduction projects are in progress in the Lake Arrowhead area.

Cal Trans (Adrian Shum): Cal Trans is working on an environmental document. Adrian discussed fuel reduction projects along the I-15 (not in the Cajon Pass). He also discussed reduction projects planned for Highway 138. Adrian discussed how residents can contact Cal Trans to report roadway safety issues. Adrian advised residents to use the customer service number, to report road hazards and problems

LA County Agricultural Commission: Property inspections are taking place in the Antelope Valley area. County owned properties are being inspected first. This year, the department has 4 inspectors. There are approximately 12,000 parcels to inspect. There are approximately 70 parcels in the Wrightwood area. The due date for property owners to have their lots cleared is June 1, 2024. Inspections will begin shortly after that.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire (Mark Wright): March was a slow month. SB County Fire will participate in WDAD. There are no updates on the new equipment that is coming to station 14.

Fire Marshal: Marlon Gomez introduced himself.

SB County Code Enforcement (via email): Property inspections in Wrightwood won't begin until after the Green Waste Event.

**Treasurer's report:** One check was written to the USPS for the annual permit (\$320).

**New/continued business:**

Hank Hallmark is working on a spreadsheet, so people can adopt-a-hydrant. Hank has a high quality map of all hydrants in Wrightwood. He will have this map at WDAD to encourage people to participate in the program, although full details of the program will not be ready by WDAD. The WFSC will advertise the program on their website when it's time. The Wrightwood Property Owners Association offered to help publicize the adopt-a-hydrant program to residents via email.

Ben Smith will make contact with CAL FIRE representatives about the Wrightwood CWPP, to discuss any updates needed to that document.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1920 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on May 21, 2024.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

4-16-24 WFSC MEETINGS

John Aziz	WFSC
Robert Comperini	WFSC
Tim Heinrich	WFSC
Ben Smith	WFSC
Tom Foley	WFSC
Harve Halmark	WFSC
Vicky Rios	MPV
STRECH SUBA	CERT
MARLOW GOMP	OFM SBC
Ariel Verayo	ACWM Weed Abatement
Mark Wright	SBcoFD STAIN
Drew Smith	CAL FIRE / RDU
CATHERINE EUBIN	USFS - ANF
STEPHEN FULLER	USFS / ANF
Adrian Sham	CALTRANS



Annual

# Wildfire & Disaster Awareness Day

Sat May 11, 2024 10am - 3pm

Mountain Hardware

1390 Hwy 2, Wrightwood

Bring The Kids



### Representatives On Hand • Q&A's • Demos

- Angeles & San Bernardino National Forest
- CAL FIRE
- LA County Agricultural Commission
- SB County Code Enforcement
- SB County Fire Department
- SB County Fire ECS
- Wrightwood CERT
- Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

CERT Demos  
 Fire Trucks  
 Smokey Bear  
 Sparky the Fire Dog  
 Free Popcorn

## FREE - Mountain Hardware Mother's Day Project For Kids



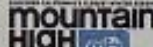
Kids Love This Event



JR Firefighter Challenge



Bring Your Family & Friends



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**FREE!**



Get Ready For 2024  
Wildfire Season

# Tri-Community Green Waste Recycling Days

1450 Hwy 2, Wrightwood (across from Wrightwood Fire Station)

**Pine Needles • Weeds • Branches  
Tree Trimmings • Grass • Pine Cones**

**May 31, Jun 1, 2**  
**Fri • Sat • Sun 9am to 3pm**

### **Pine Needles & Pine Cones**

Pine Needles and Pine Cones are recycled. Help this environmentally friendly recycling program by keeping Weeds and Tree Trimmings separate from Pine Needles and Pine Cones.

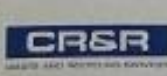
### **Cover Your Load to Prevent Traffic Tickets**

You must have your load of green waste **covered** before traveling on streets. It's the law!

**No rocks, dirt, cement, trash, Joshua or Palm trees.  
Limbs must be no larger than 10 inches in diameter.  
Stumps, roots and lumber will not be accepted. No Smoking!**



**Note:** Pine Needles Do Not need to be bagged. Pickup truck or trailer loads OK!  
Place a tarp inside your pickup or trailer before loading green waste and it will save time unloading.



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