



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 July 16, 2024 at 1900 hours local time, at the Wrightwood Community Building, 1275 SR-2, Wrightwood, CA 92397. No audio was recorded at this meeting.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Matthew Bokach (ANF), Charles Bostwick (County Supervisor's Office), Matt Edminston (CAL FIRE), Naomi Gordon (SB National Forest), Ismael Leanos (ANF), Mario Moreno (ANF), Richard McDonald (ANF), Michael Nobles (SB National Forest), Jorge Perez (ANF), Vicky Rineck (Mountaineer Progress), Ivan Salstar(?) (ANF), Tracy Shaw (SB Co Fire), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission), Ron White (ANF), Kimberly Williams (WW Village Trail), Mark Wright (SB Co Fire), Pam Wright (WWPOA).

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

Public comments and questions:

Kimberly Williams, with the Wrightwood Trail keepers representative spoke about trail maintenance. Apparently Fenner crews removed some native plants and flowers recently. She asked for more communication and coordination with Fenner before they perform maintenance, so this doesn't happen again. The Fenner representative was present, and will coordinate with the Trail Keepers in the future. She also asked about policy/rule regarding the amount of pine needles that can be on the ground.

There was a question about the use of herbicides being sprayed along old route 66 and lone pine canyon. Jim Emery said he would try to make contact with the appropriate agency, to find out more.

Pam Wright thanked the Fenner crews for performing weed abatement along the village trail. Pam asked about evacuation notifications, and questioned why SB County Fire haven't done more to educate the public. Jim Emery said he would reach out to County Fire to get more information.

Approval of minutes: There were several months of minutes that needed to be approved. Those FSC members that were absent have listened to the recorded audio from the past meetings, to be able to cast their votes. Approval of past meetings went as follows:

- April 16, 2024 meeting: Jim Emery and David Larkin were absent at this meeting. Ben Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Tim Heinrich. Motion approved 7/0.
- May 21, 2024 meeting: Tom Foley, David Larkin and Ben Smith were absent at this meeting. Ben Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Jim Emery. Motion approved 7/0.
- June 18, 2024 meeting: Hank Hallmark and Tim Heinrich were absent at this meeting. Jim Emery made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Ben Smith. Motion approved 7/0.

GSOB: (Kayla Thompson via email): Two residents are working with MRFSC to get their infested trees on Lark removed. We continue our outreach program to survey more trees in that area. Kayla discussed the purpose of the Natural Resources Conversation Service (NRCS). For more information on their services, visit: www.iercd.org/nrcs-disaster-recovery.

Highway 2 right-of-way weed abatement: The WFSC appreciates the Fenner crews for the weed abatement services they provided along SR-2.

Fire Hazard Abatement Inspections: No new information. Jim Emery mentioned the county website residents can visit, to see if their property was inspected. Visit: <https://lus.sbcounty.gov/fire-hazard-abatement-home/fha-maps/>. Select "Mountain Region", and then enter your address in the search box.

Vista Fire: For the most up-to-date information on the Vista fire, visit the Angeles National Forest Facebook page. As of this time, 2936 acres have burned. The fire is 59% contained. 610 personnel are working the fire. 416 structures are threatened, but no structures have been lost.

Matthew Bokach discussed road and trail closures in the fire area. A Larger area was under closure because it is possible to enter the fire area from various roads and trails that were out of the immediate danger area. ANF decided to err on the safe side regarding closures. ANF closures should be lifted soon.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: ANF representatives discussed patrols and manpower that are deployed to other areas to support fires. The ANF expects a very active fire season this year, because of the rains we have had in the past two years, which created a lot of fuels.

ANF discussed the recent fire along Big Pines Highway, west of Largo Vista road. This fire only consumed 34 acres. The fire could have been larger, but it occurred in an area that previously burned in the Bobcat fire. This area also received fuel reduction treatment in the recent past.

ANF was unable to attend Mountaineer Days, because of staffing issues.

Fuel reduction projects in the Big Pines/Table Mountain area are complete. Plans in 2025 include treatment in Blue Ridge area.

Mathew Bokach agreed that "fuel reduction projects work", and help reduce the number and severity of fire. The ANF thanks the community for their support.

New project coming: North Side Community Protection Project. The ANF is investigating areas around Wrightwood that need to be treated.

At the August FSC meeting, the ANF will discuss the Sheep Fire restoration project. The ANF is looking for community input on this project. Restoration may begin this coming fall, and will be completed in spring, 2025.

There was a brief discussion about the Adventure Pass vs the new Mountain High pass and the growing pains associated with implementing this new pass.

Fire restrictions have been raised to "high". Expect restrictions to increase further later this summer.

San Bernardino National Forest: The representative discussed crews that are deployed to other areas to support fires. There have been several smaller fires in the Forest since the 4th of July. The Forest has also raised the fire restrictions, due to fire risk. There is a fuel reduction project planned for the Lone Pine/Boundary Ridge area. This project is in the contracting stage.

CCC: Ben Smith reported that CCC crews were working fuel reductions (downed trees) at the Jackson Flat campground.

CAL FIRE: The representative discussed crews that are deployed to other areas to support fires. Many of the fires we are supporting are in the desert area. Fenner crews have kept busy.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Our department is still in full operation. We are currently mowing and doing hand work.

Ariel discussed parcels that were cleared in the area of 60th Street West and Avenue K in Lancaster.

June 18, 2024, 3 crews were in Wrightwood. They cleared parcels that needed to be cleared. Only 2 more lots left to be cleared in the local area. After those two are done, there will be 100% compliance

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire: SB County Fire reported that they had a busy month, and supported several wildfires in the county.

SB County Code Enforcement (via email): No representative, no report.

Cal Trans: No representative, no report.

Fire Marshal: No representative, no report.

Sup Barger's Office: Representative was present at the meeting, but had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: Ben Smith reported that some bills related to the green waste event were reimbursed by Mountain Rim FSC. A check from the CSD received for green waste event.

Fire Hydrant mapping: Tom Foley discussed the inaccuracies of the map they were using. He is still trying to get a better map from GS Water.

CWPP: No updates

New/continued business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1933 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on August 20, 2024.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "C".

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

7/16/2024 WFSC Attendance

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