



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 November 19, 2024 at 1808 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.11.19.24.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: See attached attendance log.

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

Public Comments:

Strech Suba mentioned that CERT assisted the Red Cross with the recent smoke detector installations offered to residents. Approximately 3 dozen detectors were installed.

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the October 2024 meeting was approved as written. Motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion was seconded by Jim Emery. Motion approved 5/0.

Free Sand bag distribution event: A sand bag distribution event will be held on Saturday 11/23/2024 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Mountain Hardware. There is a limit of 20 bags per household. As a reminder, the Wrightwood fire station has sand available also.

Bridge Fire Recovery Task Force Presentation: The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management gave an update presentation for the Bridge Fire.

Presentations included:

* Watershed hazards assessment taskforce: A representative from the San Bernardino County Flood Control District discussed their role, which includes mapping flow areas, recommending engineering advice, monitoring rainfall in affected areas, flood and flow reduction planning.

* Debris Removal and Rebuild Taskforce: Their representative discussed the process for getting debris removed and properties cleared for safety.

* Disaster Recovery Taskforce: The representative discussed temporary housing and the structure rebuilding permitting process.

* Economic Recovery Taskforce: Their representative discussed the various programs available from the county and loans that are available from the SBA. Links to these programs can be found on the WFSC website, and on the San Bernardino County website.

The slides from this presentation are available on the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council website.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Ron White): The Forest fire danger level is at "Extreme". This means, no camp fires are allowed. The ANF will be supporting the upcoming senior citizen firewood giveaway. We are still seeing occasional flareups from the Bridge Fire. These are taken care of as they occur. A video about the Bridge Fire has been posted on the ANF Facebook page.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Drew Smith): All resources are back from supporting the Mountain Fire. We are still at peak staffing, but will transition to winter staffing soon. The process for obtaining a burn permit has changed. Apply in person at a station, or online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov>.

CalTrans (Adrian Shum): Caltrans continues to work fuel reduction along different highways (I-10, Highway 71). We are also planning future projects along SR-2 and Highway 138. These are scheduled to begin in mid 2025.

The WFSC asked Caltrans to consider installing K-rail in the wash area of Spruce.

IERCD: We continue to coordinate site visits with landowners affected by the fire, regarding tree and vegetation replanting and concerns.

LA County AG: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: There was less fire activity this past month. No further updates.

SB County Fire (Chief Anderson): SB county Fire will support the upcoming sand bag event. One of the reasons the 20 bag per household limit is imposed, is because anyone that needs more than that, usually have a more serious problem that sand bags can't fix, and needs to be addressed another way.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

SB County Sheriff (Lutz): Present, but no report.

After agency reports, there was a discussion with WFSC, a few businesses, the San Bernardino County Building and Safety representative and the Caltrans representative regarding flood mitigation along the north side of SR-2. A major point of discussion was the request for K-rail to be installed in several key areas along SR-2. Several businesses will flood unless something is done. Although there is funding from the SB County Flood Control district and NRCS, it appears those funding arrangements are not yet in place. Businesses were given contact information for County agencies. It was suggested that they contact the supervisor's office immediately.

Treasurer's report: Because this meeting lasted so long, the treasurer report will be submitted in January 2025.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1956 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on January 21, 2025. There is no meeting in December 2024.

Minutes submitted by:



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Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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