



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 15, 2025 at 1804 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.4.15.25.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: See attached attendance log.

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

Public Comments: Strech Suba of CERT, reports that there will be a CERT class to be held on the first weekend in May. This class will take place in Phelan. Contact Strech for more information.

Approval of minutes:

Minutes from the 2/18/2025 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to approve made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Ben Smith. Motion approved 6/0.

Minutes from the 3/18/2025 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to approve made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Jim Emery. Motion approved 4/0. Tom Foley, Tim Heinrich and Ben Smith abstained because they were not present at that meeting.

Bridge Fire Updates:

ANF reports there are several contracts in place to provide clearing. A contract to provide thinning in the Blue Ridge area is expected to commence in June. This project will remove dead trees in this 312 acres project. Another contract will provide clearing along the roads in the Mescal Canyon, Jakson Flat and Pinon Truck Trail areas, beginning in the late July/early August time frame.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: There was a brief discussion about downed trees in the area, after the Bridge Fire. ANF will look at streamlining the process to make it easier for people to obtain firewood permits. Currently, applicants must go to the Acton office to get permits.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE: No representative, no report.

Caltrans: No representative, no report.

IERCD: No representative, no report.

LA County AG: Pre-inspections of unimproved parcels will start in the beginning of May, 2025. June 1, 2025 is the deadline for all parcels to be inspected. The LA County AG department will be at the upcoming WDAD event.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report. Jim Emery reported that assistant chief Ray Mitchelson is on medical leave for an unknown duration. In his absence, Jason Gorbany will be the acting Chief.

SB County Fire (McGarvey): Captain McGarvey introduced a new fireman at station 14. The division is having several wildland training events. Statistics: 107 total calls, including 73 medical aid, 14 public service, 5 investigations, 7 traffic collisions and 4 fires (three structure and one vegetation).

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report. Jim Emery reports that they have agreed not to begin inspections until after our upcoming green waste event.

Wrightwood CSD: The acting manager discussed the septic system replacement project for the bathrooms in the Community Building area. The project is still in architectural review with the county. We hope to have certification of the existing system by next month. We also are waiting for the results of the percolation test. Once we receive certification, and the results of the tests, then the plans can move forward in the county system. We applied for an extension to give us more time to complete all required steps before grant funding expires in July. We are trying to get this replacement done in 2025, but we acknowledge that it's very difficult to do this during the summer, when many community events take place. It is possible that this project could get delayed into 2026.

New/continued business:

WDAD: Jim Emery reminds everyone that our local Wildfire & Disaster Awareness Day (WDAD) will be held on May 10, 2025 in the parking lot of Mountain Hardware.

Tri-Community Green Waste Event will be held on May 30, 31, June 1, 2025. Hours of operation will be 9:00am to 3:00pm. Event will be held at the County yard next to the Post Office.

Fire hydrant mapping/adopting: Hank Hallmark will have information available to residents at WDAD for people wanting to sign up to "adopt" a hydrant.

CWPP Update: No updates.

Treasurer's report: One check to the USPS was written for our mail permit. Check amount was \$350.00. Ending balance is \$22,743.93.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1845 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on May 20, 2025.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Attendance Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: April 15th, 2025