



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 May 20, 2025 at 1805 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.5.20.25.mp3>

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

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

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

Public Comments: Pam Wright announced the annual Wrightwood Property Owner's Association Ice Cream Social, which is taking place on June 14, 2025 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Community Center. There will be pony rides, a petting zoo and food. The WWPOA offered the WFSC a free table inside during the event.

Approval of minutes:

Minutes from the 4/15/2025 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to approve made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Hank Hallmark. Motion approved 6/0.

WDAD Recap: Ben Smith said the event was a success. The WFSC thanks all agencies that participated. Attendance was possibly a little lower than last year's event. Donations and sales totaled \$150.00. Expenses totaled \$50.00. Over 17 pounds of popcorn were given away. 22 people adopted fire hydrants.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: (Matthew Bokach): Matthew is back from temporary duty in northern California. Locally, the Forest lost 20 people due to the deferred resignation program offered by the federal government. Matthew discussed firefighting staffing levels. There is a lack of captains in the Forest. About half of the engines do not have captains assigned to them. At the beginning of this year, their public affairs office had 4 people assigned to it. They are now down to one staffer. This will make it harder for the Forest to get announcements out. Next month, a fuels reduction project in the Blue Ridge area will begin. By August, another project will begin along Big Pines Highway. An updated version of the Forest closure map will be posting online soon.

San Bernardino National Forest: Mike Nobles sent a report via email (attached). They do not think they will be able to attend WFSC meetings in person for the foreseeable future. John Aziz announced that Lauren Blake is retiring.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Drew Smith): Drew discussed staffing and recruitment challenges. Summer staffing is in place. Some firefighters are away supporting a fire in eastern Kern County. Fuel reduction projects are taking place in the Big Bear, Lytle Creek and Crestline areas. Members of the public that wish to obtain burn permits, should do so soon, before the window for issuing these permits is closed. A multi-agency wildland fire exercise recently completed. CAL FIRE has been responding to small fires almost daily. Drew discussed recent fuel moisture levels. We are currently ok, but fuels will continue to dry out.

Caltrans: No representative, no report.

IERCD: Julie Clark reported via email that they are sponsoring a free GSOB training event. This training will take place online on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Field training will take place in mid June.

LA County AG: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report. Jim Emery reported that Ray Mitchelson is still on medical leave. Jim also reports that LA County fire did participate in WDAD.

SB County Fire: No representative, no report.

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

New/continued business:

The 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. The event will be held at the county yard next to the Post Office.

Fire hydrant mapping/adopting: Hank Hallmark reported that 22 people signed up to adopt hydrants at the recent WDAD event. The County Assessor will visit Wrightwood on May 29, at 10:00am to assist residents to feel their property values have gone down (Prop 8). Hank reports that the Wrightwood Village Coalition is trying to encourage SCE to consider installing underground electric service throughout Wrightwood.

CWPP Update: No updates.

Treasurer's report: Donations and sales from the recent WDAD totaled \$150. WDAD expenses totaled \$50. Banners were purchased for \$350.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1928 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on June 17, 2025.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Attendance Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

On 5/20/2025 3:32 PM, Nobles, Mike - FS, CA wrote:

Good afternoon John

I will not be able to make this evening's meeting , and quite honestly with the transformation of the Federal Government the best we'll be able to for this meeting in terms of presence is an email briefing for the near future.

Fire Staffing

19 Type 3 Engines
4 Hot Shot Crews
5 Water Tenders
13 Fire Prevention Technicians
1 Dozer
1 Type 1 Helitanker
1 Type 2 Helicopter
1 Type 3 Helicopter

Hazardous Fuels Projects

- Lytle Creek Hazardous Fuels Project Lone Pine Unit – Mechanical Treatment
- Lower Lytle Creek Unit Hand Pile/ Mechanical Treatment
- Lytle Creek Community Buffer – Hand Pile .
- Southern California Ignition Reduction Project for HWY1 38 – 330- 18 is in the planning phase .

Thank you

Michael.

Michael Nobles
District Ranger
Forest Service
San Bernardino National Forest
Front Country Ranger District