



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 March 17, 2026 at 1800 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.3.17.26.mp3>.

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

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

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

Public Comments:

CERT: CERT recently sponsored a CPR class in Phelan. There were 11 people that attended. The next basic training class will take place in April.

SCE plans to attend the next FSC meeting in April 2026, to give a presentation to residents regarding putting service lines underground in Wrightwood. They will also have a presentation of their wildfire mitigation plans.

Approval of minutes: There was no meeting in February 2026. The minutes of the 01/20/2026 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to approve made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by Ben Smith. Motion approved 5/0. Tim Heinrich abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

SBA Flood Recovery: Low interest loans are still being made available by the SBA. This is in response to the flooding Wrightwood experienced. People interested in obtaining one of these loans should contact the Small Business Administration.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: Required annual training is currently taking place. Fire danger status is "Moderate"

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Drew Smith): San Bernardino area units are in transitional staffing. Onboarding is currently taking place, and staffing will be increased in preparation for fire season. Expect peak staffing by May. Heli-sttack crew will be in place by the end of March. Currently, there are no burn restrictions in place. Burn permits are still available. Fuel reductions: Locally, 57 acres of land was treated this past month. 38 acres of pile burning took place. There was a small (21 acre) fire in the Riverside area this past weekend. There is no new status on the "Zone Zero" rules. Rule makers are expected to meet again on April 23, to continue work on these rules.

Fuel moisture levels: On January 23, Chaparral levels were 80%. On March 4, moisture levels increased to 99%. As a reminder, 60% is considered to be "critical".

Adrian Poloni introduced himself. His expertise is invasive pests. He discussed their role in detecting, monitoring and fighting invasive pests. A report is currently being written detailing the state of infestation. This report should be made available to the public in June.

Caltrans: No representative, no report.

IERCD: See attached email report from Kayla Thompson.

LA County AG: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: No additional information to report. Ben Smith reports that they have been clearing hazard trees in the Big Pines area. This is taking place as part of their annual training.

SB County Fire (Jarrod Dowden): Annual training for our personnel will take place during April. Staffing levels will begin to ramp up in April. Beginning in May, chipping events will begin in various communities. Jarrod discussed upcoming plans for fuel reduction activities planned for the local area. Jarrod reminds residents to get properties cleared, in preparation for the inspections that will take place in a few months.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report. John Aziz reports that their department has been in contact with the FSC. They do plan to be present at WDAD.

Kathleen Edwards: Kathleen is a consulting forester. They were asked by One Town at a Time to come to Wrightwood. We have looked at the Bridge Fire damage. We are here to gauge interest in a Forest Health grant. Funds from this grant can be used for things like fuels reduction, forest restoration and pest management. There is an 800 acre minimum requirement to be eligible for grant funds. We've already identified 91 parcels, totaling 743 acres in the LA County portion of Wrightwood that were affected by the fire. San Bernardino County has identified 86 parcels totaling 681 acres, that were affected by the fire. We are looking for landowners who are interested in taking advantage of the services that could be provided by this funding. Interested landowners should contact us as soon as possible. We'd like to get the list of available properties within the next 2 weeks, so we can proceed with the grant application process.

CORE: A representative from Community Organized Relief Effort was at the meeting to introduce the community to services they provide. They offer low-cost and free DIY home fire hardening workshops to help protect the home. They will try to be at WDAD. For more information, see their website:

www.coreresponse.org.

New/continued business:

Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day (WDAD) will be held on May 9, 2026, in the Mountain Hardware parking lot.

The Tri Community Green Waste Recycling Event will be held on May 29, 30, 31, 2026, in the county yard next to the Wrightwood post office.

Fire hydrant mapping: Ben Smith thanked the Mountaineer Progress, News Plus and the Lions Club for advertising this program.

CWPP Updates: None

Treasurer's report: During this period, one check for \$161.69 was written for insurance premiums. Our current balance is approximately \$23,649.60.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1928 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on April 21, 2026.

Minutes submitted by:

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

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

From: Kayla Thompson [kthompson@iercd.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 4:44 PM
To: staff@wrightwoodfsc.com
Subject: IERCD Updates

Hi Wrightwood FSC,

Please find IERCD updates here.

- The Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) is soliciting proposals for a contractor to remove trees infested with the Goldspotted oak borer beetle. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is attached to this email and available on the IERCD website here: <https://www.iercd.org/publications-and-disclosures>. Supplemental files (map files and photos) are also available for download at that link.

As stated in the RFP, all interested contractors must register with IERCD using [this form](#) by **March 26, 2026**. Any questions can be directed to this email address (rfp@iercd.org).

- We are currently completing initial site visits to landowners affected by the recent fires (El Dorado, Line, Bridge, or Apple Fires) to participate in a Post-Fire Forest Restoration Planning Program. This program supports landowners as they recover and restore their fire-impacted landscapes. This program provides comprehensive, site-specific post-fire restoration plans tailored to a wide range of landowners, including individual homeowners, camps, municipalities, homeowners associations (HOAs), and tribal entities. We are currently working with a few interested landowners in Wrightwood, if more landowners are interested, please give them my contact information.

Thanks!!

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Kayla Thompson

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Hours: M-Th 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM

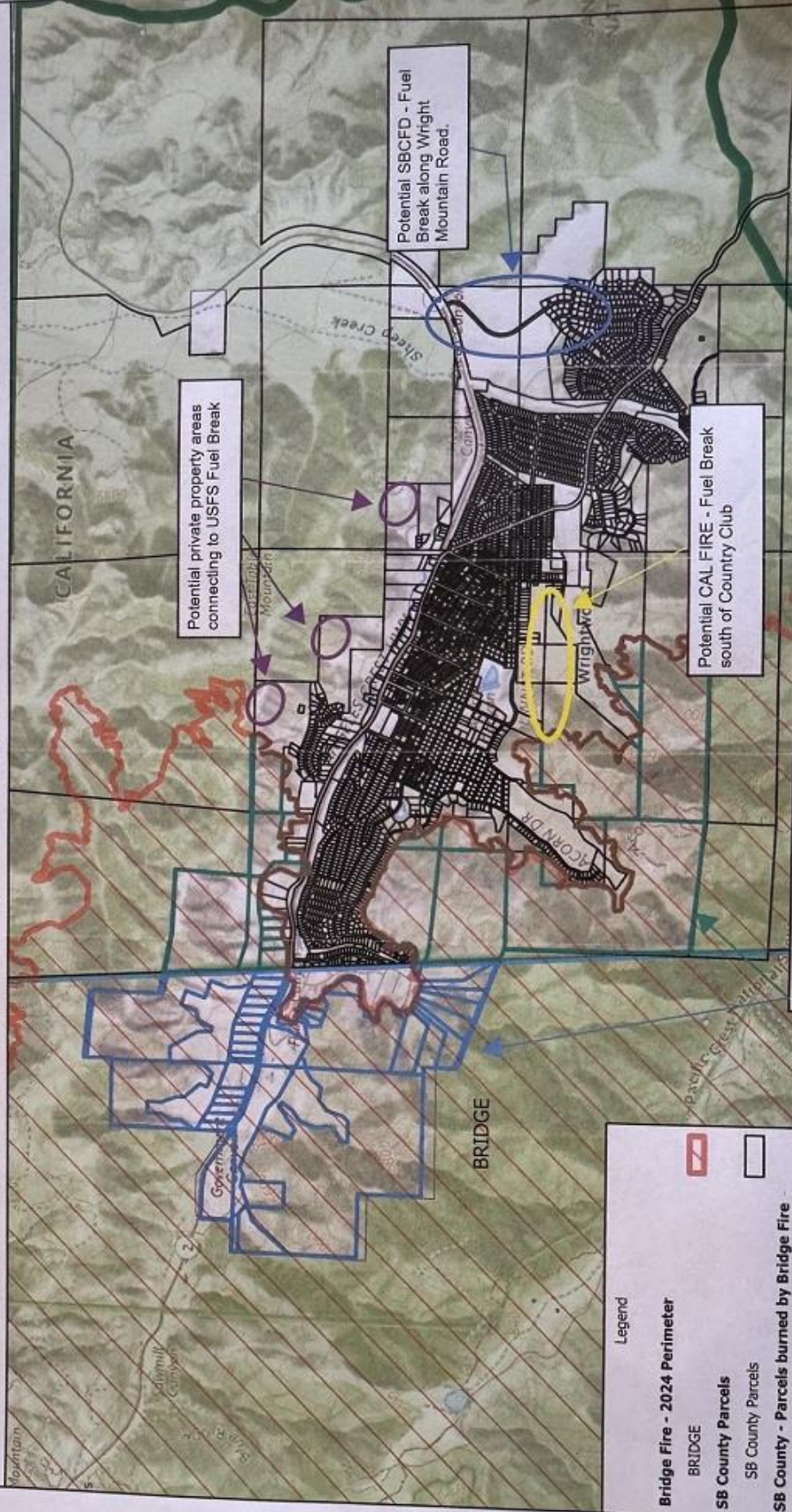
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One Town At A Time

Forest Health Grant - Draft Planning Map Activities: Reforestation and Fuel Reduction (Fuel Breaks)














Potential private property areas connecting to USFS Fuel Break

Potential SBCFD - Fuel Break along Wright Mountain Road.

Potential CAL FIRE - Fuel Break south of Country Club

Wrightwood Community
 Potential private property areas targeted for reforestation by County:
 Los Angeles County: 91 parcels = 743 Acres
 57 parcels over 1 acre = 737 acres
 San Bernardino County: 86 parcels = 681 acres
 30 parcels over 1 acre = 675 acres

Legend

-  **Bridge Fire - 2024 Perimeter**
-  **BRIDGE**
-  **SB County Parcels**
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-  **SB County - Parcels burned by Bridge Fire**
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-  **LA County - Parcels burned by Bridge Fire**
-  **Wrightwood**
-  **Administrative Forest**
-  **Angeles National Forest**
-  **San Bernardino National Forest**



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