



**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 17, 2020 at 1900 hours local time. This was a virtual meeting, held live using the Zoom service. This meeting was recorded. Audio of the meeting is available here: <https://wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/11.17.2020.WFSC.mp4>.

**Roll call:** The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, Robert Comperini, Jim Emery, Terri Hill, Ben Smith, Kathy Smith. The following directors were absent: Hank Hallmark.

The following agency representatives were present:

Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Chief Dave Corbin (SB County Fire), David Haas (CalFire), Art Lozano (San Bernardino National Forest), Seth Mitchell (ANF), Mike Page (San Bernardino National Forest), Donna Termeer (Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Barger), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission), Steve Volmer (CalFire).

**Upcoming WFSC Meetings:** Because of the continued Covid threat, it has been decided that for the near term, WFSC meetings will resume, as virtual Zoom meetings.

Zoom is audio/video conferencing software that is free to use. People interested in attending future WFSC meetings via zoom, can do so by visiting the Zoom website at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). Zoom is also available as an iOS and Android app. You are not required to sign up for an account to view the meeting. You only need to have their software running to attend with video and all the features Zoom offers. The Zoom meeting ID for these upcoming WFSC meetings, is: 977 9263 6671. All meetings will begin at 7:00pm California time.

Upcoming virtual meetings:

- (no meeting in December 2020)
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021
- Tuesday, February 16, 2021
- Tuesday, March 16, 2021

If you prefer not to use Zoom software, you can still participate by telephone. To attend by phone only, dial (669) 900-6833. When prompted, enter the meeting ID, which is 977 9263 6671#. When prompted for a password, enter 723743#

**Public comments and questions:** None

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting was approved as written. A motion was made by Terri Hill, and seconded by Kathy Smith. Approved 6/0. The minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting was approved as written. A motion was made by John Aziz, and seconded by Kathy Smith. Approved 6/0.

## **Cooperative partner & agency updates:**

Angeles National Forest (Seth Mitchell): Bobcat fire is 100% contained as of early November. Weather outlook is continued hot and dry. Fire staffing levels will remain in place. Fire reduction project in the Guffy area took place during the summer. Other fuels reductions along SR-2 and Big Pines Highway are still scheduled to take place. SR-2 remains closed past Vincent Gap. It is closed by Caltrans for road damage.

California Conservation Corp: No report

CalFire (David Haas): Depopulating Pilot Rock camp. Inmates will no longer be housed there. GSOB surveying was placed on hold because of Covid and fire activities, but it is scheduled to resume again. Steve Volmer of CalFire was promoted and will most likely attend future WFSC meetings.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Currently mowing tumbleweeds in vacant lots in the desert region. This is taking place in the Lake Los Angeles and Quartz Hill areas. We will be in the Wrightwood area sometime in the April 2021 timeframe, for property inspections. Hughes Lake area has been cleared. 14 vacant parcels in that area were treated.

LA County Fire: No report.

SB County Fire (Chief Dave Corbin): Thanked the community of Wrightwood for their support during the Bobcat fire. Dave briefly discussed fire staffing levels. There are concerns about flooding in the Bobcat burn areas. Department wide, there has been an increase in employees testing positive for Covid. The department is not testing employees unless they are symptomatic.

San Bernardino National Forest (Lauren Blake): Introduced Art Lozano (Fuels Technician) and Mike Page (Battalion Chief). The El Dorado, Apple and Snow fires are all 100% contained. Weather outlook is for above normal fire activity for the next few months. One foot of snow fell in the Big Bear area. This will help reduce fire potential in that area. Lauren briefly discussed fire season staffing levels. Fire staffing will remain increased as much as possible, due to the higher potential for fire in the upcoming months. Campfire/stove fire restrictions are still in place.

SB County Code Enforcement (via email): During the 2020 season, 3477 parcels were inspected in the Wrightwood area. This includes 160 parcels in the Desert Front area. No notices were issued in the Desert Front Area. In Wrightwood, 747 first notices were issued. During the second inspection, 122 parcels were non-compliant. Of those, 41 parcels were cleaned by county contractor.

**Treasurer's report:** Ben Smith, acting financial officer reports that as of October 31, 2020, the WFSC has \$26,007.02 in the bank. One check for \$150 was written to Zoom for teleconferencing services, and one deposit from Amazon Smile for \$46.85 was received. Ending balance is \$25,903.87.

**New/continued business:** John Aziz proposed that future meetings begin at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm. Everyone in attendance agreed to the change. The WFSC meeting will begin at 6:00pm starting with the January 2021 meeting.

Chief Corbin reported that Dustin Williams completed an Eagle Scout project in the community of Wrightwood. This project involved sanding and repainting fire hydrant flags for every hydrant in Wrightwood. This was a very important project that will help fire personnel locate hydrants that may be buried in snow.

Jim Emery and John Aziz will go over bylaws to confirm the process for appointing new members to the WFSC, and for voting when in-person meetings can't be held.

Although Terri Hill has relocated out of the local area, she has agreed to remain on the board and will continue to participate remotely.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on January 19, 2021.

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 a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council