



## 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 20, 2021 at 1800 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/WFSC.4.20.2021.mp3>.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Art Lozano (SB National Forest), Seth Mitchell (ANF), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission).

**Public comments and questions:** Kathy Smith will have a booth at the Wrightwood Property Owners Association gardening event. This event will be held May 1, 2021, for fire resistive landscaping and defensible space. This event will be held at the Community Center. Kathy would like to get brochures for defensible space and related things from agencies that she can pass out. John Aziz made a motion to support this event. Ben Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved as written. Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. John Aziz seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

**Returning to in-person meetings:** Jim Emery discussed the possibility of the WFSC returning to in-person meetings. Jim suggested that we return to in-person meetings, beginning with the July 20, 2021 meeting. After discussion the WFSC will plan on beginning in-person meetings at that time. The WFSC will continue to monitor the pandemic situation, and guidelines as that time approaches. Then we can make a final decision.

**2021 Wildfire Awareness Events:** It was agreed that we cannot hold our annual events this year. We will plan on resuming these events in 2022.

**Team Rubicon:** Robert Yturralde of Team Rubicon was present to discuss their organization. Team Rubicon was formed in 2010, with over 135,000 volunteers nationally. Their website is [www.teamrubiconusa.org](http://www.teamrubiconusa.org). They assist communities with fire mitigation activities, such as clearing properties. They discussed their activities in the community of Idyllwild. They tend to help those property owners who can't afford to correct their violations for one reason or another. They will do work as prescribed by the local authority that has specified what violations need to be corrected. There was a discussion about what they can do and cannot do, insurance, costs, etc. The WFSC will have more discussions to see how they can support the Wrightwood area.

### Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Seth Mitchell): There was a 62 acre fire near the Camp Fenner/Big Rock Creek areas recently. Aircraft and ground resources responded quickly to limit the growth of that fire.

Seth briefly discussed upcoming fire season staffing levels. ANF will try to resume pile burns soon, as weather permits.

San Bernardino National Forest (Art Lozano): Briefly discussed recent small fires throughout the area. Several were caused by humans. Pile burning takes place as much as possible, when weather permits. SBNF is currently in the planning stage for a reduction project in the Lytle Creek area, including the I-15 corridor area.

CCC: No report

CAL FIRE: No report

LA County Fire: No report

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Property inspections in the Antelope Valley area have begun. During April, county owned properties are being inspected. In May, private property inspections in the Antelope Valley will begin. In May, Wrightwood inspections will begin.

SB County Fire: No report

SB County Code Enforcement: No report

**Treasurer's report:** Ben reports that the WFSC has a balance of \$26,044.74 as of the end of February 2021. Upcoming checks written will be one for \$70 for Tech Soup, and one deposit from Amazon Smile for \$65.82.

**New/continued business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1920 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on May 18, 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