



**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 September 21, 2021 at 1805 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.9.21.21.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Kelly Anderson (SB County Fire), Lauren Blake (San Bernardino National Forest), Art Lozano (SB National Forest), Ian McBride (CAL FIRE), Chris Siok (BC 17B, LA County Fire), Stan Souders (CERT), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission)

**Announcements:** John Aziz made a motion that the WFSC pay the annual liability insurance policy. The annual premium is \$1,764. Motion seconded by Terri Hill, Motion approved 5/0.

**Public comments:** None

**Approval of minutes:** Approval for minutes from the July and August meetings was tabled until the next meeting, because less than the quorum was in attendance at those meetings. The WFSC will attempt to approve these minutes via email.

**Future Meetings:** The WFSC will continue to hold virtual meetings for the near future.

**Forest Closures:** The ANF has been closed due to the extreme fire conditions in the past few weeks. The ANF is scheduled to re-open at midnight on September 22, 2021. At the time these minutes were written (on 9/21/21), the ANF had not made any announcements that the closure would be extended. Art Lozano did warn that weather conditions are still not favorable, so it is possible that the closure will be extended, and that the decision won't be made until September 22, 2021.

### Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: No report

San Bernardino National Forest (Art Lozano and Lauren Blake): The South fire in the Lytle Creek area is now out. The origin of this fire was in the area of I-15 and Sierra. The Railroad fire also began in the Blue Cut area, and spread to about 50 acres before it was out. There have been some small vehicle related fires in the Cajon Pass area. Fuel moisture levels are still very low.

CCC: No report.

CAL FIRE (Ian McBride): Staff has been busy supporting the fires in northern California. There were a few small fires in southern California, but those were quickly put out. Expect Santa Ana conditions in October, which means more fire potential. Ongoing projects are taking place in the Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear areas. CAL FIRE expects the chipping program in Phelan to begin again soon.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Weed abatement in the Antelope Valley continues. Tumbleweed clearing will take place in November and December. Illegal dumping sites in the Sun Village/Palmdale areas will be cleared soon. It is expected that 180 to 200 tons of materials (household waste, used tires, etc.) will be collected. In Wrightwood, 63 parcels were found to be out of compliance. The last property was cleared on August 23, 2021. All Wrightwood properties are now in compliance.

LA County Fire (Chris Siok): Supporting fires in northern California. Preparing for the Santa Ana season in October, when fire dangers are high. Contract helicopters are on call to support fires.

SB County Fire (Kelly Anderson): Nothing major to report. SB County fire supported several small fires in their jurisdiction.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

**Treasurer's report:** None

**New/continued business:** None. John Aziz mentioned that the annual Zoom subscription will be due soon.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1852 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on October 19, 2021.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council