



**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 October 19, 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.10.19.21.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 arrived at the beginning of the agency reports.

The following agency representatives were present: BC Travis Lemm (CAL FIRE), Stan Souders (CERT), Tom Stukey (LA County Fire), Donna Termeer (LA County Supervisor Barger), BC Steve Tracy (SB County Fire), Ariel Verayo (LA County Agricultural Commission)

**Announcements:** None

**Public comments:** None

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting were approved as written. John Aziz made a motion to approve the minutes. Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

The minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting were approved as written. John Aziz made a motion to approve the minutes. Terri Hill seconded the motion. Motion approved 5/0. Robert Comperini and David Larkin abstained as they were not at that meeting.

The minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting were approved as written. John Aziz made a motion to approve the minutes. Terri Hill seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0. Ben Smith abstained as he was not at that meeting.

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

**Winter traffic meeting recap:** The winter traffic meeting was held virtually on October 19, 2021. Supervisor Cook's office hosted the meeting. Jim Emery reported that the meeting did not appear to be well attended. There were audio problems during the meeting. There was not much substance to the meeting, compared to previous years.

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

Angeles National Forest: No report.

San Bernardino National Forest: No report.

CCC: No report.

CAL FIRE (BC Travis Lemm): Travis is the new BC for this area. All equipment and personnel are back from supporting fires in other areas of the state. Fuel moisture is still very low. Travis said he would look into getting the green waste/chipping program previously held at the Phelan station started up again.

LA County Agricultural Commission (Ariel Verayo): Clearances in the Wrightwood area completed. Wrightwood now is 100% compliance. Tumbleweed inspection is currently underway in the Antelope Valley area. Because of a lack of moisture, they expect to see 15-20% less tumbleweed growth. A vendor is in place to provide clearing during the months of November and December.

Illegal dumping: 73 letters were sent to property owners asking for permission for the county to clear their property. Only 34 responses were received back granting permission. Because there was not 100% cooperation/permission with property owners, the county is unable to fund the cleanup of these illegal dumping areas.

LA County Fire (Stukey): BC Stukey had to attend a training event, so he was unable to stay for the entire meeting. He had nothing to report.

SB County Fire (BC Steve Tracy): Station 14 has a new Snow-Cat, which should be delivered in November. Steve discussed some upcoming training for SB County Fire personnel.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

**Treasurer's report:** Last month, a check for \$1,764 was written for insurance. The annual Zoom renewal fees of \$131.95 will be paid soon.

**New/continued business:**

John Aziz briefed the board on the latest CWPP activity. In 2018, a grant was awarded to the RIM Firesafe Council, to help with CWPP updates. After several delays, a contractor (Anchorpoint) was hired to work on the CWPP. John Aziz, Ben Smith and Jim Emery spent a portion of a day showing an Anchorpoint representative the areas and assets around Wrightwood that are concern to us. The WFSC was presented with a draft document for review. WFSC submitted our list of notes and requested changes for this document. These comments and edits were never implemented in the next revision of this document. The RIM FSC received another grant to update our CWPP. The WFSC is again in contact with Anchorpoint, so we can meet with them to go over our list of requested changes to the latest revision of the CWPP document.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1856 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on November 16, 2021. There will be no meeting in December 2021.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council