



**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 16, 2021 at 1807 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.11.16.21.mp3>.

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

The following agency representatives were present: Matthew Bokach (ANF), Chris Fry (ANF), Trevor Moore (LA County Fire), BC Travis Lemm (CAL FIRE), Stan Souders (CERT).

**Public comments and questions:** None

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Kathy Smith. Motion passed 7/0.

**Return to in-person meetings:** For the near future, the WFSC will continue to meet virtually. The WFSC will discuss in-person meetings again in January, 2022. Matthew Bokach offered the use of the Big Pines facility to host future meetings, as long as an ANF person is present to open and close the facility.

### Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest (Matthew Bokach/Chris Fry): Matthew discussed potential new funding that may become available for fuel reduction programs. Matthew discussed upcoming prescribed burns that may take place between the Big Pines area and Jackson Lake. The ANF is still relying on teleworking for many of their employees, because of Covid. They will begin to transition back to working in-office in January 2022.

A Request for proposal was sent out for a concessionaire to run developed areas of the Forest. There was a successful bidder. An announcement will be made soon, once contracts are in place. In early January 2022, management of most developed camp grounds and grassy hollow will be handled by the concessionaire.

ANF Plans to keep the Big Pines fire station open during the winter months. Normally, this station is closed after fire season ends. The station will not be staffed 24/7 after January, but will be staffed 10 hours per day, 4 days per week.

Chris Fry talked about upcoming prescribed burn projects. Because of projected weather, Chris does not expect to see any burns taking place until late February or early March 2022, unless there is significant moisture before then.

The ANF has hired a new Resource Officer. Jackson Lake will be cleaned (invasive plants and non-native wildlife removed from the water). There are plans to stock Jackson Lake after these projects are completed.

San Bernardino National Forest: No report.

CCC: No report.

CAL FIRE (Travis Lemm): CAL FIRE is fully staffed for the remainder of 2021. No prescribed burns will take place in the near future due to adverse weather conditions. No updates on when the Phelan station will resume their chipping program.

Highway 2 corridor dead tree project: Fenner camp had it scheduled for a few weeks ago, but Caltrans could not support them for road closures at that time due to man power issues. Dead tree removal will be rescheduled for another time (possibly December 7, 2021).

LA County Agricultural Commission: No report.

LA County Fire (Trevor Moore): Trevor was present, but had nothing to report.

SB County Fire: No report.

SB County Code Enforcement: No report.

**Treasurer's report:** No treasurer's report was submitted, since there was no activity during the last month.

**New/continued business:** The new president of the Big Pines Campground Association is Ben Smith.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1901 hours local time. There will be no meeting in December 2021. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on January 18, 2022.

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 "C".

Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council