



**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 15, 2024 at 1908 hours local time. This meeting was held at the Wrightwood Community Building. Audio of this meeting is available here: <https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/10.15.24.WFSC.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: Because the list of attendees was so long, it will not be reproduced here. Instead, please see the attached attendance log.

**Public Comments:** WFSC appreciates everyone who came to tonight's meeting for the presentation.

**Approval of minutes:**

The minutes of the August 2024 meeting was approved as written Motion to approve was made by John Aziz. Motion was seconded by Jim Emery. Motion approved 4/0. Robert Comperini and Ben Smith abstained, as they were not present at that meeting.

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**Bridge Fire Recovery Task Force Presentation:** A presentation on the Bridge Fire aftermath and recovery efforts was given by numerous agencies. Agencies present, included representatives from LA County Public Works, the Debris Removal and Rebuild Taskforce, San Bernardino County Public Works, LA County Department of Emergency Management, Representative Cook's Office, San Bernardino County Fire. Much of the presentation was centered on services that are available to residents. Time was also spent discussing debris flow within the burned areas. The LA County Department of Public Works discussed debris flow estimates. The Debris and Rebuild Taskforce discussed the safe and efficient removal of debris. The LA County Department of Emergency Management discussed permitting, and property tax options to people who lost properties. If we have a significant rain event, the potential for flooding and debris flows are possible. Evacuations in areas of flooding or debris flows will take place if necessary. Residents who would like more information are invited to contact Supervisor Cook's office, or the appropriate San Bernardino County agency.

**Cooperative partner & agency updates:**

Angeles National Forest (Matthew Bokach): Matthew discussed the Forest closure order. He said that the closure area will be reduced and refined. Jackson Lake, and all points north of that (Table Mountain, Big Pines) will reopen. Vincent Gap will open. Grassy hollow will not reopen. Blue Ridge will not reopen. The PCT is closed between I-15 and Vincent Gap. Closures in other areas will remain in place throughout the winter. Fire restrictions in the forest are at the "Extreme" level. No campfires allowed. Contact ANF or Sheriff if any camp fires are seen

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE: Defensible space inspections re almost done in the Wrightwood area. We are currently about 50% done. Inspections will continue as needed in the spring time.

CalTrans: No report.

LA County AG: No report.

LA County Fire (Chief Mitchison): The Chief again thanked the WFSC for the relationships developed between agencies. This was important and had positive effects during the battle of this fire. Chief reminded everyone of the "Ready, Set Go!" program. He wants us to remember that this is not only good advice for fires, but also for the possible flooding/mud flows that we may see. Chief Mitchison Introduced BT-17 Chief Swingle from the Palmdale area.

SB County Fire (Chief Anderson): Chief Anderson thanked the community for keeping their properties clean with defensible space, being prepared and for the safe and orderly evacuation. This fire didn't cause more damage in Wrightwood, because of everyone's efforts.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

SB County Sheriff (Lutz): No additional report.

SB Supervisor: Nothing additional.

LA Supervisor: Nothing additional.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1956 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on November 19, 2024.

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

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