



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 Tim Heinrich on August 19, 2025 at 1803 hours local time. This meeting was held at the Wrightwood Community Building. Audio of this meeting is available here: <https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WFSC.8.19.25.mp3>

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

The following agency representatives were present: See attached attendance log.

Flag salute: The flag salute was led by Tim Heinrich.

Public Comments:

Strech Suba announced an upcoming CERT training class, that will be held September 19-21, 2025. For more information, email certwrightwood@gmail.com.

A member of the public commented on the recent CAL FIRE green waste event that took place in Phelan. Suggestions were offered to make this event better.

CWPP: John Aziz discussed the recent Zoom meeting that took place. More information from that meeting will be coming out in the near future

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the 7/15/2025 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to approve made by Hank Hallmark. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion approved 6/0. Tim Heinrich abstained as he was not at the June meeting.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: (Jorje Perez): On September 2, 2025, the "Blue Ridge" fuel reduction project will begin.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Drew Smith): Last month, CAL FIRE responded to 31 vegetation fires. 27 of those were larger than ¼ acres. Units are also supporting many different fires around the state. As units come back, CAL FIRE will resume fuel reduction projects in the local area. Drew briefly discussed staffing levels.

CAL FIRE will be hosting green waste/chipper events every weekend between now, and the end of September. The location is the Phelan CAL FIRE station, and hours of operation will be 9:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Fuel moisture levels: On July 3, 2025, average levels were 69.2%. On July 28, 2025, levels were 60.9%. O August 15, 2025, levels were at 58.8%. Anything below 60% is considered to be "critical".

In response to Hank Hallmark's question from the previous month regarding cause of fires, Drew stated that so far in 2025, there were 4 arson convictions. In 2024, we had 20 arson/unintentional related fires. These statistics include only San Bernardino County state responsibility areas (SRA).

Caltrans: No representative, no report.

IERCD: No representative, no report.

LA County AG: Inspections of the privately owned vacant parcels on the LA County side of Wrightwood have been completed. 46% were non-compliant. Our department will follow up in a few weeks, to ensure these issues were resolved. Homes on the LA County side of Wrightwood are inspected by LA County Fire.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire: Battalion Chief Nic Turner introduced himself and discussed how their department works together with other agencies during large events.

The Department has a residential assessment program (RAP). Property owners can request a free inspection of their property, to help identify fire hazards. For more information, or to request an appointment, phone (909) 386-8400 or email countyfirerap@sbcfire.org.

The department has several technologies, including drones, other camera technologies, and AI to help assess fires.

Statistics for the Wrightwood area: There were 56 calls this past month. These include: 1 vehicle fire, 3 other types of fire, 4 alarms, 1 Hazmat, 6 public service calls, 1 collision, 40 medical aid calls.

Peter Brierty: Proposition 4 CAL FIRE grant application deadline of August 6 was met. A decision will be made in December. Peter wants to partner with many Firesafe Councils, to help get fuel reduction plans written into their CWPPs. CWPPs get preferential consideration when applying for these grants.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

Golden State Water (Chase Nankivell): Chase briefly discussed the upcoming fire hydrant maintenance and inspections that will take place this year. Golden State Water is still working with the ANF on permitting for the upgrade to one of their tanks, to a 250,000 gallon capacity. The application and the drawings have been submitted. Golden State Water is setting up a tour of the Wrightwood system with government officials, to hopefully speed up the process of getting this tank upgrade approved.

New/continued business:

Fire hydrant mapping: Hank Hallmark reports that two people contacted him about adopting hydrants in their local area.

CWPP Update: No updates.

Treasurer's report: No treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1905 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on September 16, 2025.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Robert Conperini	WFSC
Tim Heinrich	WFSC
Hank Hallmark	WFSC
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Mike Trocena	MtrHudson
Shawn Trocena	11
Russ Drew	WLDPOA
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KENNETH STICK	
Jorge Perez	ANP
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Drew Smith	Cal Fire San Bernardino Chief
Kara Hatfield	resident
PATRICK MARTIN	RES.
STAY SOUTHERS	WW CERT
STRECH SUBA	WW CERT
Vincent Javara	ACWM (LA County)
Lauren Blake	resident
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