



**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 21, 2025 at 1807 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.10.21.25.mp3>

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

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

**Flag salute:** The flag salute was led by Jim Emery.

**Public Comments:** Strech Suba reports that on November 15, 2025 a CPR class will be held in the Wrightwood Community Building. For more information on these upcoming events, email: [certwrightwood@gmail.com](mailto:certwrightwood@gmail.com).

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes from the 9/16/2025 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to approve made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion approved 5/0.

**Home Insurance Workshop:** Sponsored by the Mountain Rim FSC & Wrightwood FSC. A home insurance workshop will be held on October 25, 2025 from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Wrightwood Community building. We will be discussing common problems dealing with obtaining and keeping home owner insurance. To register, email [staff@wrightwoodfsc.com](mailto:staff@wrightwoodfsc.com).

**Wrightwood Winter Traffic Meeting:** This meeting is being hosted by the SB County District 1 Supervisor's office, and will take place in the Wrightwood Community Center on October 29, 2025 at 10:00am. The Wrightwood FSC will attend.

**Cooperative partner & agency updates:**

**Angeles National Forest:** Fuel reduction project continues in the Blue Ridge area. Fire restrictions are changing to "very high" on October 24, 2025.

**San Bernardino National Forest:** District Ranger Mike Nobles submitted a report via email. His email is attached.

**CCC:** No representative, no report.

**CAL FIRE (Drew Smith):** Drew announced a new Battalion Chief for the desert area. His name is Mike Orton, and he will try to attend future meetings. Mike is a resident of Wrightwood.

Drew discussed staffing levels. Due to recent storms, there has not been a lot of fire activity.

**Weather:** NOAA forecasts suggest we will be in a La Nina season. This means less snow, fewer storms, and drier weather. There can also be more Santa Ana wind conditions. This means that we may see drier fuels, and more fire activity.

Fuel moisture levels: Last month (September), fuel moisture levels were at 58%. This month (October), the fuel moisture levels were at 62%. The increase is mainly due to recent precipitation.

Adrian Poloni introduced himself. Adrian is a forestry specialist with CAL FIRE, and is assigned to the southern region of CAL FIRE. He works with various agencies, including the IERCD, providing technical assistance related to forestry issues (GSOB, fire clearances, etc.). Adrian can be reached via email at: [adrian.poloni@fire.ca.gov](mailto:adrian.poloni@fire.ca.gov).

Caltrans: No representative, no report.

IERCD: No representative, no report.

LA County AG: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire (Capt. Michael Laabs): Discussed the equipment currently stationed at station 14. Statistics for this period: Medic Engine responded to 40 calls. Medic Ambulance responded to 60 calls. Of those 60 calls, 35 were medical aid calls.

Peter Brierty: Work continues on fuel reduction programs in the local area. Enhancements and improvements are being made to the fire hazard/weed abatement software system to make it more interactive, and add features that residents can use and interact with. The county is also looking at software called "Fire Aside". This "community based" fire hazard abatement software can help engage residents to be proactive with fuel reduction, and help strengthen our defense against wildfires. This software is in use in other jurisdictions. For more information, see: [www.fireaside.com](http://www.fireaside.com).

Residents, who wish to report properties that are not in compliance with clearance standards, can contact San Bernardino County Code Enforcement at 909-884-4056.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

#### **New/continued business:**

John Aziz reported that he has seen Golden State Water contractor in town doing flow testing on hydrants.

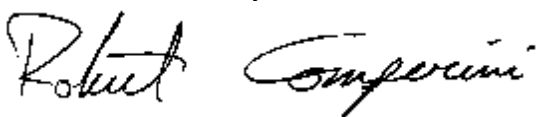
Fire hydrant mapping: Hank Hallmark reports that he is having a difficult time getting more people to adopt hydrants. Hank asked if the WFSC could place an announcement on the WFSC website.

CWPP Update: No updates.

**Treasurer's report:** Ben Smith reports our beginning balance is \$25,903. Two checks were written during this period: \$1945 for insurance and web hosting for \$147.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1854 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on November 18, 2025.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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On 10/20/2025 7:47 AM, Nobles, Mike - FS, CA wrote:

Good morning John.

Due to the Government Shutdown the San Bernardino will not be in attendance.

San Bernardino National Forest update.

- Fire staffing for the San Bernardino is 19 of the 25 Type 3 Engines are staffed, 4 Hot Shot Crews, 17 Fire Prevention Technicians, 5 Water Tenders, 1 Dozer, 1 Type 2 helicopter, 1 Type 3 helicopter, 1 Aerial Tactical Ground Supervisor and currently 2 Air Tankers which one is the DC 10, and 12 of the 19 Fire Leadership positions are staffed. With the talks of reorganizing the government this organization will remain the same until otherwise changed. There is no indication that our Forest Service Fire Organization will change.
- Forest Health. The Mechanical contracts for the Lytle Creek Hazardous Fuels reduction Project are nearing completion and we will begin prescribed fire activities in the winter of 2025 starting around the community of Lytle Creek which will carry over into the Spring of 2026. Plans for prescribed burning the Lone Pine units, which include Boundary Ridge will take place in the Fall/Winter of 2026 and the Spring of 2027.
- Currently there is still a bit of uncertainty on what our Non Fire staff will look like after the Agency re-organizes which is impacting our confidence in out year environmental planning.

My apologies for not being able to have a more steady in person presence at this meeting. As soon as our staffing improves in our Fuels Organization we will have a stronger in person commitment.

Thank you

Michael

Michael Nobles  
District Ranger  
Forest Service  
San Bernardino National Forest  
Front Country Ranger District