



**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 May 19, 2026 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.5.19.26.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.

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

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

### Public Comments:

CERT: Narcan training will take place at the Wrightwood Methodist church on 5/20/2026. On 5/28/2026, CERT's monthly meeting will be held at 6:30pm at the Wrightwood community building.

Wrightwood resident Kara Hatfield thanked THE WFSC for getting the county to show up at last month's meeting, to discuss the Lone Pine Quarry issue. Kara also thanked the WFSC for another successful WDAD event.

Jim Emery reports that SCE will be at the June WFSC meeting to give a presentation concerning the planned underground work in Wrightwood which is scheduled to begin in 2027.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the 04/21/2026 meeting was accepted as written. Motion to approve made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion approved 6/0.

**WDAD Recap:** The Wildfire & Disaster Awareness Day (WDAD) event was held on May 9, 2026. It was very successful. The WFSC appreciates and thanks the agencies and residents who participated in this event. The WFSC received \$180 in donations.

### Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: No representative, no report.

San Bernardino National Forest: See attached email from district ranger Mike Nobles.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Drew Smith): Full staffing is in place. This staffing level will remain to the end of the year. CAL FIRE recently completed a disaster exercise. Tasks included hose laying, and hiking. Over the past two months, there were 15 fires larger than 20 acres in size. There were two fires in the Cajon Pass on 5/18/2026. Due to vegetation and fuel moisture levels, this will most likely be a very active fire season. CAL FIRE participated in WDAD. CAL FIRE Thanks the WFSC for having us participate in this event. CAL FIRE staff participated in a tree planting event, at Wrightwood Place with the IERCD. Approximately 200 seedlings were planted. A LA-

100 meeting was recently held in Calabasas. No new updates. Everything remains in draft status, and nothing has been published yet. Fuel moisture levels:

3/04/2026: 99%  
4/15/2026: 78%  
5/17/2026: 72%

Caltrans: No representative, no report.

IERCD: Kayla Thompson reported the following, via email:

*“On 5/16 IERCD worked with Ray and Judy from Wrightwood Place to conduct a volunteer planting event where we planted about 200 pine seedlings. We used different planting methods and are excited to see the outcomes. We thank the property owners and the amazing 20 volunteers who supported this event. We will continue reforestation efforts annually. Landowners affected by the fire within our service area can contact me at [kthompson@iercd.org](mailto:kthompson@iercd.org) to be considered for future seedlings. The seedlings that were left over from this event will be distributed to landowners identified by the CSD in Wrightwood; this is being facilitated by the Mojave Desert RCD.*

*We are continuing to survey for Goldspotted Oak Borer within Wrightwood and had many residents sign up for surveys during your WDAD event. Any residents that may be interested in having their oaks surveyed for GSOB can reach out to me!”*

LA County AG: Inspections of vacant lots on the LA County side of Wrightwood were conducted on 5/12/2026. 71% of the parcels were found to be not in compliance. 11 notifications were sent to property owners. Properties that are not cleared will be cleared by the county, beginning on 6/15/2026. The cost for this work will be attached to the property owner’s property tax bill.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report. Jim Emery reported that LA County Fire did participate in WDAD.

SB County Fire: Jarrod Dowden: Wildland division is fully staffed for fire season. A wildfire training exercise was recently completed with other agencies. Our annual chipping campaign started. Chipping events will be happening in the San Bernardino Mountain communities. Our chipper will participate at the upcoming Wrightwood Green Waste event. We recently assisted the ANF with creating fuel breaks in the local forested areas.

Bryan James: Statistics for this period are 44 calls, including calls for 1 “other” fire, 2 alarms, 34 medical aid, 5 public service and 2 traffic. Residential Assessment Program (RAP) is available to residents, free of charge. Crews will inspect your property and provide guidance on how to make your property more fire safe. For more information, visit: [www.sbctfire.org/faq-category/residential-assessment-program/](http://www.sbctfire.org/faq-category/residential-assessment-program/).

Hank Hallmark asked if there were any updates to a complaint made at the previous month’s meeting, regarding someone burning trash, allegedly being told by fire personnel that it was allowed if they put a grate over the fire and called it a cooking fire. The SB Fire personnel at the meeting had no updates, but said they would follow up on this, to see if the allegation was true, and if anything was done to correct the issue.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

**New/continued business:**

The annual Green Waste event will be held May 29-31, 2026, from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily, at 1450 Highway 2 in Wrightwood. The WFSC is looking for volunteers to help man this event.

CWPP: No new information.

**Treasurer's report:** This month, \$180 was received as donations from the WDAD event. Checks were written for printing expenses related to WDAD. John Aziz reported that he is working on getting quotes for new magnets. He is also working on getting more WFSC shirts ordered soon. Jim Emery also wants to purchase a new pop-up and other small equipment for events.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1915 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on June 16, 2026.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council



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**From:** John <John@WrightwoodCalif.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2026 5:03 PM  
**To:** Nobles, Mike - FS, CA  
**Cc:** Jim Emery; Ben Smith  
**Subject:** Re: [External Email]Wrightwood Fire Safe Council May 2026 Meeting

Thank Mike for the update

John-Jim-Ben

On 5/18/2026 4:28 PM, Nobles, Mike - FS, CA wrote:

John I won't be able to make tomorrow's meeting.

BDF Updates

1. 2weeks ago we completed 132 acres of Broadcast burning in Lytle Creek
2. Prescribed Fire season is ending as we gear up for Fire season.
3. The San Bernardino will be staffed with 18 Type 3 Engines , 4 Hot Shot Crews, 1 Fuels Crew, 17 Fire Prevention Technicians, 1 Dozer, 1 Type 1 Helicopter, 1 Type 2 Helicopter, 1 Type 3 Helicopter, 5 water Tenders, and 15 Chief Officers.
4. Reorganization of the Forest Service has changed our regional model from being identified as regions and will be going to a state organization model. Going from 9 regions to 15 state based director organizations.
5. Fire Responses have increased in the last month and a half.

Thanks  
Michael

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