



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 July 21, 2026 at 1800 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.7.21.26.mp3>.

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

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

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

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the 06/16/2026 meeting was accepted as written. Motion to approve made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion approved 4/0. Tom Foley abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Public comments: Strech Suba announced that the next CERT training is expected to be in October 2026.

Summit Fire Update:

LA County Fire (SeaGraves): 90% containment. Small flareups.

Angeles National Forest: Patrols are in place. Will remain in place for probably another week. Dozer lines are being made. Mescal canyon road has been cleaned. 98% containment. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Reports that it was caused by fireworks are not factual.

Social media reports are not a good source of information, unless it's from official accounts. Watch Duty, while a good app, does have limitations, and has been known to post wrong information. LA County Fire suggests using the Genasys app.

Fuel break projects will continue later this year.

View the Summit fire history map, here: <https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/fires/Summit.Fire.Wrightwood.pdf>

Fire Hazard Abatement Program: San Bernardino County Land Use Services used to inspect our properties. Beginning this year, Land Use will no longer be doing the inspections. SB County Fire took over responsibility on July 1, 2026. Wrightwood inspections began on Monday, July 20, 2026. The inspections were delayed because of administrative delays caused by this transition.

A map showing the status of property inspections can be viewed here:

<https://sbcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=e24ba6482bd3422b82fc69f58459bda2>

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: Fuel reduction projects continue to take place in the Blue Ridge area. The north side of Big Pines Highway will get treatment starting in September or October. ANF is aware of the wood and debris

around the old ice-skating rink. ANF will have wood giveaways later this year, to help get some of that material removed. Interested parties can apply for a permit to remove wood.

San Bernardino National Forest: No representative, no report.

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE (Jon Wight): Jon thanked the WFSC and Wrightwood residents and other agencies for their support and help during recent emergencies. CAL FIRE personnel are supporting fire activity in northern California.

Caltrans: Adrian Shum reported via email that Cajon Pass fuel reduction projects will begin next month. These will include portions of Highway 138 and Highway 18.

IERCD (Kayla Thompson): GSOB program: A new grant was received from CAL FIRE to fund removal and treatments for infected trees. We will be in Wrightwood soon to treat or remove affected trees. Home Assessment Program: Under this program, we will inspect people's properties, free of charge, and will make any recommendations needed. We have 3/16-inch mesh to give to residents. This mesh is used to cover vents and other openings to protect them from embers.

LA County AG: We inspect vacant properties in the LA County side of Wrightwood. LA County inspections were completed. There was a 35% non-compliance rate.

Inspection timeline:

- February: Annual notices are mailed to residents with information on what to do, and how to get property cleared.
- June 1: Inspections begin. Additional letters sent to residents with unusually large clearance costs.
- 3rd Week of June: Crews were in Wrightwood to begin clearing non-compliant properties

LA County Fire: LA County Fire is responsible for inspecting properties with structures on the LA County side of Wrightwood. Anything larger than 120 square feet in size is considered a structure.

SB County Fire: No report.

CORE: CORE is planning a workshop in Wrightwood soon. Date TBD. The process WW can become a "Fire Wise" community was discussed.

New/continued business:

Vicky Rinick announced her retirement from the Mountaineer Progress newspaper. Monique Teal was introduced as the new Mountaineer Progress publisher

Fire Hydrant Adoption: No updates.

CWPP: No updates.

Treasurer's report: There are a few checks to deposit from the recent Green Waste Event. There are a few checks to be written for WDAD and the Green Waste Event expenses.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1913 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on August 18, 2026.

Minutes submitted by:

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

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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