



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 September 15, 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.9.15.26.mp3>.

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

Jim Emery discussed the recent tragedies in Wrightwood, including the fatal car crash and the death of Hank Hallmark on September 8, 2026. Hank Hallmark has been on the WFSC Board for over 20 years. His experience and expertise in the insurance industry and the valuable contributions he made to the Fire Safe Council are too numerous to name. In addition to his volunteer service to the WFSC, Hank has always been a supporter of most of the worthy and crucial causes in the village of Wrightwood. First to donate, volunteer or support, Hank could always be counted on to help.

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

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

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the 08/18/2026 meeting was accepted as written. Motion to approve made by Jim Emery. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion approved 5/0.

Public comments: Strech Suba announced that CORE will attend their September meeting to give a presentation on defensible space. The next basic CERT class will be held October 16-18, 2026. On September 26, 2026, a hazardous waste event will take place at the Wrightwood Community Center, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. On October 24, 2026, Team Rubicon will be coming to Wrightwood to host a sandbagging event at the fire station. CERT will no longer be able to provide traffic control for the upcoming Halloween event, due to liability concerns from the county.

Beyond Prepared discussed various money saving programs available from SCE. Visit the SCE website to learn more about rebates that are available.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: The ANF discussed recent fires in the various Forests of California. The current fire restriction level in the ANF is: VERY HIGH. The fuel reduction project has begun along Big Pines Highway.

San Bernardino National Forest: Mike Noble reported via email, that he is no longer the District Ranger for the Front Country Ranger District. The acting Ranger is Joseph Esparza (joseph.esparza@usda.gov).

CCC: No representative, no report.

CAL FIRE: Strike teams are still supporting fires in the Los Padres national forest. Pilot Rock crews will be in Wrightwood soon, removing bug infested trees.

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: Statistics for the current period: 74 total calls, including 2 structure fires, 5 vegetation fires and 2 unknown. Still getting vegetation fire starts around the local area. Annual property inspections were recently completed.

An email from Jarrod Dowden was received outlining proposed fuel reduction projects planned to take place in the Wrightwood area. See attached email.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

CORE: CORE announced an upcoming insurance webinar. They also discussed a workshop they will be doing with CERT.

New/continued business: None

Fire Hydrant Adoption: No updates.

CWPP: No updates.

Treasurer's report: Ben Smith mentioned several checks that were written for various items.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1841 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on October 20, 2026.

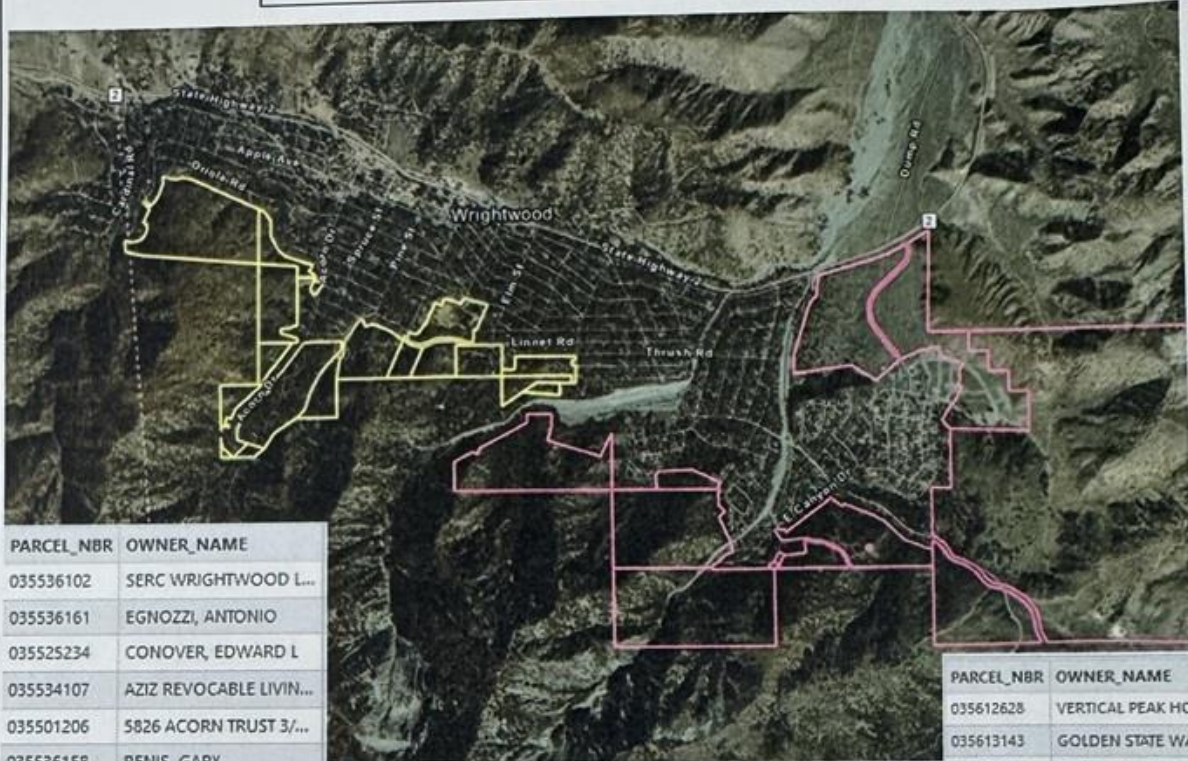
Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Comperini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Comperini" clearly distinguishable.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Proposed Fuels Reduction 2026



PARCEL_NBR	OWNER_NAME
035536102	SERC WRIGHTWOOD L...
035536161	EGNOZZI, ANTONIO
035525234	CONOVER, EDWARD L
035534107	AZIZ REVOCABLE LIVIN...
035501206	5826 ACORN TRUST 3/...
035536158	RENIS, GARY
035506174	DORAN COMPANIES LLC
035534105	SO CALIF ARIZ CONF C...
035501208	TENG REVOCABLE TRU...
035525259	METZA, JOHN AND BE...
035525262	KAVAK FAMILY TRUST
035534112	AZIZ REVOCABLE LIVIN...
035525260	COLOMBO, JOEL C
035525261	AZIZ REVOCABLE LIVIN...
035525254	WRIGHTWOOD COUN...

PARCEL_NBR	OWNER_NAME
035612628	VERTICAL PEAK HOI
035613143	GOLDEN STATE WAT
035525243	HEATH CANYON PR
035612629	ALLEN, JONATHAN I
035613101	GOVERNMENT LAN
035613123	SPACEPORT LAND F
035613151	GAROFALO, JACK R
035613151	GAROFALO, JACK R
035618102	GOVERNMENT LAN
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035640111	GOLAN, SIMON
035611138	WRIGHTWOOD DE
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 **SW Wrightwood**

 **SE Wrightwood**

I see that Aziz is listed as the owner of record for three of the parcels proposed...additionally, are you able to put me in touch with any of the other property owners, as we are still in the early planning stages?

Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Jarrold Dowden
Wildland Fuels Specialist

jimandmo@att.net

From: John <John@WrightwoodCalif.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 1:24 PM
To: Dowden, Jarrod
Cc: Jim Emery; Ben Smith
Subject: Re: Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Sept 2026 Meeting

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Jarrod,
The proposed fuel reduction work looks great. I should be able to come up with some contact information.

Can you send the map as a pdf file.

Thanks,
John-Jim-Ben

On 9/15/2026 10:51 AM, Dowden, Jarrod wrote:

Good morning John,

I am unable to attend the FSC meeting this evening...Please see the map below...we are in the early stages of planning fuels reduction activities in the Wrightwood area...