

WUI VEGETATION CODE WORKGROUP

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2025

1:30 PM

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Fire Chief's Representative- Asst. Chief Colin Arnold

Assistant Chief David Winnacker
Richard Illgen
George Perez-Velez

Eric Weaver
Margit Roos-Collins

MINUTES

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order: 1:31 PM

Present:

- Assistant Fire Chief, Colin Arnold
- Assistant Fire Chief, David Winnacker
- Eric Weaver
- Richard Illgen
- Margit Roos-Collins
- George Perez-Velez

Approval of the August 20 Minutes

Motion by Margit Roos-Collins, seconded by Eric Weaver, and approved by consensus.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Public Members: 2

AGENDA MATTERS *All Regular agenda matters are for discussion and possible action.*

- 1. Action: Discussion of existing local amendments to ensure clarity**

- Written Materials:** Attachment 1 from June 17th council meeting
Presentation: N/A
- Discussion:** The group reviewed the sections in Attachment 1 from the June 17th Council meeting and flagged items for further discussion. They identified areas with unclear language, noted where additional details would improve clarity, and recommended using wording that is easily understood by the general public.
- 2. Action:** **Review and comment on Board of Forestry Zone Zero Draft Plead**
- Written Materials:** BOF August Draft Plead
Presentation: N/A
- Discussion:** The group reviewed the language in the Board of Forestry Zone Zero Draft. Members suggested revisions to improve clarity.
- 3. Action:** **Identify and Clarify AMMR Process, Clarify modification process (including local conditions and evidence to support the same practical effect**
- Written Materials:** N/A
Presentation: N/A
- Discussion:** The item will remain on the agenda for next week's meeting. It was briefly discussed; Chief Winnacker briefly presented the purpose and language from the State code, and will share his presentation document. An AMMR presentation document and example will be included on next week's agenda.
- 4. Action:** **Upcoming Meeting Schedule, including Sept 24th.**
- Written Materials:** N/A
Presentation: N/A
- Discussion:** The remaining scheduled meetings will be held at Berkeley City Hall, 2180 Milvia Street. Members suggested considering future meetings in the WUI, such as Woodmont Ave or Grizzly Peak Blvd.

WORK GROUP REPORTS

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM on a motion by Richard Illgen, approved by consensus.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to the Wildland Urban Interface Division of the Berkeley Fire Department, wildfire@berkeleyca.gov 510-981-5620.

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Colin Arnold*