

# WUI VEGETATION CODE WORKGROUP

## REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

9:00 AM

Redwood Room – 2180 Milvia St. 6<sup>th</sup> Floor North

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: 9:05 am

**Present:**

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

**Not Present:**

- Richard Illgen

**Approval of the September 3 Minutes**

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

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters**

Public Members: 3

1 comment

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

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

**Written Materials:** Gov. Code 51175-51189  
Summary of Proposed State Changes  
General Guidance for Creating Defensible Space

**Discussion:** The group reviewed the annotated version of the Vegetation Ordinance in detail and noted suggested changes. A member requested that a clean copy as well as the draft of the ordinance be provided for the next meeting. Members commented on the desire to complete a final draft by the next meeting. It was noted that written materials for the next meeting should include a City of Berkeley GIS map layer identifying the zones and the parcels within them.

**2. Action:** **Identify and Clarify AMMR Process, Clarify modification process (including local conditions and evidence to support the same practical effect**

**Written Materials:** COB Workgroup AMMR PPT  
State Appendix A1-A5  
BMC 1.28

**Discussion:** The group briefly began discussion on the AMMR process. It was noted that this item will be continued at the next meeting. A member of the group recommended that members review the written materials in advance to prepare for a more in-depth discussion at that time.

**3. Action:** **Consideration of Future Agenda Items**  
Future agenda topics submitted by a member for consideration and discussion:  
State Fire Regulations  
Excerpts from the Government Code on Fire Zones Penalties  
Appeals  
Soils and Geology  
Fire-resistant Vegetation  
Eucalyptus and Other Dangerous Trees  
Building Composition and Compliance  
Compliance Costs

**Written Materials:** State Fire Regulations  
Excerpts from the Government Code on Fire Zones

**Discussion:** Agenda item #3 was not addressed and will be carried forward to the next scheduled meeting for discussion.

## WORK GROUP REPORTS

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 AM, following a motion by Eric Weaver and seconded by Margit Roos-Collins, and supported by consensus.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

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#### SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Colin Arnold*