



Building A Better Community

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting (Virtual)**

Wednesday October 20, 2021, 7:00–9:00 P.M.

Minutes

Chair Pro Tem, Travis Longcore, President of the BABCNC, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. There was no roll call as there was nothing on the agenda that takes a vote and the goal for this meeting was to hear from David Shew.

BABCNC Board and Committee members present included but were not limited to Robert Schlesinger, Vadim Levotman, *Irene Sandler*, Steven Weinberg, Kristie Holmes, David Kadin; Nickie Miner and Maureen Levinson.

Chair Pro Tem Longcore introduced Dave, thanked him, and welcomed him this evening.

Presentation from David Shew (Wildfire DefenseWorks)

“Assessment of Fire Risk and Community Safety Options in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains”

David Shew graduated with a Bachelors in Architecture and moved to Southern California in 1981. After five years of working in architecture firms, he sought something different and began work as a seasonal firefighter for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). For the next 31 years, he worked to combine these two forms of knowledge as he rose through the ranks in CAL FIRE, from seasonal firefighter up to the Office of the State Fire Marshall. In 2018, he retired from CAL FIRE as the Staff Chief for the Division of Planning and Risk Analysis. During his five years at the Office of the State Fire Marshall, he oversaw statewide fire prevention programs and came to understand the inner workings of fire policy in California. As one of the leading experts in understanding structural ignition from wildfires, he has helped to develop best practices for wildfire mitigation for communities and property owners. His work has been recognized numerous times: as a recipient of CAL FIRE Director’s Outstanding Achievement Award in 2014 and 2015; and a Medal of Valor from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007. Q&A followed the presentation.

To see the presentation click on this link:

Please click [here](#) for the Wildland Urban Interface Issues presentation.

Discussion of Emergency Preparedness Committee Priorities and Leadership was held.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.

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