

NPFMC ADVISORY PANEL Motions and Rationale April 2025 - Teleconference

C4 Programmatic Evaluation

Motion 1

The following is the substitute motion that passed. The original motion is located at the bottom of this motion in strikeout.

The AP recommends that the Council pause the Programmatic evaluation process.

Substitute Motion passed 21-0

Rationale in Favor of Substitute Motion

- A pause in the process is warranted given the uncertainty related to staffing and funding capacity. Likewise, a pause allows this action to be reconsidered in the future after identifying resources for funding and staff.
- A pause does not infer judgment as to whether the action is important; instead, it reflects sentiments that this action is not urgent at this time.
- This recommendation is responsive to public comment.
- The Council may benefit from reconsidering the goals of the evaluation and whether stated FMP objectives are already being met under other actions.
- Some AP members believe the programmatic needs to be restructured and updated at some point in the future.

~~The AP recommends that the Council pause the Programmatic evaluation process to allow time to consider whether to reset the process (and if so, how) or to discontinue it entirely[†]~~

Motion 2

The AP recommends the Council initiate a retrospective analysis of how, whether, and why goals and objectives from FMPs and other key Council guidance have or have not been met.

Main Motion passed 14-7

Rationale in Support of Main Motion

- *The motion captures the desire to determine if current policy objectives and goals from the 2004 programmatic have been successfully met by various council actions.*

- *Some AP members felt that the Council should conduct a retrospective analysis prior to implementing changes to the programmatic objectives and goals.*
- *Other AP members expressed support for making the Council's actions in support of the 2004 goals and objectives easily accessible in one document so that the public may be better informed on the Council's actions.*
- *Some AP members, including the maker of the motion, noted that the Council staff used to provide regular updates to the Council on this topic. One AP member noted that this motion was broad in guidance and that it could be interpreted by the Council as a request to simply restart these periodic updates.*

Rationale in Opposition to Main Motion

- *While there is appreciation for the intent of the motion, the undertaking would be very large and may be too large in scope to be useful versus overwhelming.*
- *One AP member felt that because the programmatic item has been dropped from the AP agenda more than once due to timing issues they were not comfortable voting yes on this recommendation.*
- *One reason to pause the action on the programmatic is the uncertainty around funding and staff capacity for these activities.*