



PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

PSOG NOTES

December 15, 2023

1300-1500

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair/NICC: Hartman	<input type="checkbox"/> NMAC: Mcdonald
<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair/ Fire Management: Hinckley	<input type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Nuttall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Achziger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GACC: Perea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Majewski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMB: Fallon
<input type="checkbox"/> PS FA: Gardunio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS Intel: SeLegue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS Met: Strader
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LTP: Nauslar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admin: Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Attendees: Kevin Osborne, Craig Glazier

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
Update from FMB	Fallon	Information
Update from NCCM/PS Annual	Hartman/Nauslar	Information
Bin Items	All	Discussion

Schedule:

NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2024, 1300-1500

Agenda:

Update from FMB

FMB has been having a lot of conversations and working on things behind the scenes.

Working with Fire Directors to discuss steps moving forward.

Fallon wrote up a short funding request for proposed positions.

FMB is looking at flying 1-5 year NTEs for three of the positions proposed.

The briefing paper is being finalized with FMB and then it will be sent through the funding process which will take a bit of time.

FMB is trying to be thoughtful as PSOG has put forth technical thoughts that have spurred conversations regarding national governances.

The PCAST and Commission Reports have stirred conversations that tie into PSOG's proposals and how to meet the needs of the federal agencies, states, and other partners.

Research to Operations needs to be a focus so there isn't a disconnect in the future.

Final decision on funding memo will be on the agenda for FMB's January meeting.

Additional conversations will be had regarding funding though there are limitations given the current BIL, CR, and overall funding uncertainties at this time.

FMB has had conversations how this integrates with the technology side and how to tie in the applications so everyone has the necessary tools to produce the adequate products for the field.

Supervision/hosting side has well been figured out by FMB but waiting on January's final decisions.

Will FMB consider that PSOG received the tasking to propose long-term PS fixes before many of these other programs started asking for funding?





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Fallon as FMB liaison has continued to bring up that this is a paradigm shift for how PS will operate in the future and the impact improving this program will better the entire community.

Fallon has brought up that some of the other projects such as WFFIT should be considered for long-term sustainability and where they get the standards from.

Short-term fixes aren't going to be worth as much if the funding isn't there to sustain long-term solutions for the PS program.

FMB is aware of the frustration PSOG and the field feels based on the expanded timeline.

PCAST reports aren't as well known in some of the operational circles as many don't know where it comes from or how it connects to operational duties.

Update from NCCM/PS Annual Meeting

PS wants to know what the long-term plan is for the program moving forward and when they might be able to expect staffing within the GACCs.

Derrek presented and overview on how PSOG came to be, what PSOG has been working on, and the progress this far.

Bin Items

Derrek is on the agenda to discuss PSOG at the tri-meeting in a couple of weeks.

Revisit January's in-person meeting after FMB meets in early January.

PS Handbook is signed but should be revisited to discuss enforcement.

Some GAs or agencies seem to have the latitude to create and fill any position they want which could be concerning to a national PS program's overall cohesion.

Cal Fire recently gave money to the feds to create additional positions to maintain consistency across the GACC while maintaining some of the control authority.

Next month at National Association of State Forrester's meeting they could discuss what the ultimate goal on the federal side is and how the states could assist in supporting those program goals, even using Cal Fire as an example.

In addition to briefing the state partners, bring up the concerns with Greg Smith, the NMAC representative, for more support.

4. Roundtable Discussion

Heidi – Currently PS staffing is an issue but the Intel positions are both seasonal and aren't around for the winter meetings because that position has been a state-funded position. The state isn't willing to give up funding the year-round position to the DOI because they are worried they won't have as much input. How do we get the federal and state partners to see the bigger picture and be part of the solution for things like this?

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Phillip – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Jim – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Brian – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Jake – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Brian – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Jason – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Nick – Something, Something, Something or NTR

Derrek – Something, Something, Something or NTR

