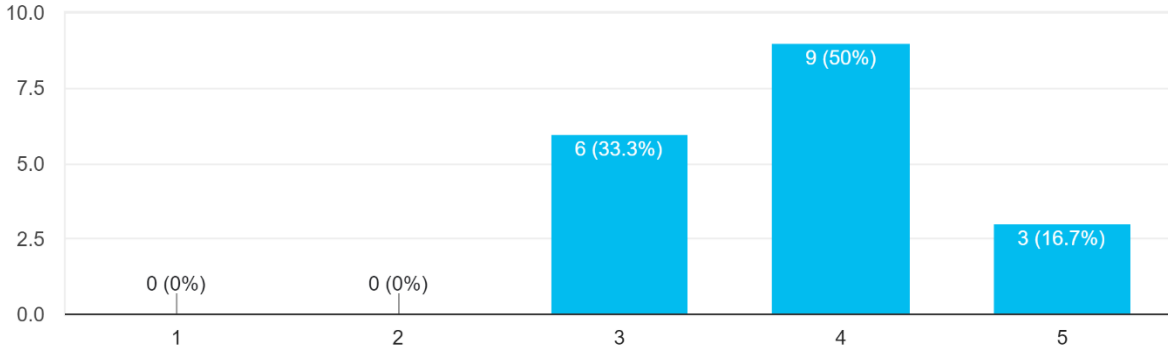


2023 Watershed Forum Evaluation Survey Responses

This year we received 18 responses to our post-Forum survey. This number represents 43 percent of attendees who attended both days of the Forum.

1. Please rate the amount of pertinent watershed management information shared at the 2023 Forum.

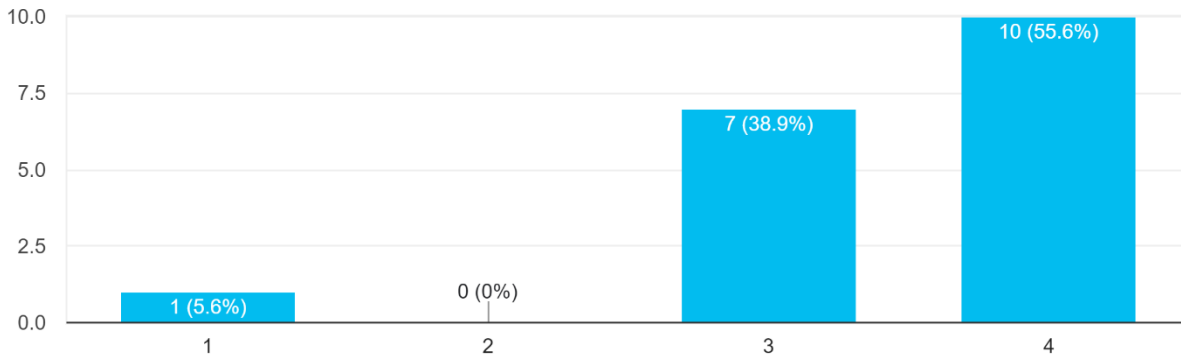
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General agreement that the information was pertinent. Attendees commented favorably on the breadth of information covered as well as the diversity of speakers.

2. Did you learn something at the Forum that will change what you'll do in the future?

18 responses



Several respondents commented on the new networking connections they had made, potential partners to coordinate with, and how they'd been alerted on how to find data and information. A few stated they'd learned about specifics such as ADMPs, the USGS Hydromapper, and funding sources. One respondent said they'd continue to implement the regenerative ag practices presented in the Forum and the Agricultural Producers Working Group.

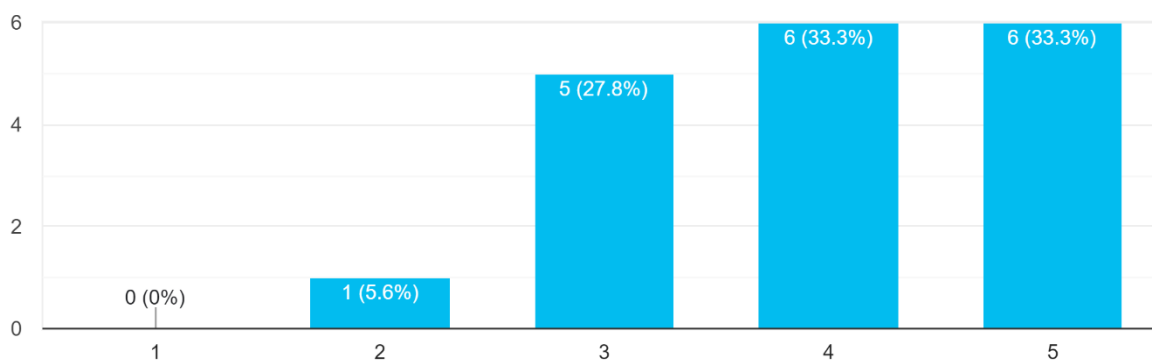
"Take-home" messages from the Forum:

- Lots of good stuff happening
- Collaboration between agencies is essential to sustainable watershed management.

- There are several new digital tools in development that will be interactive and widely available. I am particularly interested in the Adaptive Stewardship Plan
- I need to go to more meetings and make sure I know what has happens in Douglas county. .
- Collaborative management and restoration
- There is a lot going on in the Carson Basin!
- There seems to be a lot of positive collaborative efforts in the Carson River watershed.
- While there are many threats to our Carson River Watershed and challenges to addressing them, there are so many opportunities to make positive changes and many folks in the room are doing just that.
- The biggest take away I had was there is just a vast amount of activity happening throughout the watershed. I get fixated on just our 7-mile stretch throughout our ranch, but what is happening all the way from the Alpine area to past Lahontan Reservoir is important to keep in mind.
- There is a lot going on in the watershed, and it is nice to hear that there is a lot of coordination and collaboration.
- Watershed at present is well managed and protected.
- What effects are water shed is more than just climatological it's also highly effected by fire.
- Collaboration and partners in the watershed.
- Previous water conveyance structures may not be adequate to deal with the prolonged, high flow events brought on by climate change.
- as with all things outdoors, the layers of resource needs and conservation/sustainability are never ending. It is amazing to have such great people in charge of our water sheds etc.
- I want to become more involved in the Coalition. Will do some homework to determine my best fit and way to contribute.
- There are so many dedicated individuals that work within our watershed. I love the passion and information shared; it really inspires me!
- Protect the watershed and get the word out to others. Look to the future and plan.

4. Please rate your reaction to the panel format used for some Forum topics.

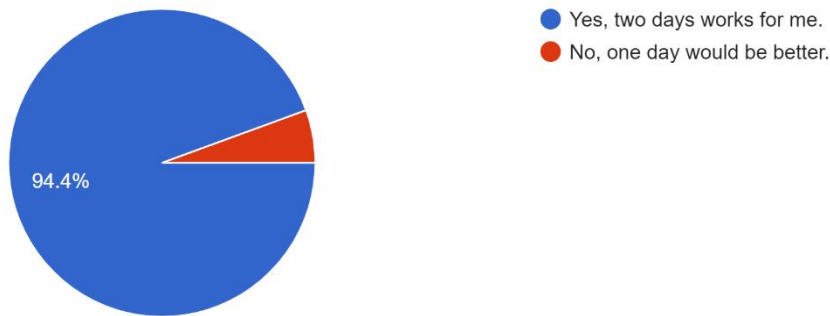
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There was a mixed reaction to the panel format. Some did not find the panels engaging, not long enough for audience questions, or ill-planned; there were suggestions to promote discussion between the panelists and take questions from the audience for the panelists prior to the Forum, both designed to generate interaction. Others loved the new format and multiple viewpoints of the same general topic in a short time span and thought the panels were very well planned and offered additional networking opportunities.

5. Do you like the two-day format?

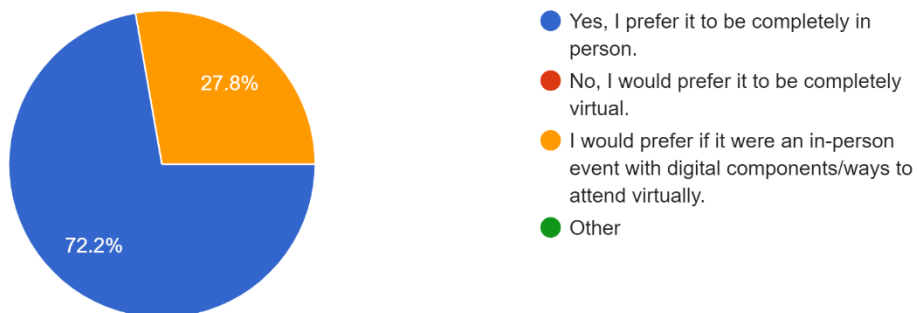
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Several attendees expressed regret that they could not attend both days because of time constraints, but all agreed that if it were a one-day conference the amount of information presented would have to be sharply curtailed and that two days allows for more interaction.

6. Do you like the Forum being completely in person?

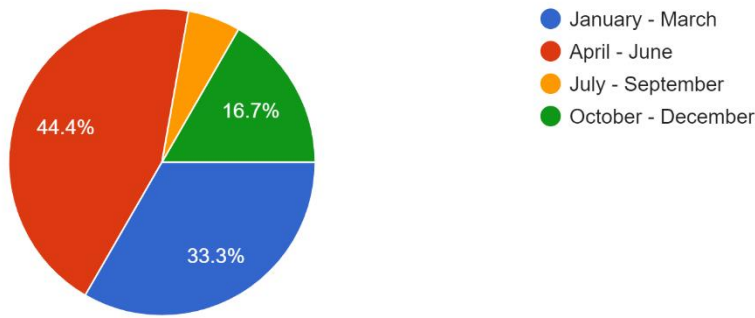
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While nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of respondents favored an in-person Forum, a sizeable minority suggested that having virtual components would increase attendance. Benefits of being in-person included making more connections and interestingly, for speakers, seeing non-verbal cues and being able to convey the passion for their topics.

7. What time of year is most preferable for this event?

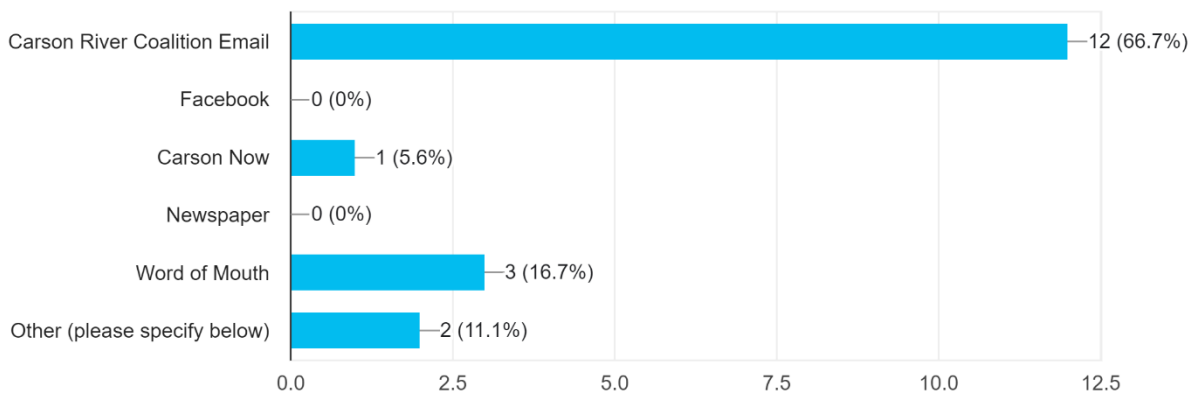
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There was a general consensus for 1. During school 2. Before or after field season and irrigation and 3. To avoid the holidays. In the future we may want to keep it to February or March.

8. How did you hear about the Forum?

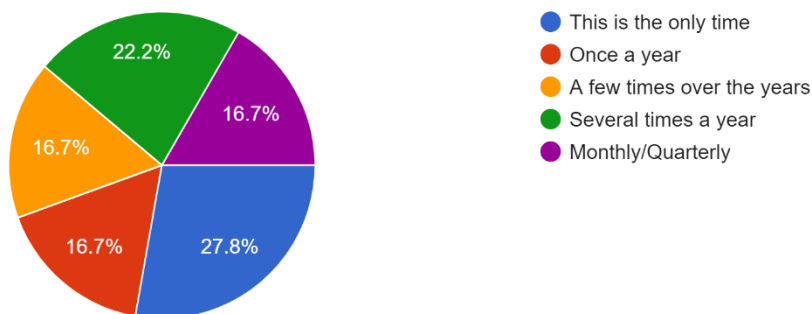
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Those who cited "Other" heard about it directly from CWSD staff or NDCNR.

9. How often do you participate in Carson River Coalition or other watershed events?

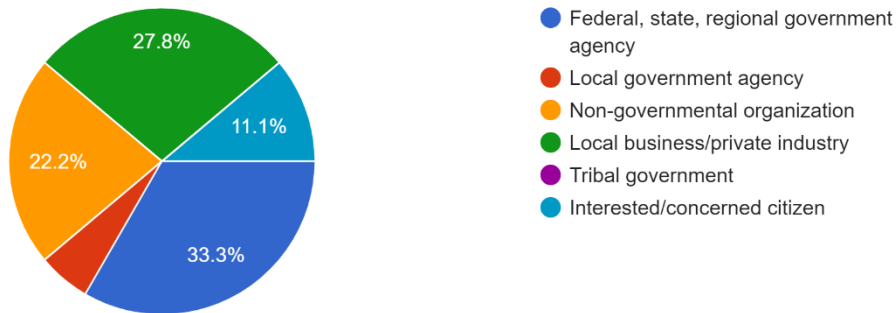
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Using this question to gauge respondents' level of activity within the Watershed, it's heartening to know that, even within a small sample, that a high percentage are very active and that a sizable number are 1) completely new or 2) participate in the Forum only. One possible follow-up question may be to ask Why? – Too busy, don't find out about events in time, etc.?

10. Which of the following best describes who you represent at this Forum?

18 responses



This answer does not accurately reflect Tribal participation. Members of both the WTNC and FSPT both attended and presented, and that is a trend we'd like to encourage. Also, perhaps the CRC could explore ways to expand the cross-section of interested citizens who attend.

11. Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the event relating to topics, organization, speakers, venue, food, etc.?

- Great to event
- Great conference! Thanks for hosting.
- This is a very professionally executed Forum, great venue and knowledgeable speakers. While there could always be room for improvement, I wouldn't change a thing!
- Great job you guys.
- Longer breaks to allow for more side conversations would be beneficial. Thanks for keeping us on time!
- Enjoyed the Forum & hope to be back next year!
- Venue was great. I appreciated the diversity of speakers who presented.
- Consider a word limit on the bios. I was impressed with the quality of presenters across the board. Thank you for offering lunches that made it easy to stay away from dairy/lactose.
- The event location, organization and food were all great. The raffles were really fun too. Maybe one or two of the speakers maybe could have done a presentation outside (although it likely could not be a PowerPoint) it may have helped stretch out the legs and get outside for a little bit to break up the sitting inside time.
- Push the screen up to the front of the stage. I just couldn't read it and I sat in the middle of the room.
- Well organized and managed.
- I really enjoyed the time that I was able to see and listen for. Great pizza and I only wished I could have seen the rest of the first day as well as the following day.
- You guys do an amazing job and are a wonderful organization.
- Very well done! Thanks for the opportunity to participate and learn.
- I did not stay for pizza lunch. I would have preferred sandwiches or something with less carbs.

- The meeting venue, and speakers, were excellent. A broad array of organizations were represented. The food was great with adequate time for breaks. The only talk I did not enjoy was Settlemeyer's; it seemed too political in a science-heavy forum. Perhaps in the West we cannot separate politics from water issues.
- Again, the panel format was wonderful. This was a great forum!!!