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Carson Water Subconservancy District

Board of Directors Meeting

February 21, 2024

Supplemental Materials

Material provided by staff to CWSD Board of Directors on February 15, 2024:

Agenda Item #14 –For Discussion Only: Overview of CWSD’s Priorities and History over the past 25 Years

See attached 2022 CWSD Strategic Session Survey Results. Added as Agenda Item 14A.

Supplemental materials posted in accordance with NRS 241.020.

2022 Strategic Planning Session Survey Results

Below are the results of the Carson Water Subconservancy District's Board Survey, translated into graphs for ease of viewing. The Survey consisted of 23 questions with three choices of "High", "Medium", and "Low", meant to function as a guide for prioritizing CWSD's future projects and a jumping off point for discussion.

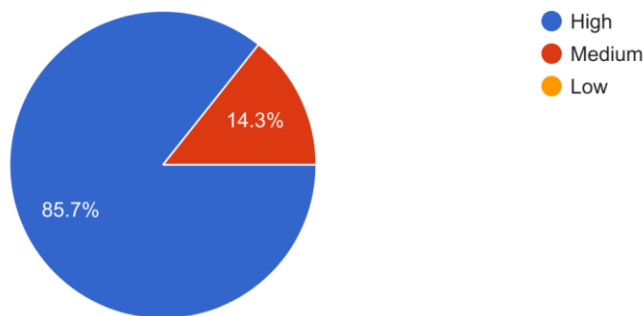
After each graph will be a brief explanation of results, along with any accompanying comments provided by the respondents to the Survey- each question gave an opportunity for the respondent to provide additional input.

All the current 14 Board members responded to our Survey.

Water Supply

1. Continue to develop a 30-year regional water resource plan for the entire Carson River Watershed.

14 responses



Of the 14 respondents, 85.7% (12 respondents) rated continuing to develop a 30-year regional water resource plan for the entire Carson River Watershed as a High priority. Only two respondents (14.3%) viewed it as a Medium priority.

Additional Comments:

"I think this falls under our core mission."

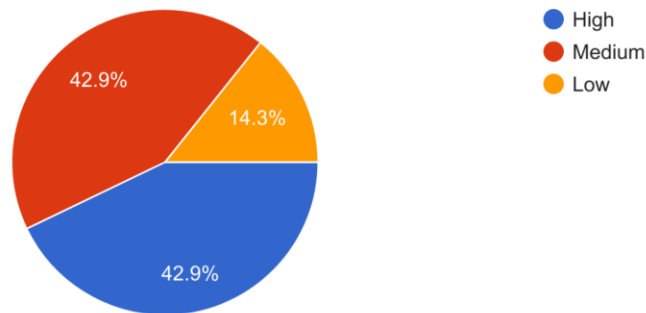
"In light of the changing climate, I believe it's critical to continue to update the 30-year plan."

"This should be done in conjunction with the various counties."

"Counties that work together stay together."

2. Reestablish the list of water supply/facilities eligible for CWSD funding out of the Acquisition/Construction Fund.

14 responses



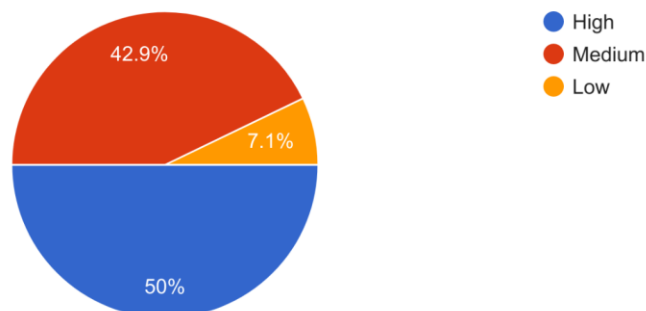
With Question 2, a slim majority of 42.9% (6 respondents) selected the High option regarding re-establishing the list of water supply and facilities eligible for CWSD funding out of the Acquisition/Construction Fund. Medium was the second-most popular section at 42.9% (6 respondents). Of 13 respondents, only two (14.3%) viewed it as a Low priority.

Additional Comments:

"I'm concerned that a set list might discourage applicants. Perhaps general categories would work fine. I think it might be helpful to list examples of things that would have a hard time qualifying."

3. Continue to transfer a minimum of \$75,000 each year from the General Account into the Acquisition/Construction Account.

14 responses



On the continuing yearly transfer of \$75,000 from the General Account to the Acquisition/Construction Account, a majority prioritized this as High (50%, 7 respondents). 42.9% (6 respondents) selected Medium in response to this question, and only 7.1% (1 respondent) selected Low.

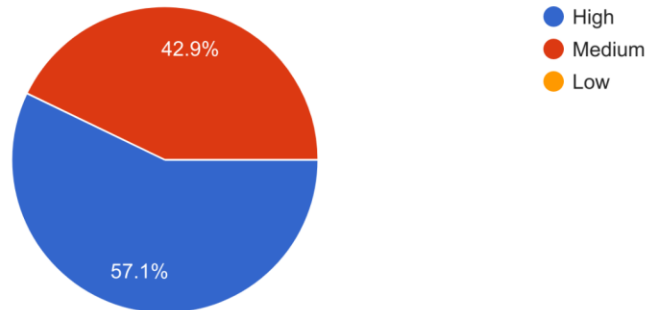
Additional Comments:

"This should be driven by Acquisition/Construction plan and requirements."

Water Quality

4. Continue to pursue NDEP CWA Section 319(h) funding for the CRC/Watershed Coordination Program.

14 responses

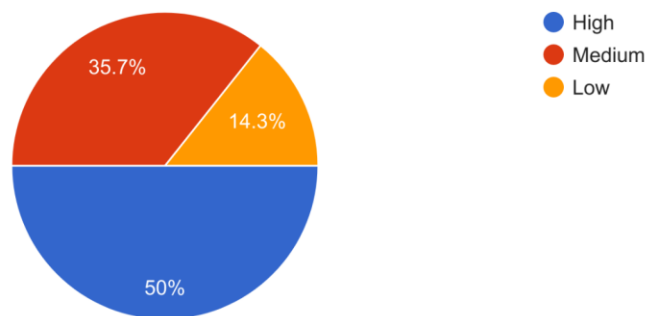


Of continuing to pursue NDEP CWA Section 319(h) funding for the CRC/Watershed Coordination Program, a clear majority of respondents (57.1%, 8 respondents) viewed this as a High priority. 42.9% (6 respondents) selected medium in response to this question. No respondents selected Low.

There were no additional comments to this question.

5. Pursue other funding sources to continue the CRC/Watershed Coordination Program.

14 responses



Pursuing other funding sources to continue the CRC/Watershed Coordination Program was viewed as a High priority by 7 respondents (50%). 5 respondents (35.7%) selected Medium, and 2 respondents (14.3%) selected Low.

Additional Comments:

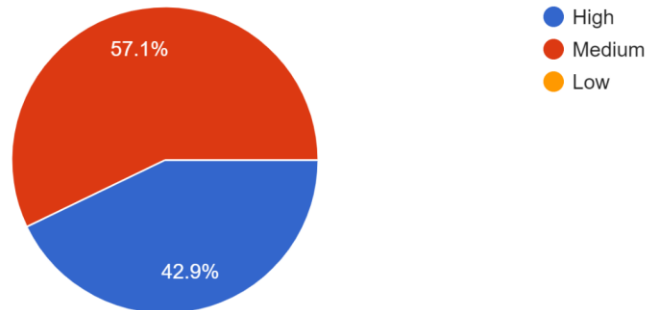
“So long as it doesn’t violate the Alpine decree.”

“we must not enter into any agreement that would cause legal action of Alpine Decree.”

Floodplain Management

6. Develop an annual amount to be transferred from the General Account into the Floodplain Management Account.

14 responses



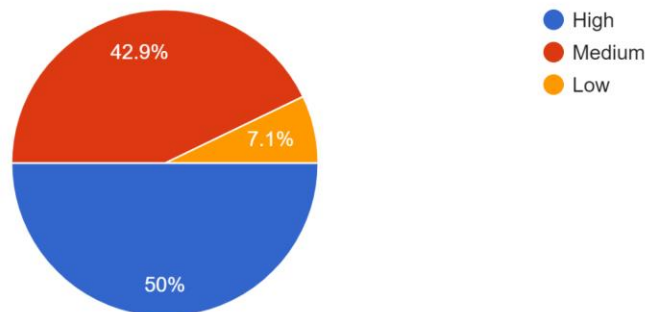
Of developing an annual amount to be transferred from the General Account into the Floodplain Management Account, a majority at 8 respondents (57.1%) viewed this as a Medium priority item. 6 respondents (42.9%) selected High. No respondents selected the Low option.

Additional Comments:

“Does the Floodplain Management Account need more funding/funding help?”

7. Pursue funding to implement regional flood projects throughout the watershed.

14 responses



7 respondents (50%) viewed the pursuit of funding to implement regional flood projects throughout the watershed as a High priority item. 6 respondents (42.9%) viewed this as a Medium priority. Only 1 respondent (7.1%) selected Low.

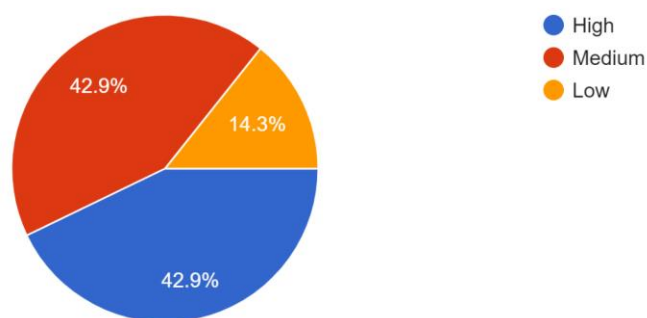
Additional Comments:

“I believe we should be focusing on drought problems not flood problems at this time.”

“This has direct effect and benefit to our client counties.”

8. Participate with Counties in their Hazards Mitigation Plan (HMP) update.

14 responses



On the topic of participating with Counties in their Hazards Mitigation Plan (HMP) updates, an even number of respondents viewed the topic as both a High and Medium priority (6 respondents each, 42.9%). 2 respondents (14.3%) selected Low.

Additional Comments:

“Direct water quality impact.”

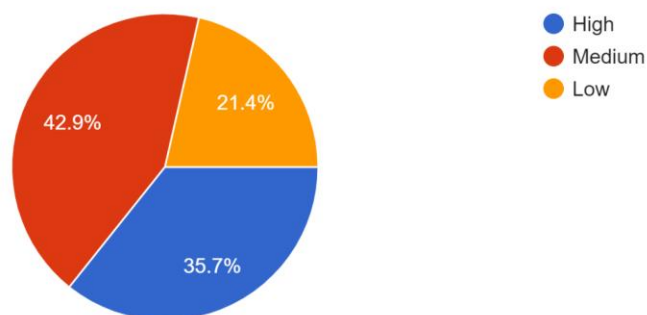
“This should be a coordinated effort.”

“NV Dept of Environmental Protection should take lead.”

Invasive Species Management

9. Host CRC Weed Summit.

14 responses



On hosting a CRC Weed Summit, there was an uneven split of 6 respondents (42.9%) selecting Medium, 5 respondents (35.7%) selecting High, and 3 respondents (21.4%) selecting Low.

Additional Comments:

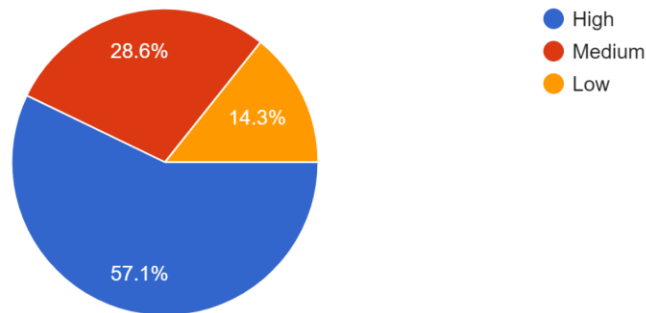
“I’m not sure about this one and would support a higher mark if staff ranks higher.”

“I think this is a great idea, especially as it applies to invasive plants and abatement measures.”

“Many ranchers have trouble with what they call noxious weeds, this should be part of this project.”

10. Continue to coordinate with Cooperative Weed Management Areas to support weed management throughout the watershed.

14 responses



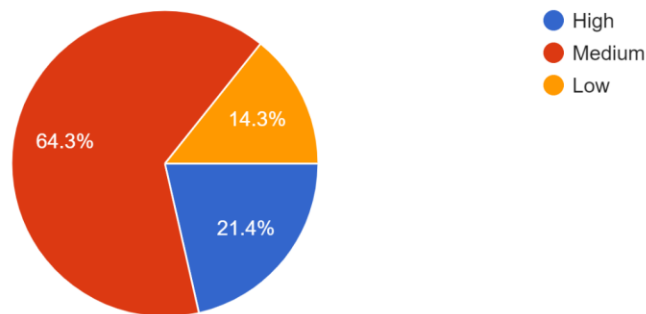
A clear majority of 8 respondents (57.1%) viewed continuing coordination with Cooperative Weed Management Areas to support weed management as a High priority. 4 respondents (28.6%) viewed it as a Medium item, and only 2 respondents (14.3%) selected Low.

Additional Comments:

“While this is a direct benefit it should be done as there is coordination and implementation priorities by the client counties.”

11. Work with our CRC partners to develop a volunteer post weed removal reseeding/replanting program.

14 responses



On the topic of working with our CRC partners to develop a volunteer weed removal/reseeding/replanting program, 9 respondents (64.3%) selected the Medium choice. 3 respondents (21.4%) viewed the development of a weed removal/reseeding/replanting program as a High priority, and 2 respondents (14.3%) thought of it as Low priority.

Additional Comments:

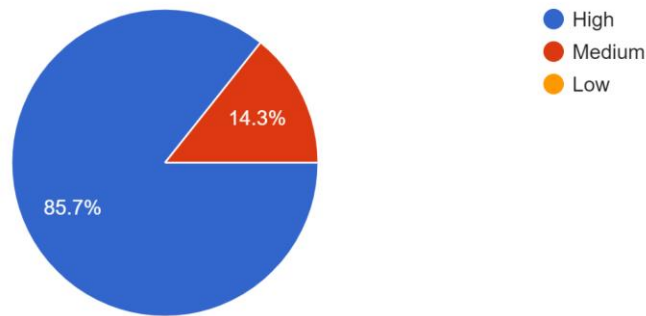
“Volunteer programs are a wonderful way to increase community understanding and support for/about important programs.”

“This should be secondary to bank stabilization.”

River Restoration & Bank Stabilization

12. Complete river rehabilitation structure inventory and mapping database.

14 responses



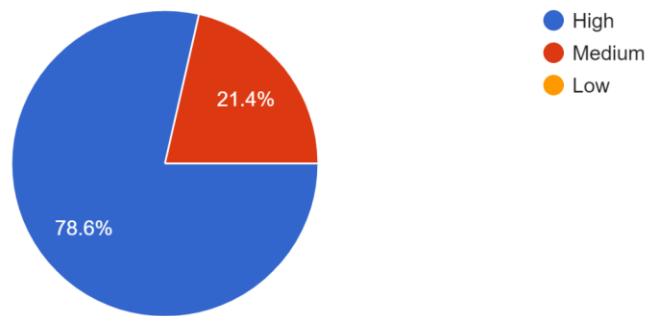
Of completing a river rehabilitation structure inventory and mapping database, a clear majority of 85.7% (12 respondents) selected this as a High priority. 14.3% (2 respondents) viewed this as a Medium priority. No respondents thought of this item as Low priority.

Additional Comments:

“Very important.”

13. Continue to fund and coordinate with partners to complete projects outlined in the Carson River Adaptive Stewardship Plan (CRASP) and the Regional Floodplain Management Plan (RFMP).

14 responses



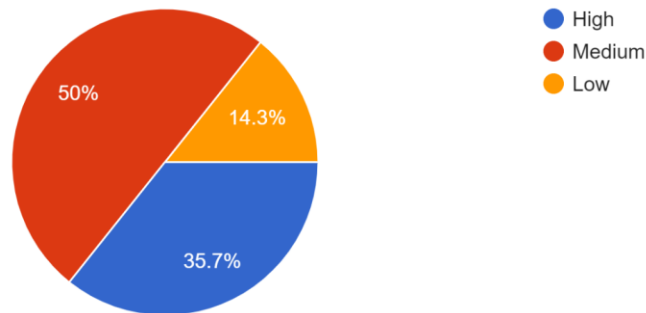
11 respondents (78.6%) viewed the completion of projects outlined in CRASP and RFMP as a High priority, and 3 respondents (21.4%) saw it as a Medium priority. No respondents selected Low.

Additional Comments:

“How is this project shaping up? Is it working as planned?”

14. Pursue funding for Geomorphology and Sediment Transport Plan for the Carson River to help identify and prioritize project implementation.

14 responses



The pursuit of funding for the Geomorphology and Sediment Transport Plan to identify and prioritize project implementation in the Carson River was selected as a Medium priority by half of the respondents (7 respondents, 50%). 5 respondents (35.7%) selected High, while only 2 respondents (14.3%) selected Low in response to this item.

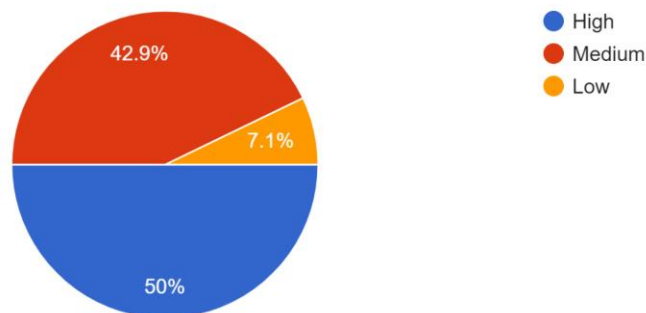
Additional Comments:

“This would be of benefit to the client counties as well as the CWSD strategic plan.”

Outreach & Education

15. Continue to promote the “I Am Carson River Watershed” Healthy Watershed Campaign.

14 responses



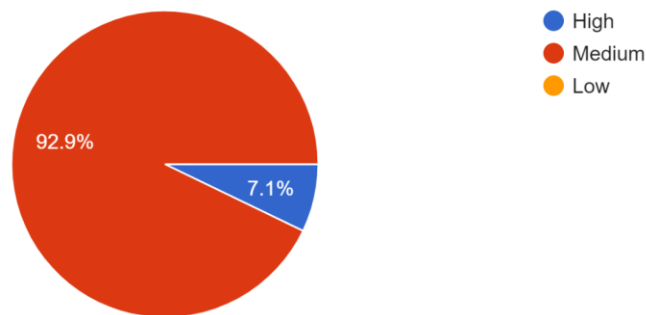
Half of all respondents (50%) selected High regarding the continuation to promote the “I Am Carson River Watershed” campaign. 6 respondents (42.9%) selected Medium, and only 1 respondent responded Low.

Additional Comments:

“While nice PR these are not fundamental to the mission and they require considerable time and production. As resources and grants simultaneously allow for pursuit.”

16. Fund the resurvey of watershed residents regarding watershed-literacy and watershed health to learn how we've moved the bar from our baseline survey in 2015 and how we should move forward.

14 responses

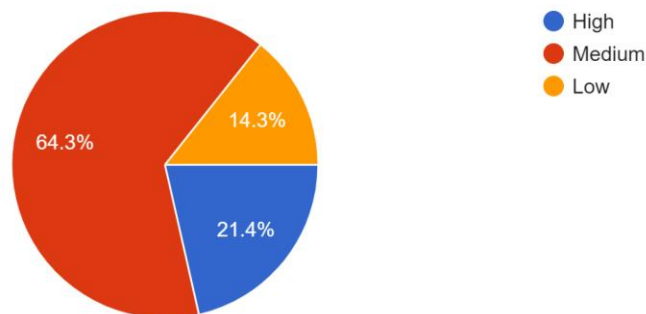


Nearly the entirety of Survey respondents (13, 92.9%) selected Medium in response to the item of re-surveying watershed residents regarding watershed literacy. Only 1 respondent selected High. No respondents selected Low.

There were no additional comments to this question.

17. Update and reformat CWSD's website.

14 responses



On the topic of updating and reformatting the CWSD website, 9 respondents (64.3%) selected this as of Medium importance. 3 respondents (21.4%) selected High, and 2 respondents (14.3%) selected Low.

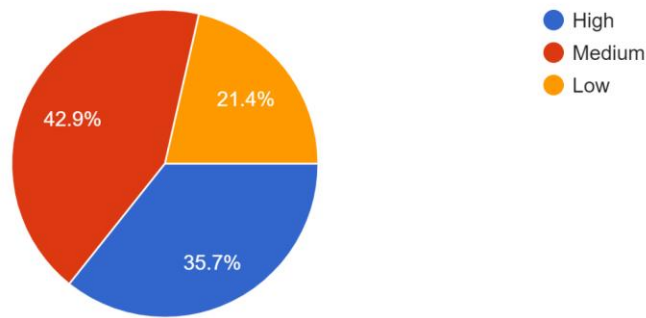
Additional Comments:

"Should be done only after an analysis of page visits and info needs/requests. Need to know the objectives and priorities for info on the website as required clients & constituents."

"Some video presentations."

18. Create bi-weekly watershed articles for local newspapers.

14 responses



6 respondents (42.9%) selected Medium regarding the idea of creating bi-weekly watershed articles for local newspapers, 5 respondents (35.7%) selected High, and 3 respondents (21.4%) selected Low.

Additional Comments:

“The issue here is the balance between advocacy and activism. Advocacy must be within the core mission of watershed planning & management. I fear “mission creep” into activism.”

“We need to keep CWSD in the public eye, and this is a relatively easy thing for staff to do.”

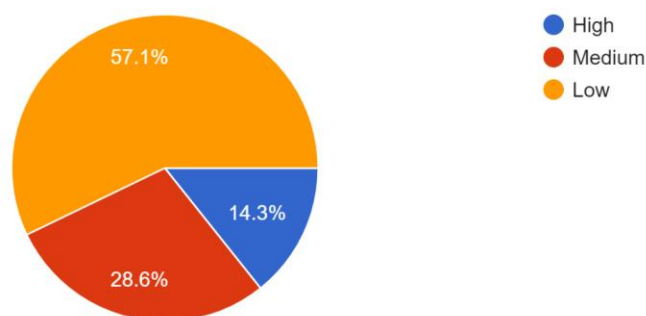
“Perhaps look at monthly, more realistic.”

“Not enough distribution.”

Recreation

19. Promote Expansion of Carson River Aquatic Trail.

14 responses



On the promotion of the expansion of the Carson River Aquatic Trail, a majority of respondents (8, 57.1%) selected Low. 4 respondents (28.6%) selected Medium, and 2 respondents (14.3%) selected High.

Additional Comments:

“I would like more information on this before I vote a high priority to promote expansion.”

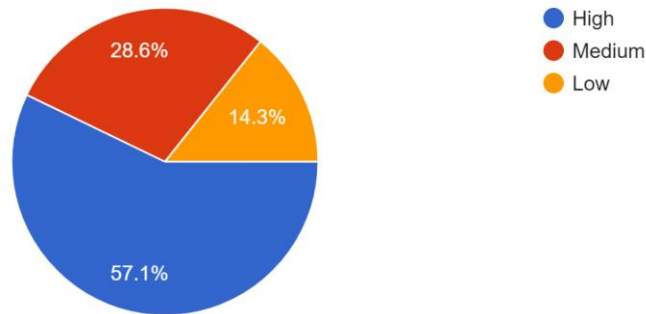
“This is the responsibility of other organizations. Involvement should be limited to that which is direct support of the core mission.”

“People want to protect what they know and use. Volunteer labor from local trail organizations can help with this, and the more people who walk on the trails and see the area, the more people will care about it. Also, consider ADA so everyone can use it.”

“Trails should be very low on our list of important to-dos.”

20. Work with recreational partners to promote watershed health.

14 responses



A majority at 57.1% (8 respondents) selected High regarding working with recreational partners to promote watershed health, 28.6% (4 respondents) selected Medium, and 14.3% (2 respondents) selected Low.

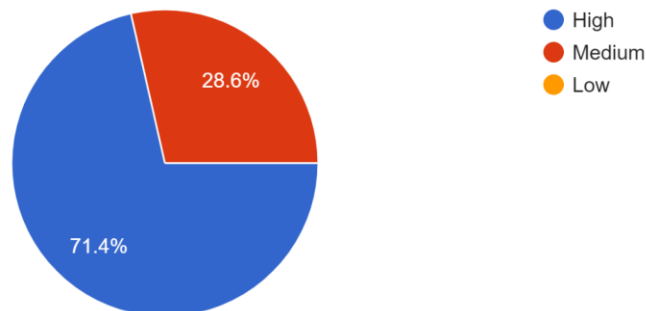
Additional Comments:

“This should involve ranchers as well.”

Other Inquiries

21. Present the Guiding Principles, Stewardship Plan, and the Regional Floodplain Management plan to all the County’s boards and Planning Commissions.

14 responses



On presenting the Guiding Principles, Stewardship Plan, and the Regional Floodplain Management Plan to all the County’s boards and Planning Commissions, a 71.4% majority (10 respondents) selected High, while 28.6% (4 respondents) selected Medium. No respondents selected Low.

Additional Comments:

“Maybe more important to present to county staff, rather than electeds.”

“If this happens, make sure to provide them with a list of achievements and identified issues along the river.”

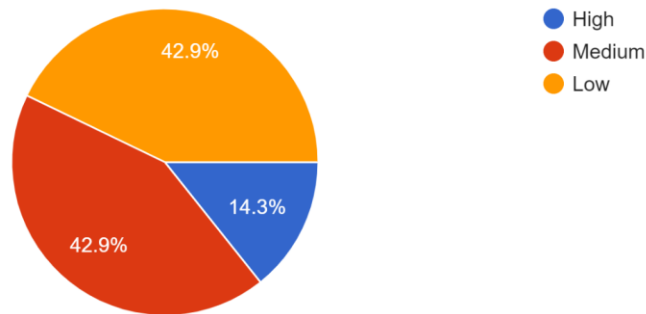
“This is something we should do on an ongoing basis to justify County funding to the District.”

“Once a presentation is created, it can be used for all the boards. This will keep the CWSD in public eye and will make it easier to communicate with local leaders in the future.”

“I would include legislative members as well.”

22. Pursue legislation to amend our authorization in Chapter 621 to include doing business as (DBA) to change CWSD's name.

14 responses



There was an even split between those who saw the pursuit of legislation to amend CWSD's Chapter 621 authorization to include doing business and changing CWSD's name as a Medium or Low selection (6 respondents, 42.9%). Only 2 respondents (14.3%) selected High.

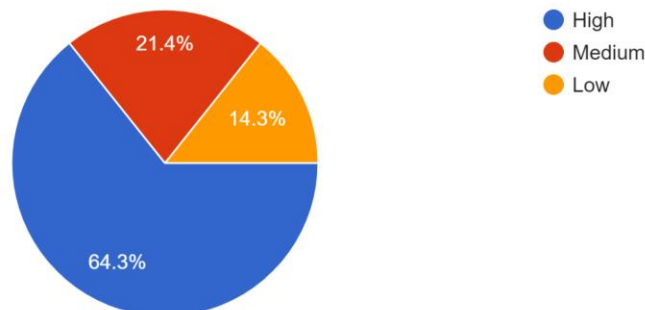
Additional Comments:

“Contingent on the expressed need for better understanding of our mission and activity by our client Counties.”

“Important, Name image is important to express what we are about.”

23. Investigate the possibility of purchasing some of Bently's water rights.

14 responses



Regarding the potential purchase of some of Bently's water rights, 64.3% (9 respondents) selected High. 21.4% (3 respondents) selected Medium, and 14.3% (2 respondents) selected Low.

Additional Comments:

"Water is gold, we need to buy everything we can."

"As long as it does not 'crowd out' private entities that could demonstrate 'higher productive management and use' of the water."

"Water rights are only going to become more rare and expensive. Get them while we can!"