

Republican River

# BASIN-WIDE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Stakeholder Committee Mtg.

June 16, 2015

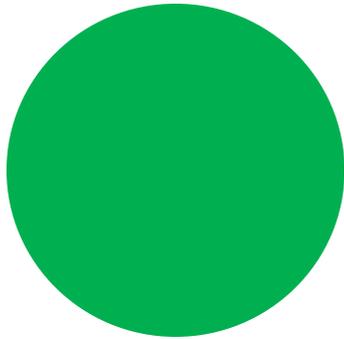


# Online Polling Results

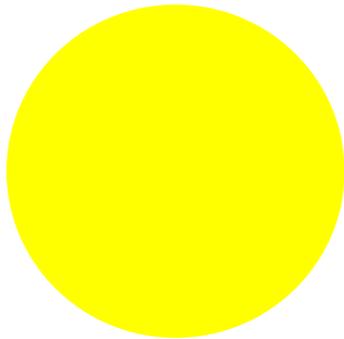
- 1. Do you think an Executive Committee would be helpful to the Stakeholder group process?**
- 2. Do you think an online commentary forum would be useful to the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan development process?**

**30 out of 47 stakeholders responded – Thank you!!**

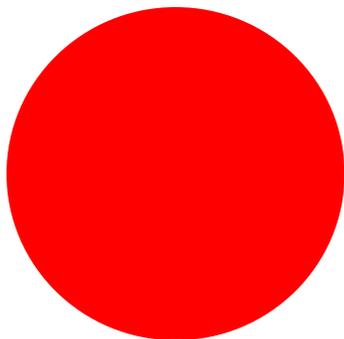
# How shall we proceed?



**Yes.**



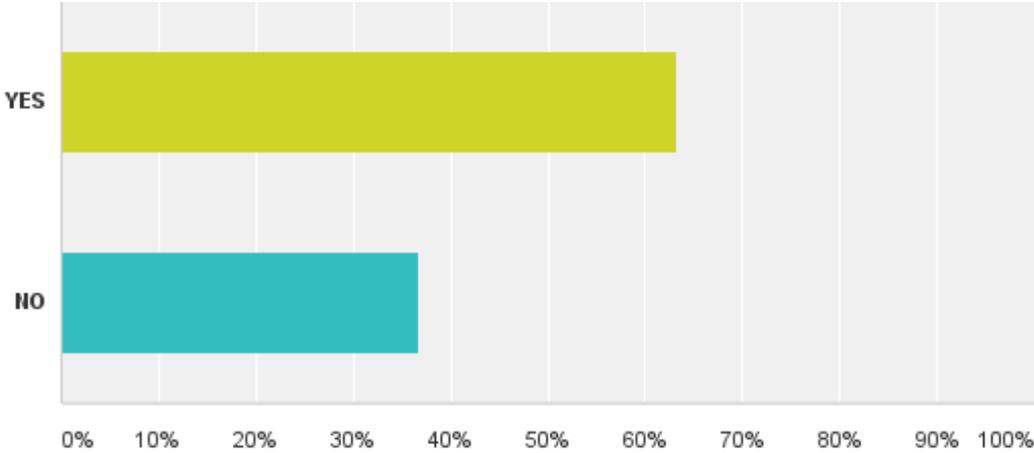
**I can live with it.**



**No.**

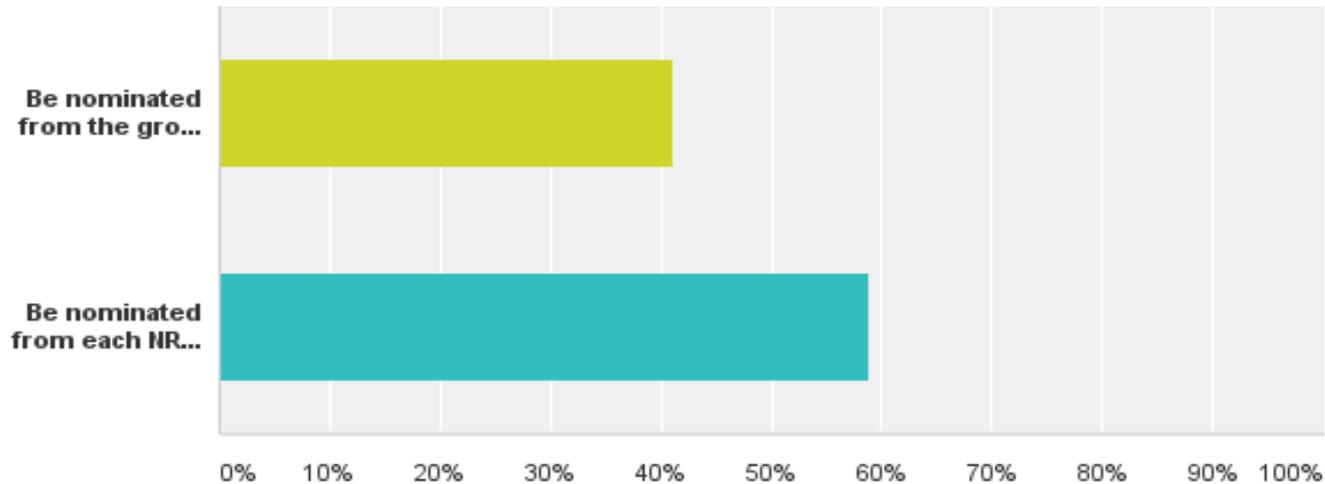
**NOTE: You must explain what it would take to get you to live with it.**

# Q1: Do you think an Executive Committee would be helpful to the Stakeholder group process?



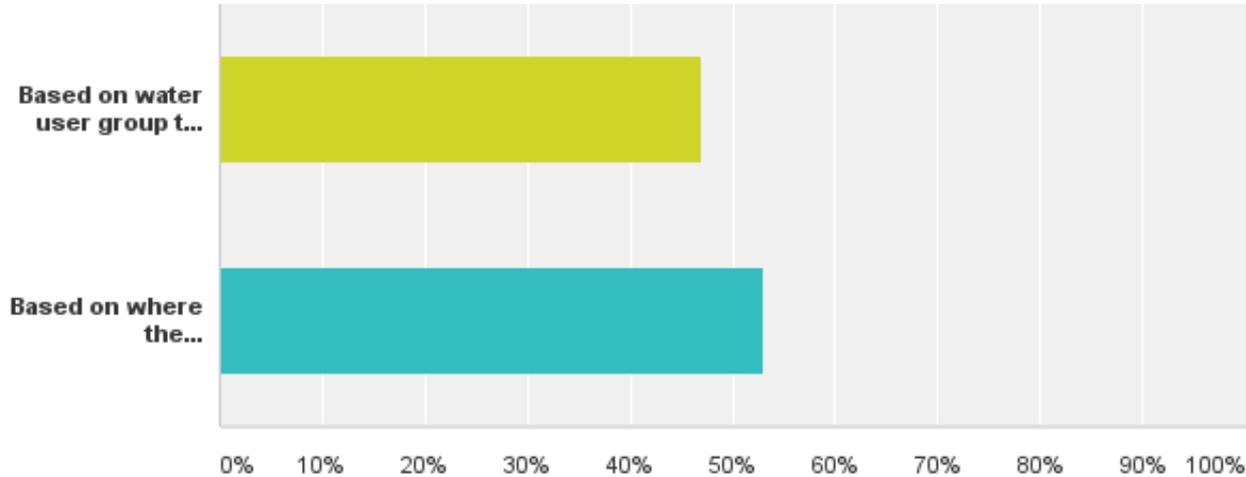
| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|-----------|
| YES            | 63.33% 19 |
| NO             | 36.67% 11 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>30</b> |

# Q2: How Should Executive Committee representatives be selected?



| Answer Choices  | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| Be nominated from the group and elected by the group? | 41.18% 7  |
| Be nominated from each NRD and elected by the group?  | 58.82% 10 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>17</b> |

# Q3: What should nomination be based on?



| Answer Choices   | Responses       |
|--|-----------------|
| Based on water user group they represent; such as groundwater , surface water , municipal, range/livestock , and recreation/wildlife . | <b>47.06%</b> 8 |
| Based on where the representative is from.   | <b>52.94%</b> 9 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>17</b>       |

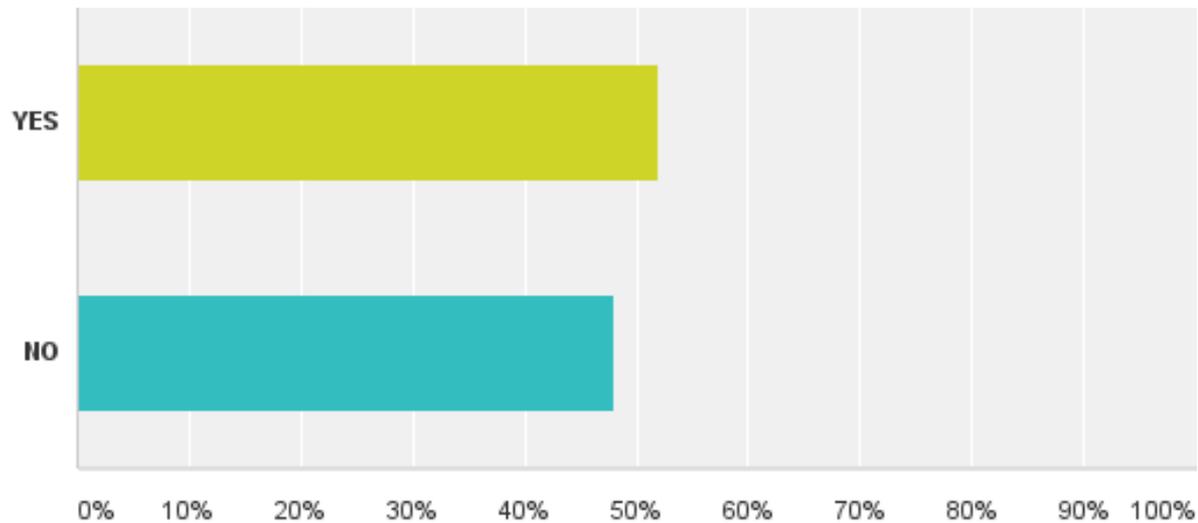
# Q4: What is the role of the Executive Committee

- *Common Themes*
  - Attend coordination meetings
  - Facilitate information between Stakeholders and Planning Committee
  - Assist in identification of the groups needs

# Q5: How many people should make up the Executive Committee

- 5
- *One from each user group*

# Q6: Do you think an online commentary forum would be useful to the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan development process?



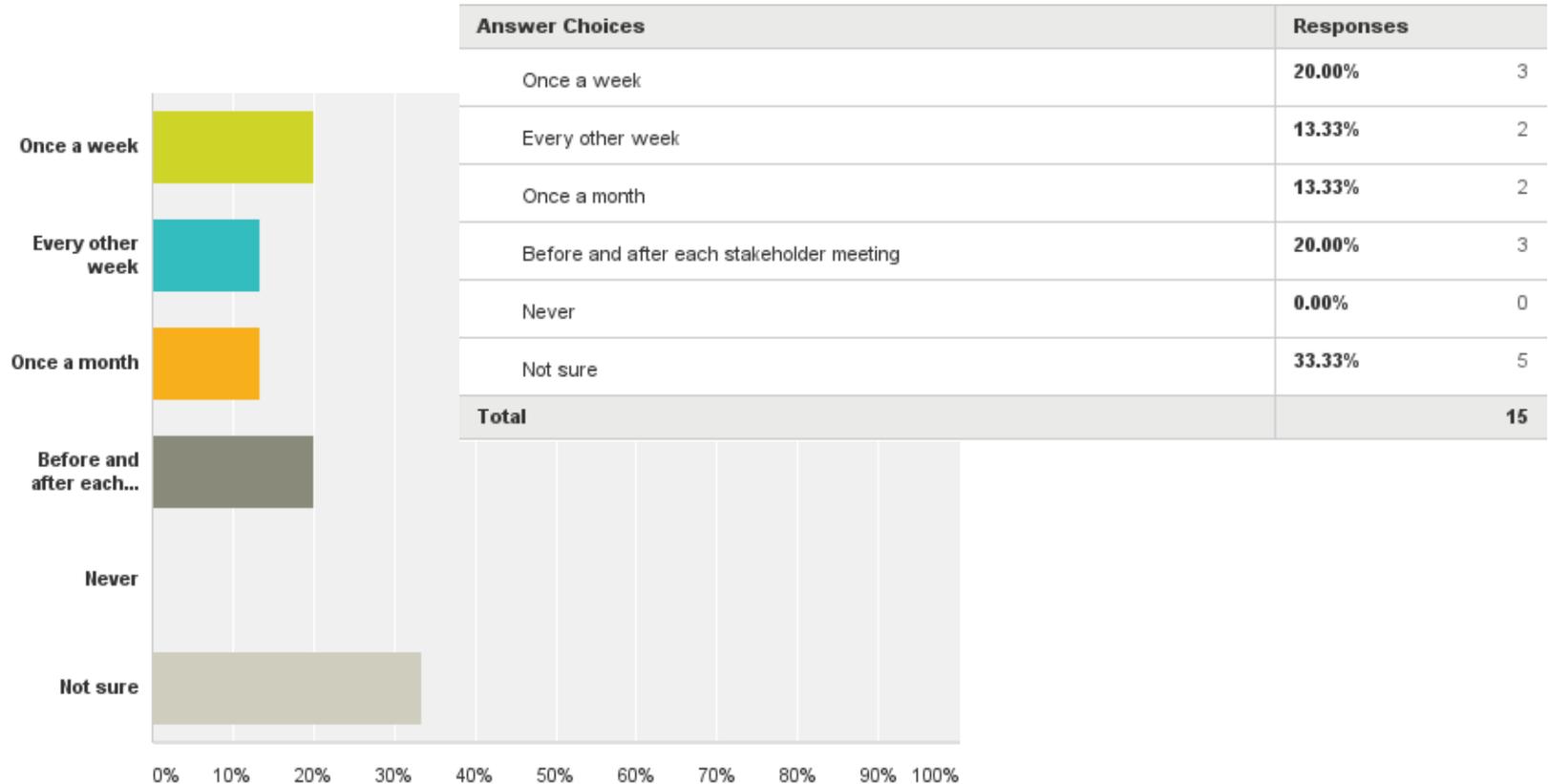
| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|-----------|
| YES            | 52.00% 13 |
| NO             | 48.00% 12 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>25</b> |

# Q7: How would online forum be beneficial to you?

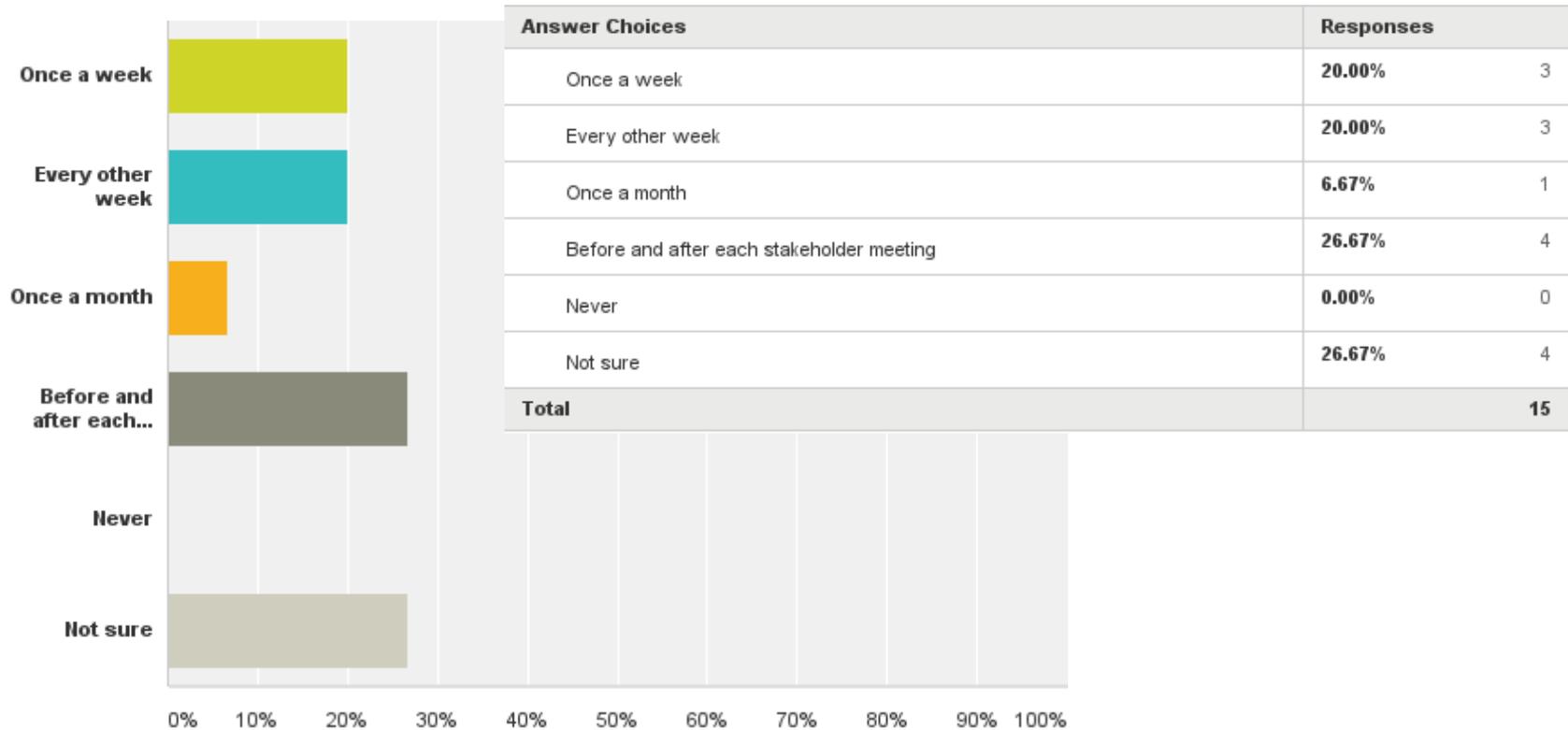
- *Common Themes*

- Allow for discussion between the Stakeholder meetings (every other month)
- Additional opportunity to have input

# Q8: How often would you use an online discussion forum?



# Q9: How often would you check a website for updates on meeting agendas, minutes, and other news?



# Q10: Do you have other comments related to the Republican River Basin-wide Plan Development

- *Common Themes*
  - Group desires more information
  - Concerns about “consensus”

# Afternoon Working Session

- Two questions for small group discussion
- Two definitions of sustainability

# Small Group Discussion Question #1

**Given compact compliance is met, from the perspective of this Basin-wide Plan, how do you suggest community vitality is achieved?**

- A. What is a vital community to you?
  1. Is it all about water quantity and where it comes from?
  2. Other things?
  3. How would you measure it?
- B. What is the DNR's role/responsibility?
- C. What is the NRDs' role/responsibility?
- D. What is your role/responsibility?

## Small Group Discussion Question #2

**Given we are just beginning the planning process, what are the three top priority issues you think need to be resolved over the next several months?**

- A. Think about that individually for a few minutes.
- B. Share what you think with each other.
- C. As a table, come to a consensus on what issues are most important to spend time on.

# What does water sustainability mean to you?

- Definitions on the wall
- Input via sticky notes and/or comment sheets

## Definition of Sustainability

- 1. “Water use is sustainable when current use promotes healthy watersheds, improves water quality, and protects the ability of future generations to meet their needs.”**

*From the Water Funding Task Force, December 2013*

## Definition of Sustainability

**2. Management for water sustainability allows the beneficial use of water, in an effective and efficient manner, to satisfy our socio-economic needs and obligations while maintaining the risk that water resources will be insufficient for future generations to meet their socio-economic needs and obligations.”**

*From the Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force, May 2012.*