

Republican River

BASIN-WIDE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Stakeholder Committee Mtg.

June 16, 2015

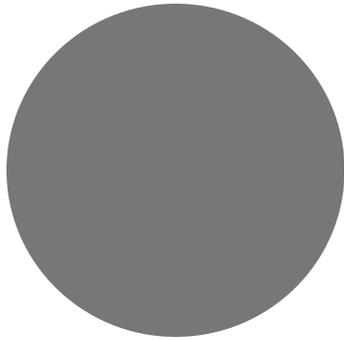
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Online Polling Results

- 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!!

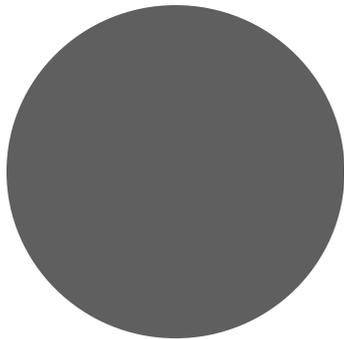


Yes.

**How shall we
proceed?**



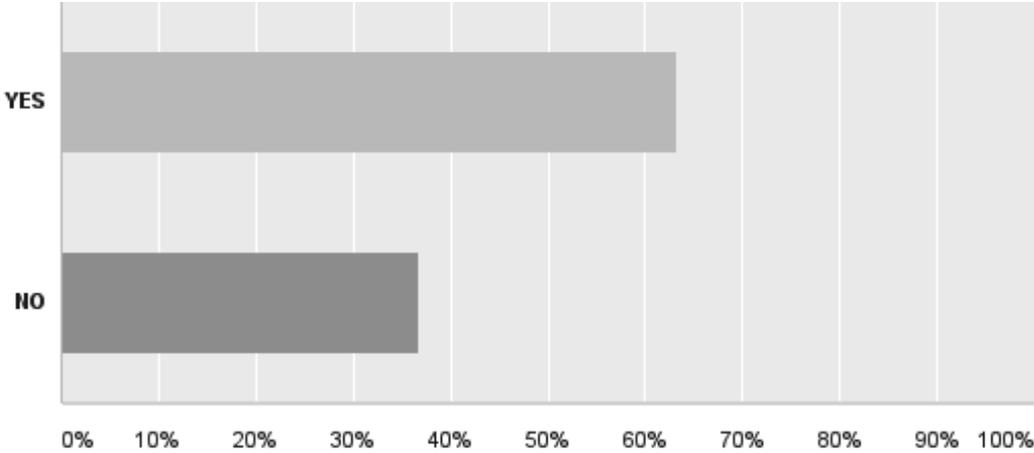
I can live with it.



No.

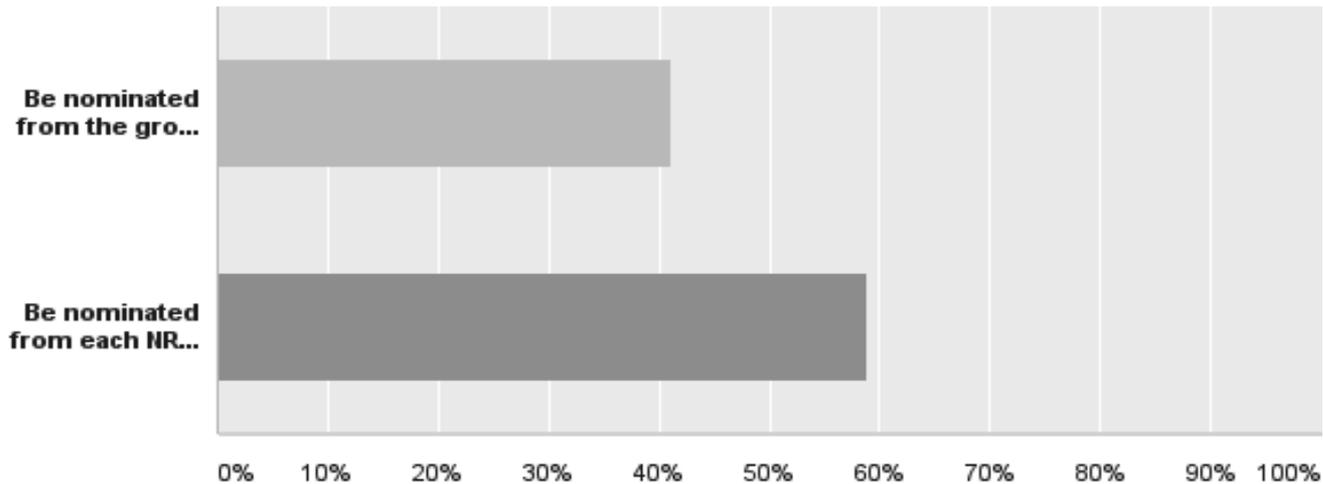
**NOTE: You must explain what it
would take to get you to live with it.**

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



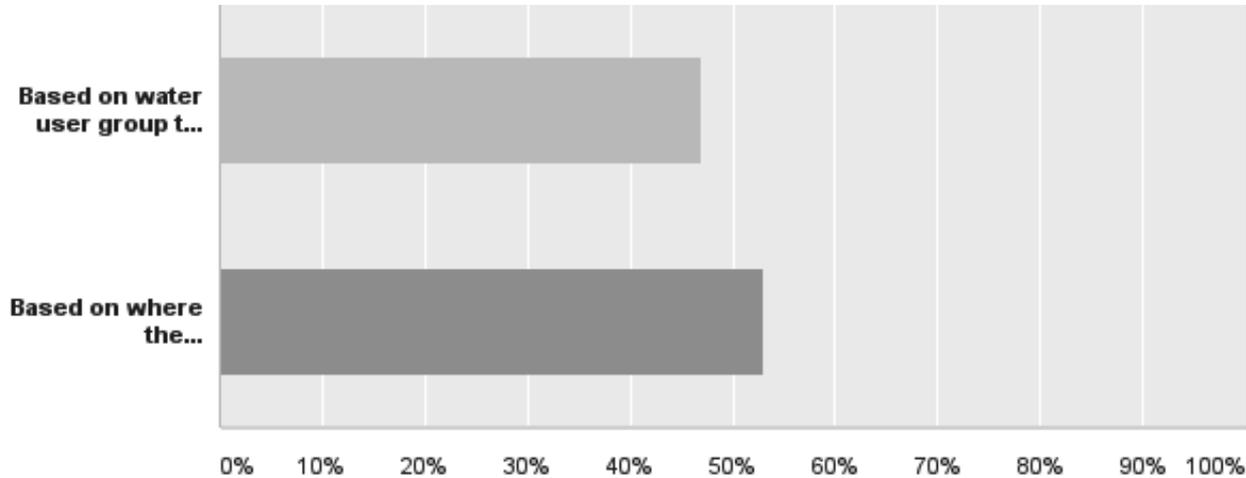
Answer Choices	Responses
YES	63.33% 19
NO	36.67% 11
Total	30

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
Total	17

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.	47.06% 8
Based on where the representative is from.	52.94% 9
Total	17

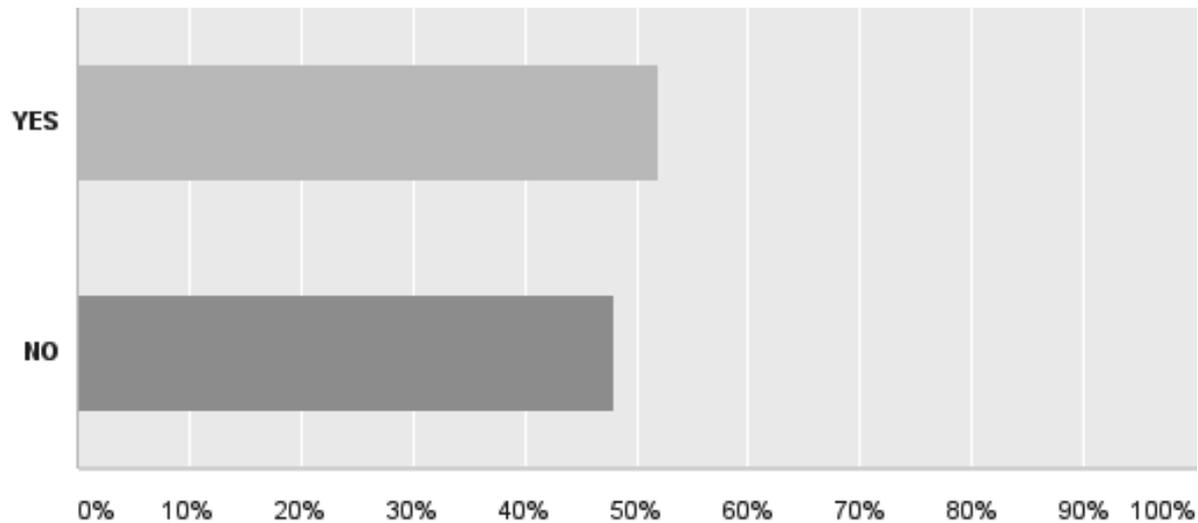
Q4: What is the role of the Executive Committee

- *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?



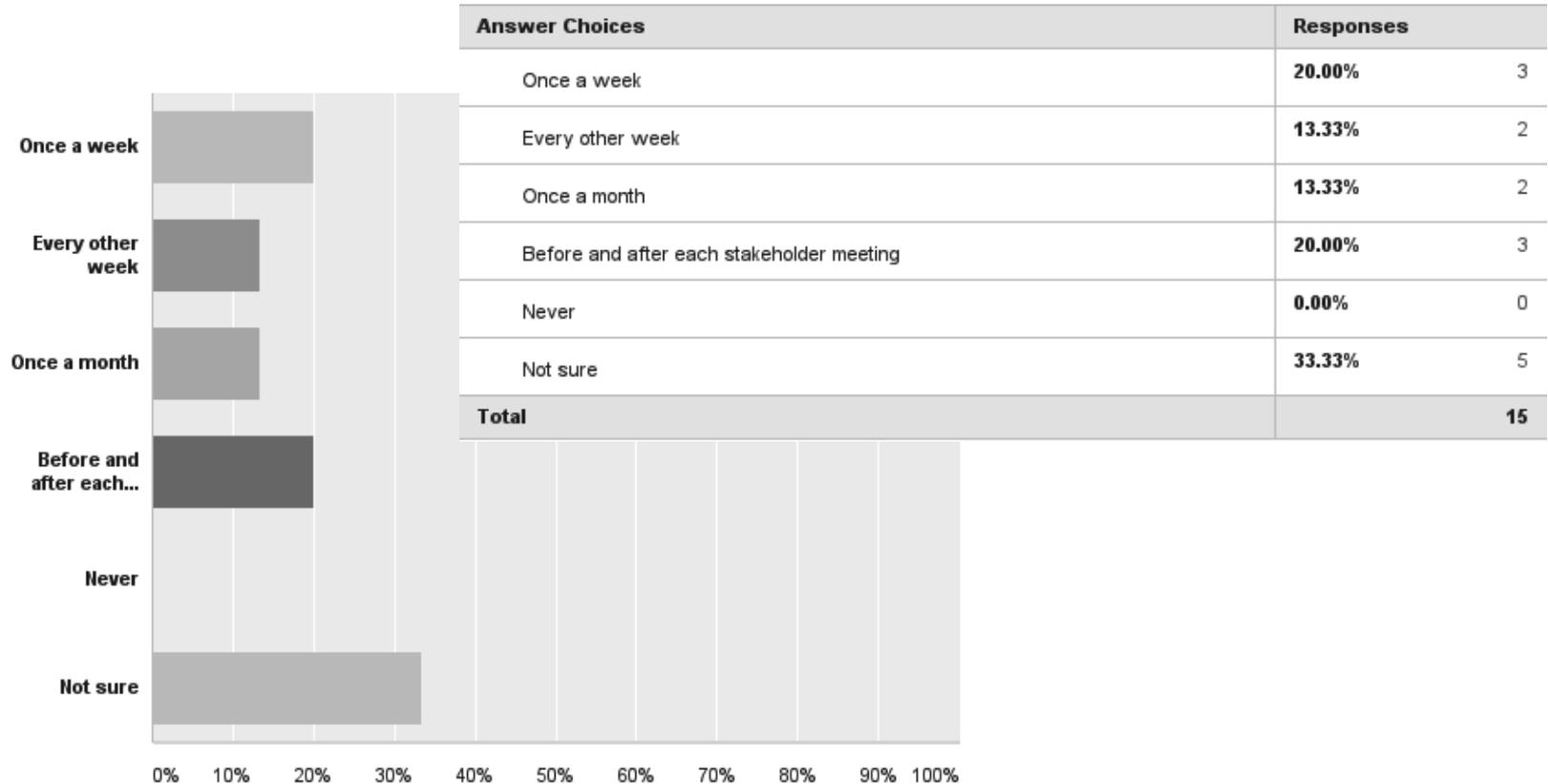
Answer Choices	Responses
YES	52.00% 13
NO	48.00% 12
Total	25

Q7: How would online forum be beneficial to you?

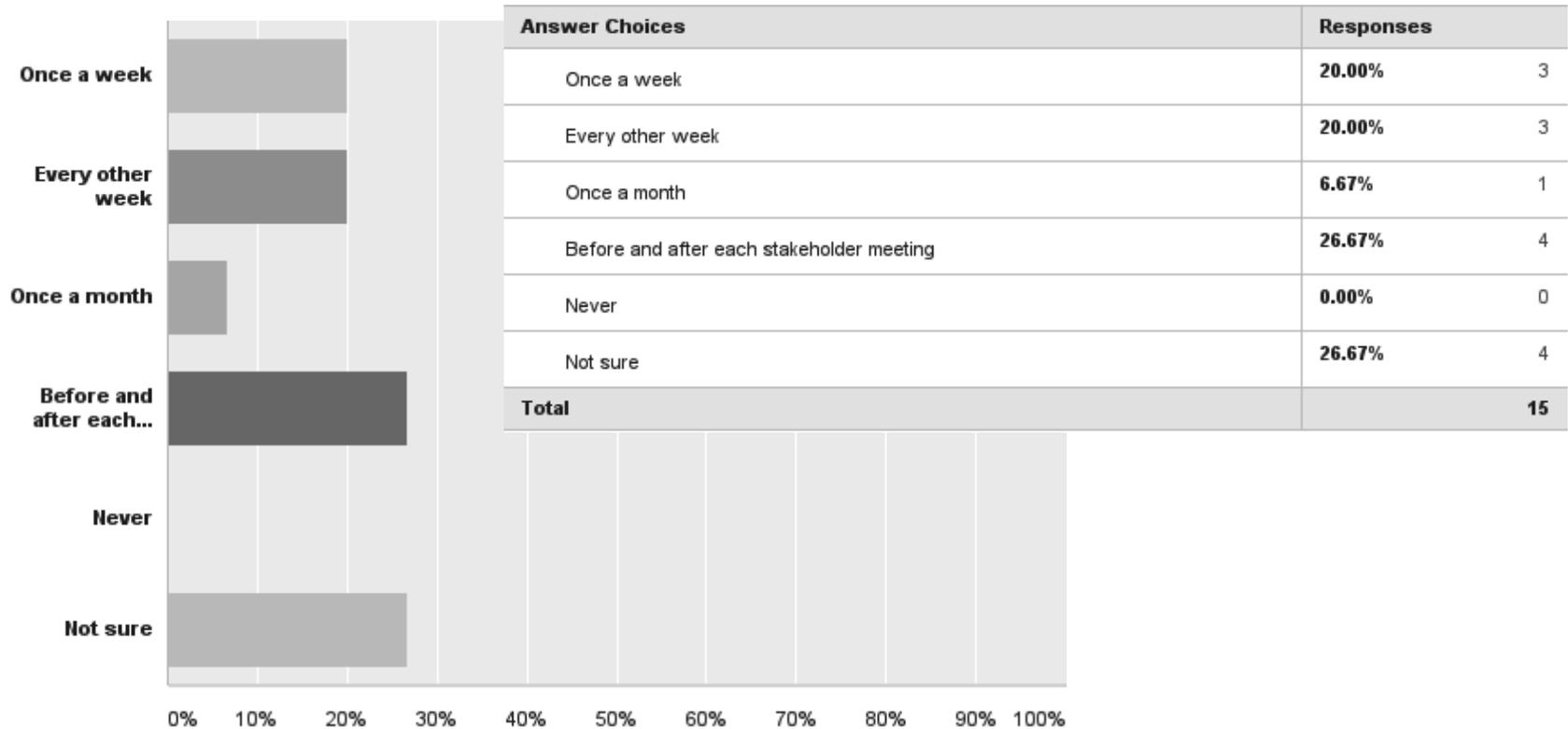
- *Common Themes*

- 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.