



Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Outreach and Engagement Committee
Agenda

When: Thursday, March 21 , 2024
3pm - 4pm

Where: Galt Police Department
455 Industrial Dr.
Galt, CA

Or

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88573535605>

Meeting ID: 885 7353 5605

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Purpose:

The Outreach and Engagement (O&E) Committee for the Cosumnes Subbasin, as established by the CGA Board of Directors, is convened to provide a productive venue for developing and discussing the CGA's outreach efforts and implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin Outreach and Engagement Plan. The O&E Committee will serve an advisory role to the CGA Board of Directors, to inform the Board's implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP.

O&E Committee members shall:

- be able to demonstrate a general knowledge of and involvement in the activities of priority interest related to the Cosumnes GSP and SGMA.
- review the O&E Committee Charter (this document), Code of Conduct, the Cosumnes Subbasin GSP website, and other documentation to become familiar with the current issues and their background.
- attend meetings adequately prepared to engage meaningfully in discussions.
- engage in O&E Committee and GSP activities in accordance with the Code of Conduct and other CGA governance documents, as applicable.

Agenda Items:

1. BBQ Luncheon Recap
2. Farmer Survey Results
3. Spring 2024 Newsletter
4. Regular Meeting Dates and Committee Functions (Report Outs)

Identification of Future Agenda Items:

Adjourn Meeting

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
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Agenda Item : #1 – BBQ Luncheon Recap– Spring 2024

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

BBQ Luncheon

The Luncheon was a success with many new attendees and it provided a space for local farmers/ranchers to come and meet staff and partners, ask questions, fill out the farmer's survey and learn more about CGA. We served BBQ, soft drinks and cookies and had raffle prizes from local businesses.

Is this something that CGA should do again?

What went right and what could go better?

Individualized invites went out for irrigators only but cant be expanded upon in the future.

Recommendations

- Provide staff with feedback and suggestions on this event.

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Agenda Item : #2 – Farmer Survey Results

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

Background

Staff collected 20 new Farmer's Surveys at the BBQ Luncheon. There are now 24 completed Farmer's Surveys in the system. The results of the survey can provide insight into potential projects CGA may take on if they decide to do so, fee study updates and information on approaches/options to reduce groundwater pumping in the Cosumnes Basin that are consistent with the interests of farmers/landowners.

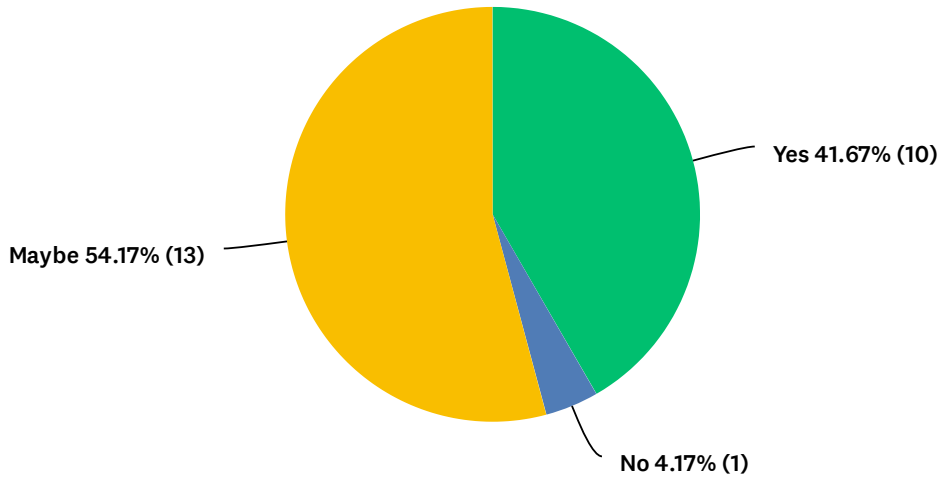
Attachment: [Farmer Survey Results](#)

Recommendations

Review the results of the Farmer's Survey and interpret the data

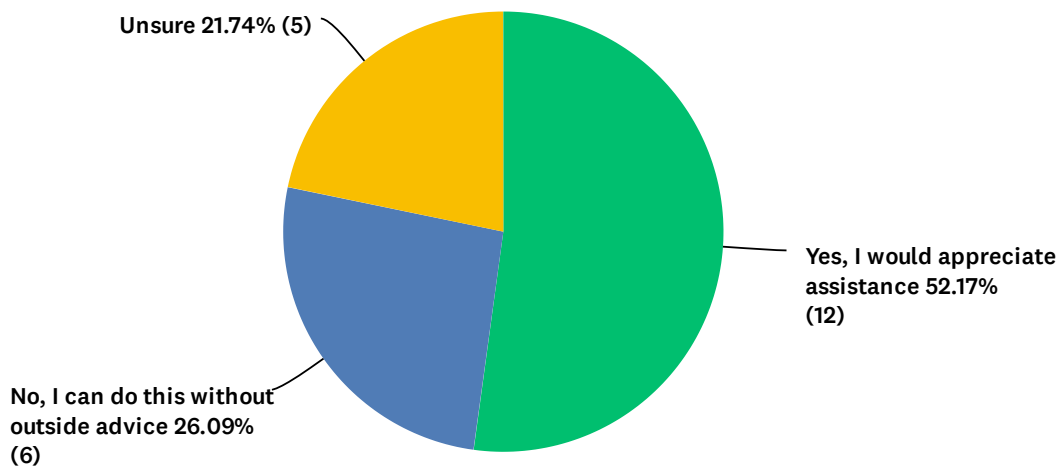
Q1 The Cosumnes Groundwater Sustainability Plan calls for saving 3600 AFY in the first 5 years of the plan. Would you be open to finding ways to reduce pumping on your farm to help achieve this goal?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



Q2 Would assistance from a Farm Advisor (Ag Extension Agent or similar) help or do you feel you could accomplish this on your own?

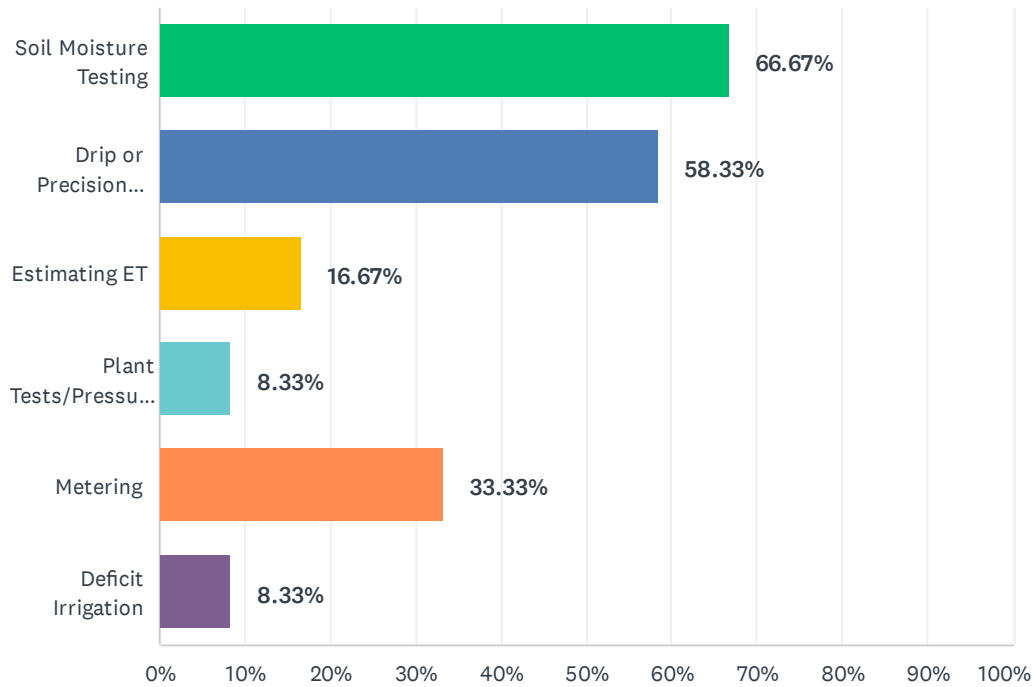
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Q3 What type of water management or conservation practices do you currently use or would consider using in the future?

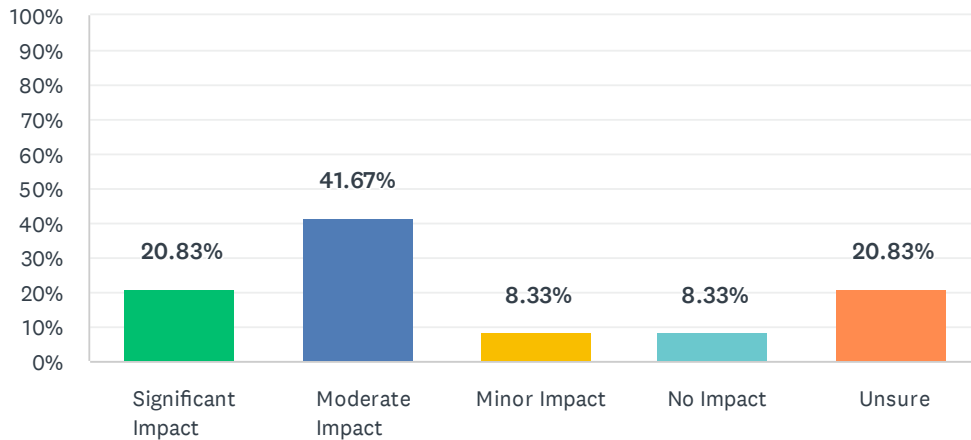
CGA Farmer's Survey

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Q4 If you were to reduce water use by up to 15%, how much impact would this have on your farm income?

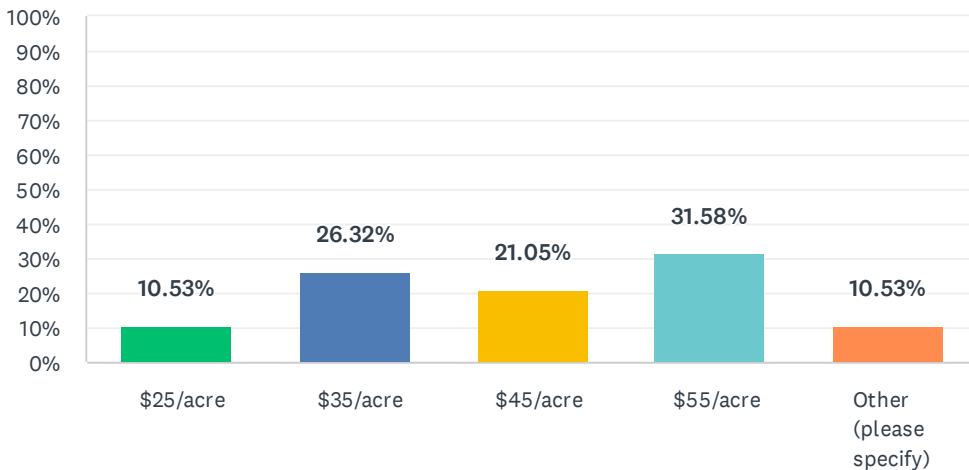
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Q5 To implement water conservation practices that result in a 10-15% reduction in applied water, what amount of financial offset would you require?

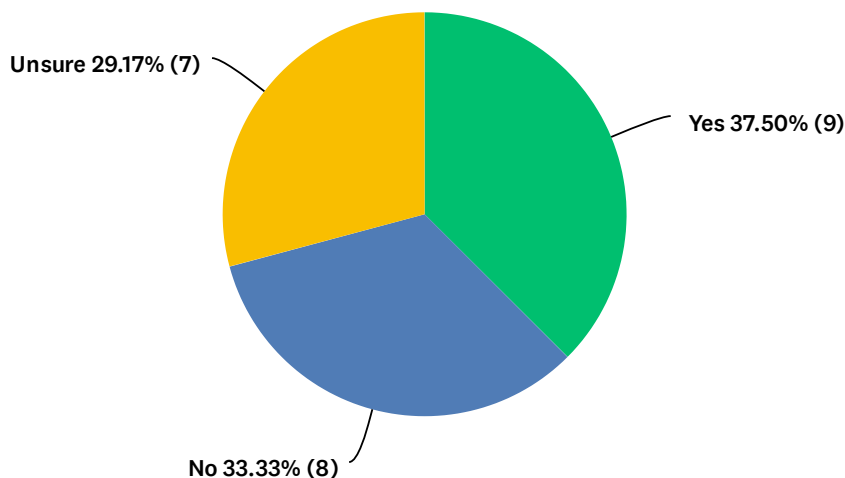
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Answered: 19 Skipped: 5



Q6 Groundwater Sustainability Plans in other parts of the Central Valley are exploring opportunities for land repurposing to reduce groundwater pumping. Repurposing land could involve the following: crop shifting, periodic fallowing, dryland farming, long term fallowing and using land for other purposes, such as solar. Some forms of compensation might be available for these forms of repurposing. Have you considered land repurposing?

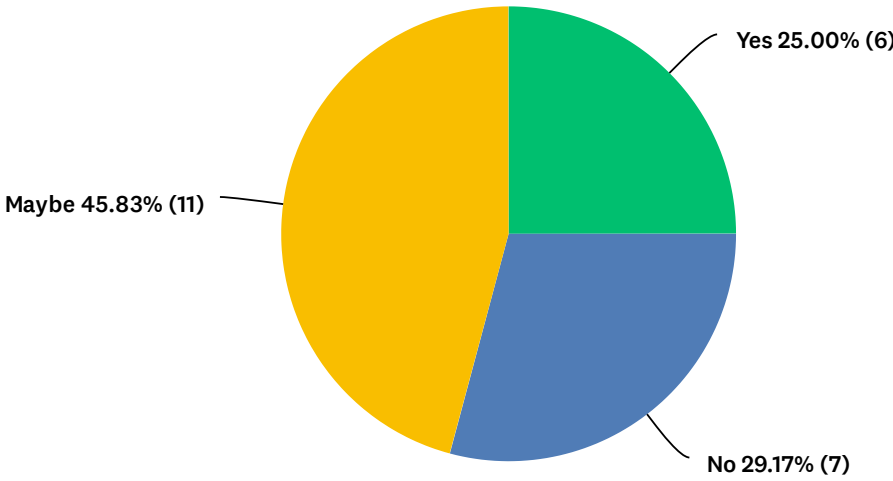
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Q7 Would you be interested in considering land repurposing in the future?

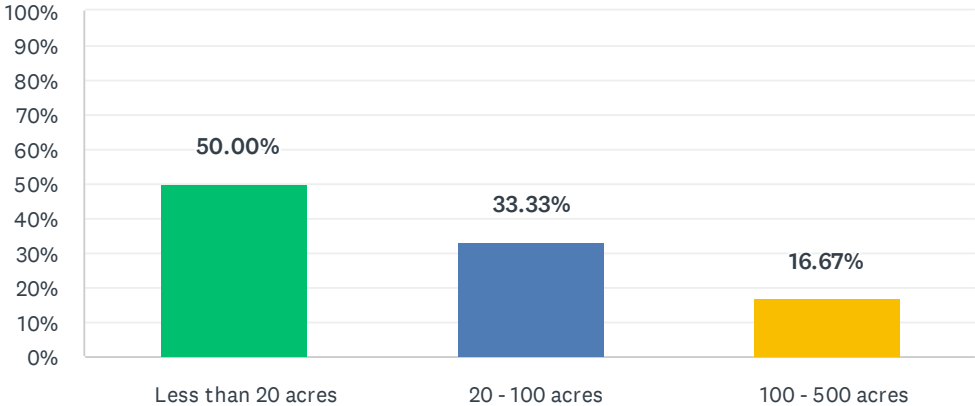
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Q8 If you answered yes to the previous question, on how many acres would you want to repurpose?

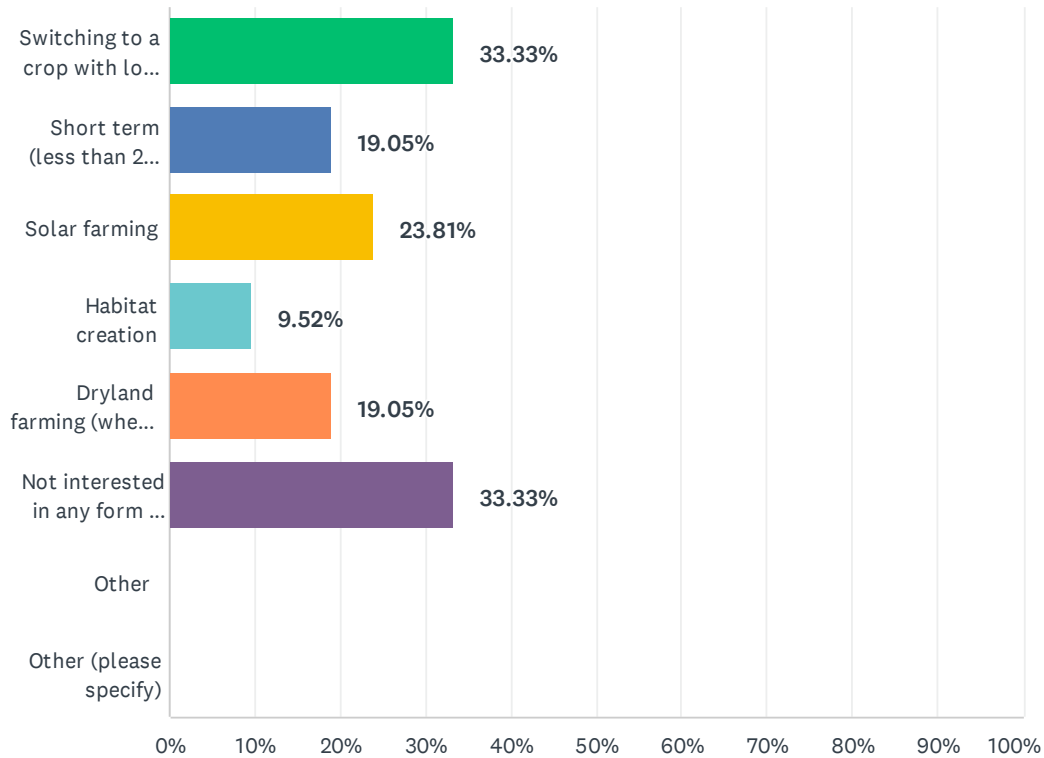
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Q9 Which types of repurposing are of greatest interest to you? Check all that apply.

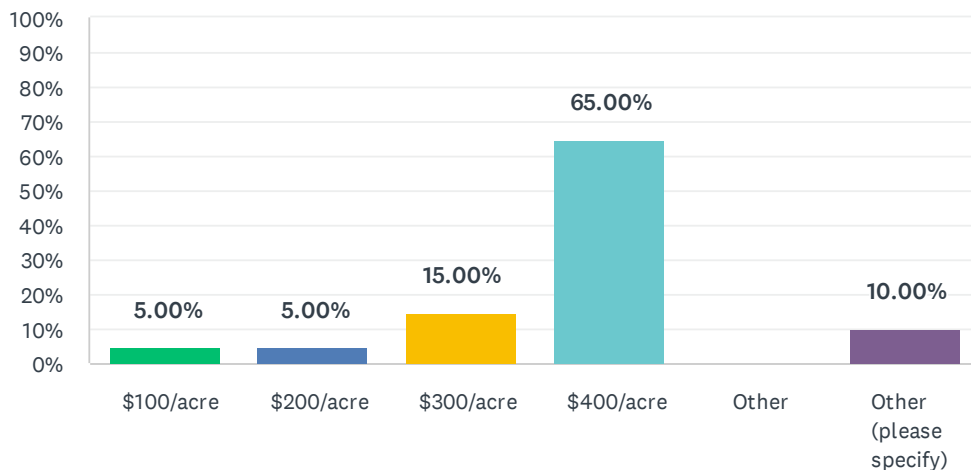
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Q10 If you were to idle land on a portion of your farm on a rotational basis, what do you think would be a reasonable yearly compensation?

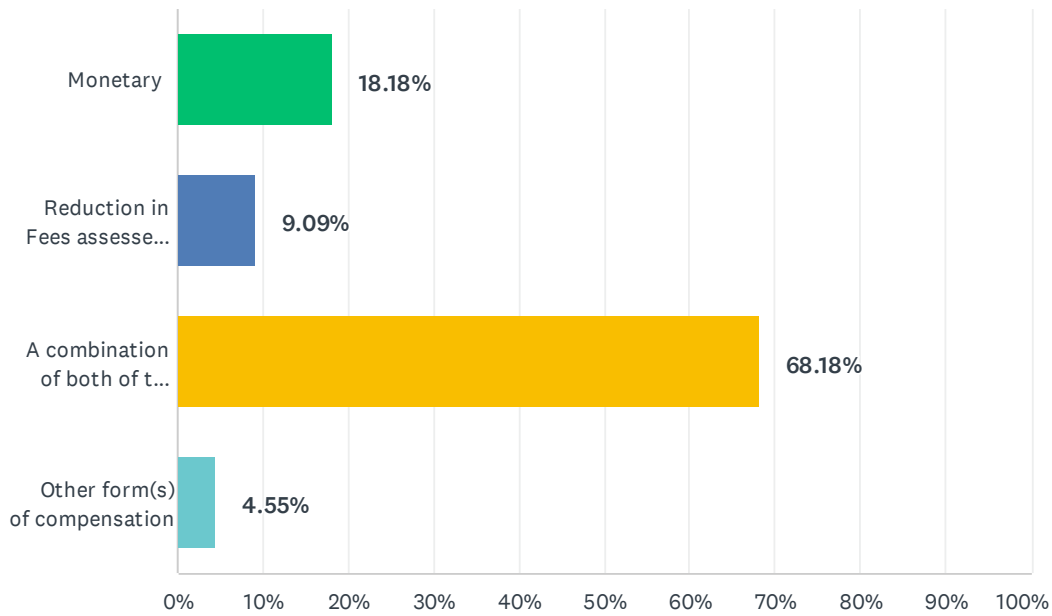
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Q11 If you were to switch to growing a low water use crop, dryland farming, or another form of repurposing, what form of compensation would you most prefer?

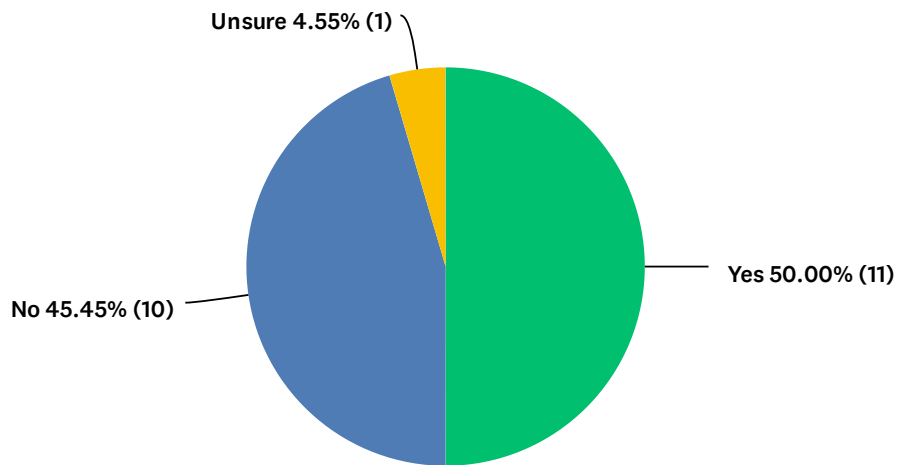
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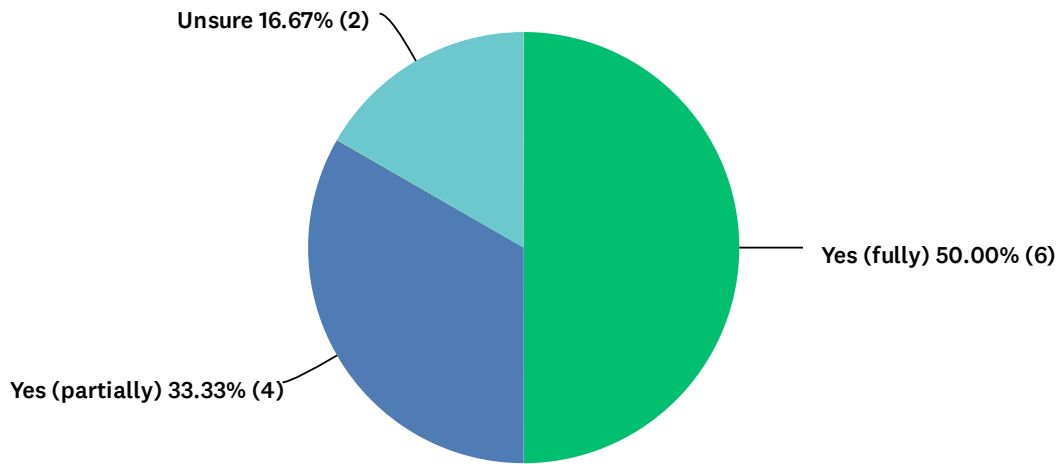
Q12 Do you currently have surface water rights?

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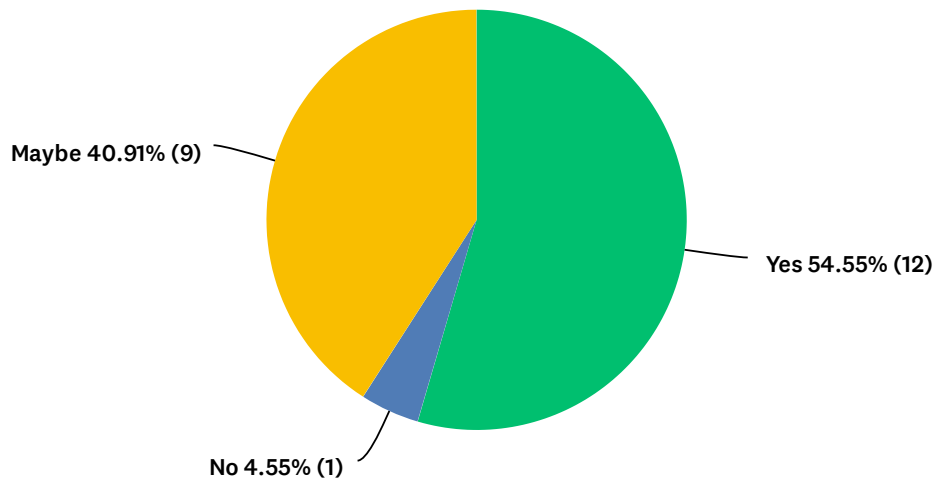
Q13 If you answered yes to the previous question, do you utilize those surface water rights?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 12



Q14 Would you consider aquifer recharge on your farm if compensated in whole or part for implementation costs?

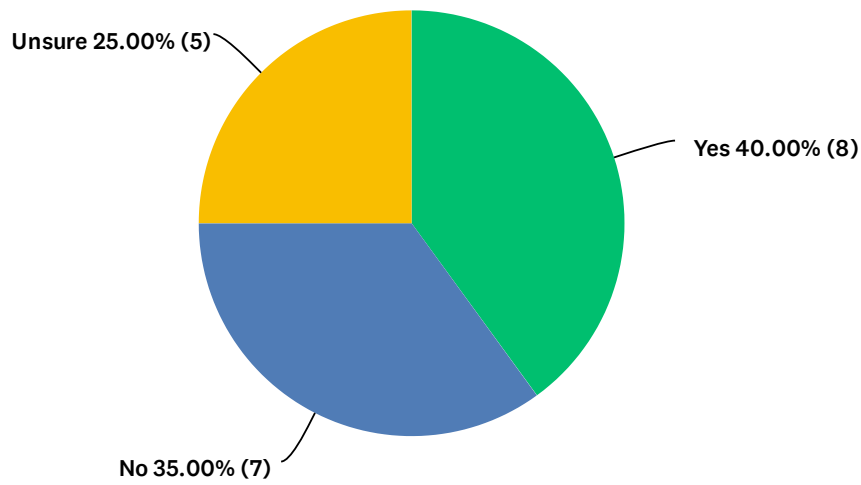
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Q15 Do you grow crops that would tolerate being under water for a few months a year, every few years? For example, when there was flooding in the winter of '22 - '23?

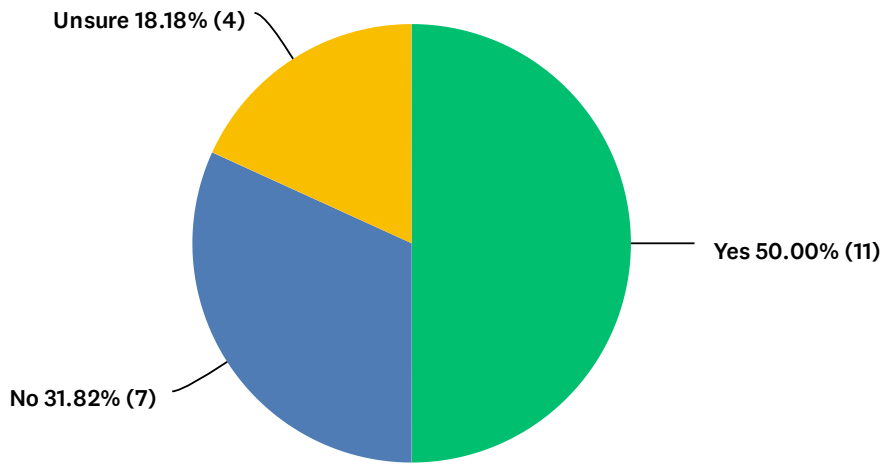
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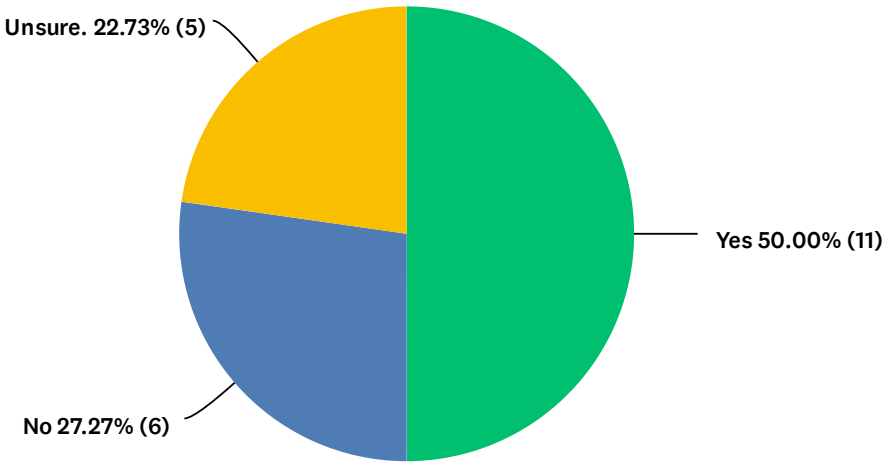
Q16 Do you live near a river, stream or water conveyance structure/facility that could deliver flood waters to your farm?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 2



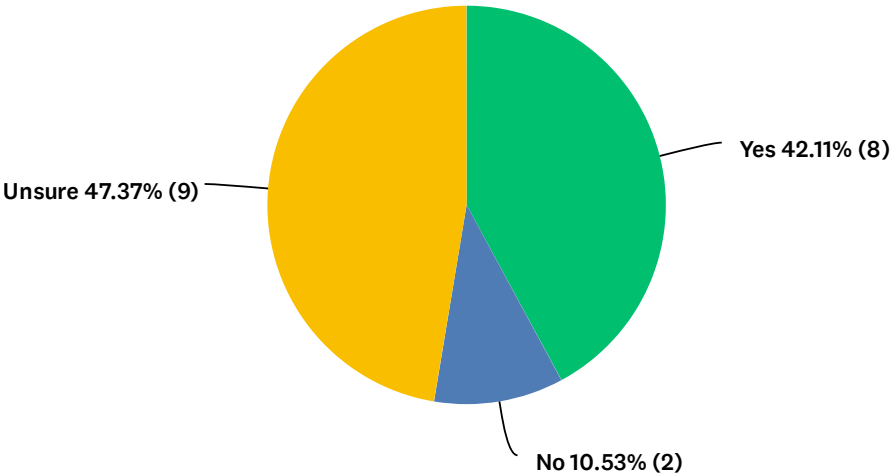
Q17 Do you have low lying areas on your farm that collect water in the winter?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 2



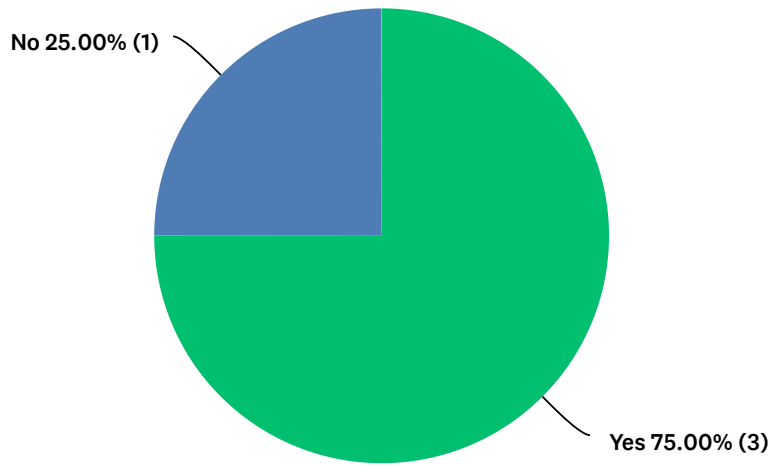
Q18 If you answered yes to any of the previous two questions, would you consider having a dry well installed in that area?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 5



Q19 Are you aware that the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) Board of Directors meet regularly once a month (1st Wednesday) and invite public participation?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 20



Q20 If you are interested in learning more about CGA or wish to be more involved, please provide your contact information and/or reach out to us info@cosumnesgroundwater.org.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 2

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Agenda Item : #3 – Newsletter – Spring 2024

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

Background

Brittany was assigned to put together Fall Edition Newsletter for CGA which was published and distributed. The CGA Newsletter will be released Semi-Annually, with the Spring 2024 edition coming up. The topics included on the first edition were:

- Who is CGA
- Upcoming Public Workshops
- Farming Survey
- Conserving Water
- Upcoming CGA Meetings

The Newsletter also highlighted Contact Information and links to the CGA Website. It was sent out to our email list and posted to our website. It may also be helpful to place the newsletter in several key areas in the subbasin, going forward.

Past recommended topics include:

- Funding and Fee Study Updates
- Annual Reports
- Events we are holding/attending
- Partner Information and Resources
- Monitoring Updates
- Farmer's Survey Results
- Water conservation methods/ideas

Link: [Fall 2023 Newsletter](#)

Recommendations

- Provide feedback and/or suggestions on topics and improvements for the Spring 2024 Newsletter.

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Agenda Item : #4 – Regular Meeting Dates and Committee Report Out

To: O&E Committee

From: CGA Staff

Meeting Dates:

- Special Committee Meeting
 - AS NEEDED

- Regular Committee Meetings
 - 2nd Tuesday, Every 3rd Month
 - June 11, 2024

The Committee will need to speak to the CGA Board about the O & E Committee's role for the next Fiscal Year 24-25 to decide what their function should serve as, how often they should meet (if CGA moves to meeting every other month), etc.

Committee Report Out:

The CGA Board will have a standing agenda item during their regular meetings for committee reports. Teresa Flewellyn, O & E Committee Chair, will come prepared to share updates on the committee's efforts.