



# **Values & Beliefs about Water on the Mid-Coast**

September 2019



- ~680 people participated
- 500+ online, 110+ on paper, 11% Spanish speakers
- Siletz Tribal Council encouraged member participation through household mailing
- Listening sessions and community organizing with immigrant and Spanish speaking communities

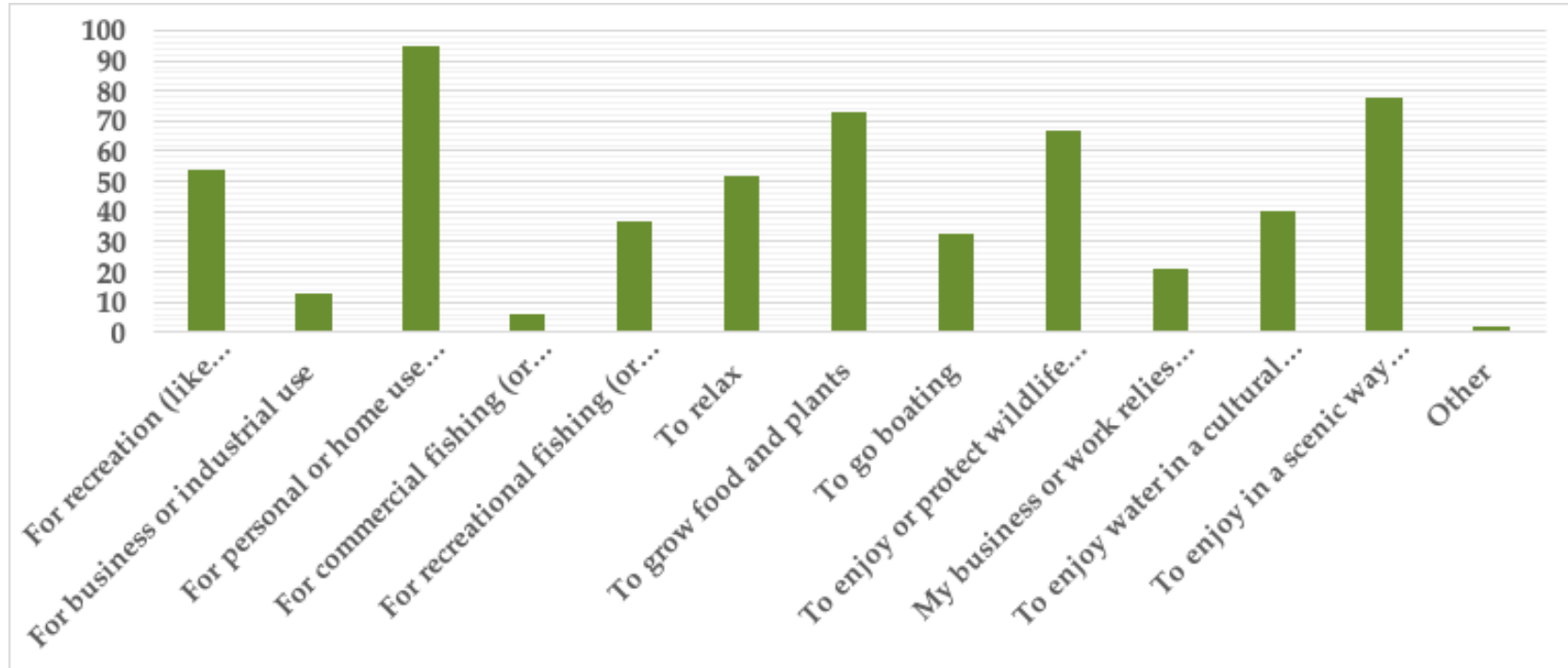
# Types of Questions Asked

- Background information
- Individual experiences: how much they think about water, supply, uses / interactions
- Trade-offs around water planning
- Potential strategies to ensure adequate water
- What people want to know about their water
- Opportunity to share whatever concerns they wanted to
- Demographic questions

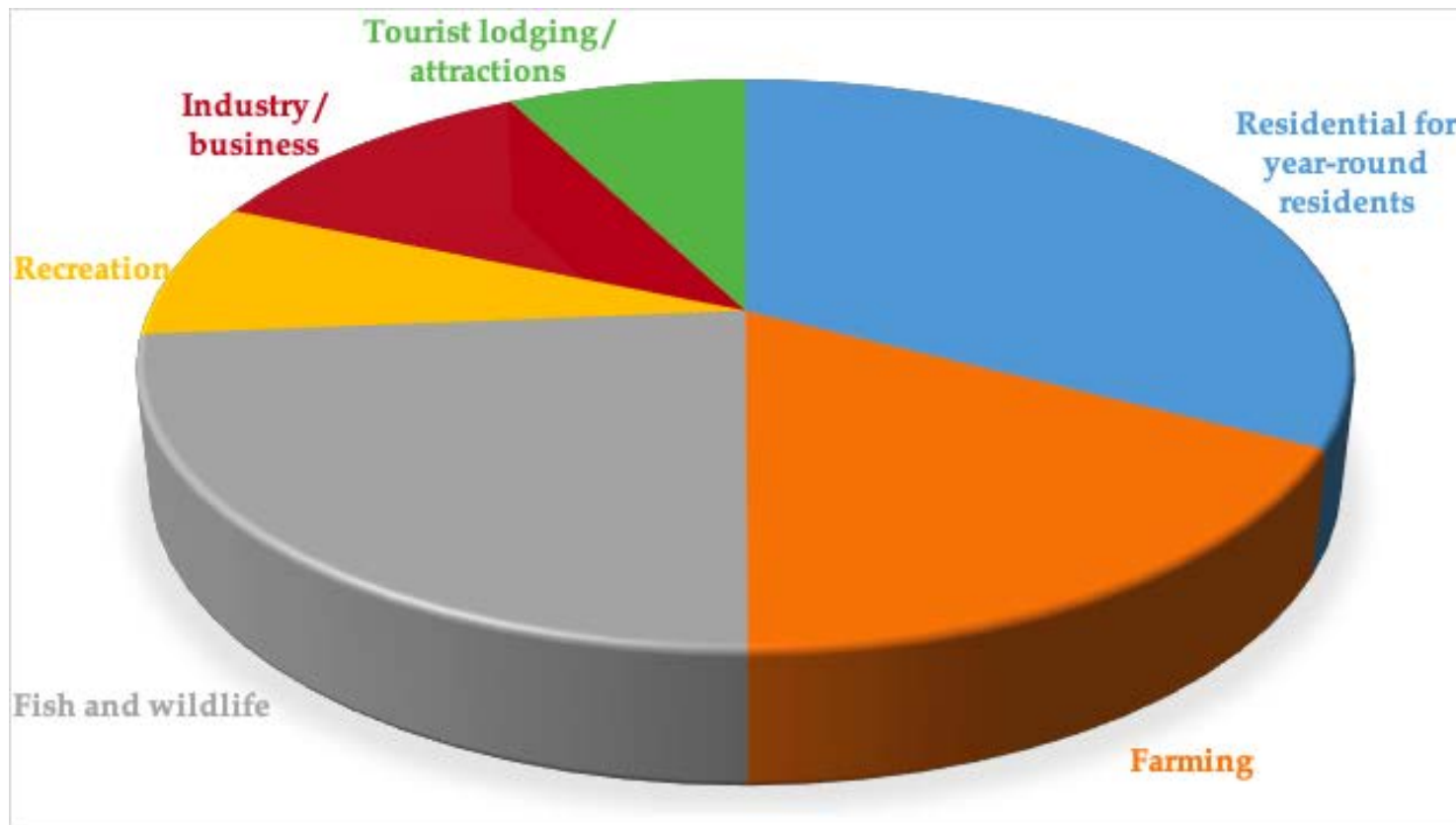
# Findings

- High level of interest in water in the region but not much familiarity with the Partnership's work.
- People think most often about health, water, and environment or ecology
- Most people get their water from a city or water district
- 57% think their water costs about right; 26% think it costs too much

# Ways people use / interact with water



**Imagine you have 100 gallons of water to use in the region. Please tell us where you'd use it.**



# Hopes for the future

I want to make sure we have. . .

enough water for people on septic systems or wells or self-supply



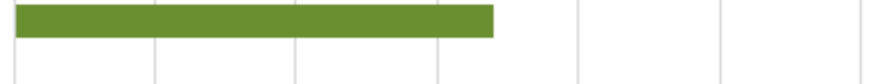
enough water for all of our needs now and in the future.



enough water to support business and industry



enough water stored in case we need it in the future



enough safe water to drink and use for cleaning



water safe to play or recreate in.



water structures in good condition to withstand both time and a major event

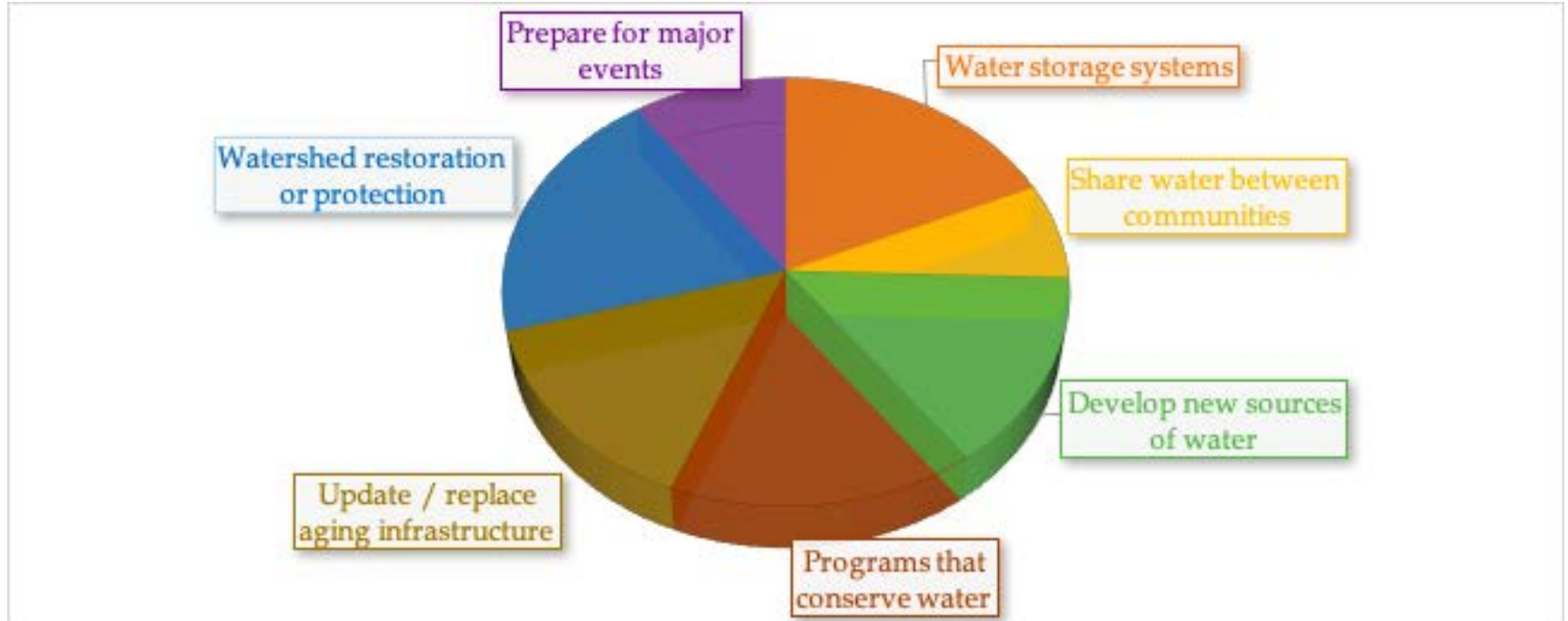


enough water to support fish and wildlife



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**Imagine you have 100 points to use for ways to help make sure there's enough water for all needs.**





# Interest in learning more about:

- Where water comes from, how it is currently being used, and how the quantity fluctuates over time
- How water quality is being managed in light of current logging practices, roadside spraying, farming practices, and run off from residential areas
- Desalination
- Water storage methods
- Current state of water infrastructure and how to plan for safe water in an emergency



<https://www.oregonskitchentable.org/results>

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