

# Water Conservation

## Public Wrap-Up Workshop on Once-per-Week Watering

February 3, 2016

# Tonight's Process

- Sign-in & voting exercise
- Present results of survey & meetings
- Table discussions and exercise
- Reconvene for further discussion and questions

# Why Are We Here?

- Once-per-week restrictions in place since 2011
- Capitalize on lessons learned from extended drought
- Prepare for future climate conditions
- Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) Task Force considering long-term water supply & demand strategies



Lake Travis, Jan 2012 photo: LCRA

# What is Our Goal?

- Propose changes to City Code & Drought Contingency Plan
- Establish permanent once-per-week watering restrictions
- Adjust other water use restrictions based on feedback and potential water savings
- Maintain effective, enforceable code
- Present best option to Council by April/May





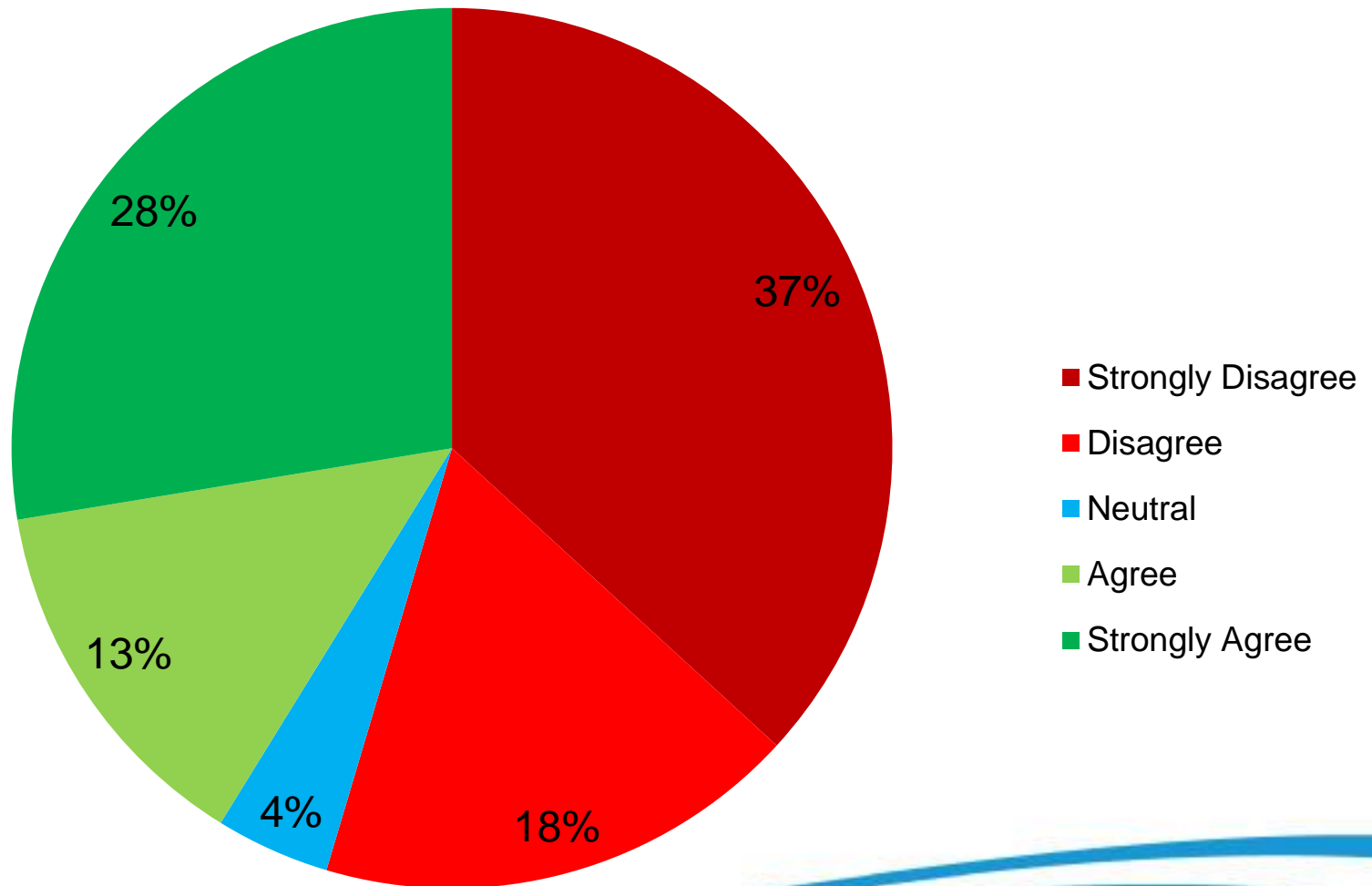
# What Have We Heard?

- Strong opinions on both sides
- Need to protect investments (landscape, foundations, cars)
- Concerns about over-regulation
- Questions about response to future drought conditions/LCRA requirements
- Rising costs: water prices, car washes, landscape changes
- Belief that once per week is adequate and overdue

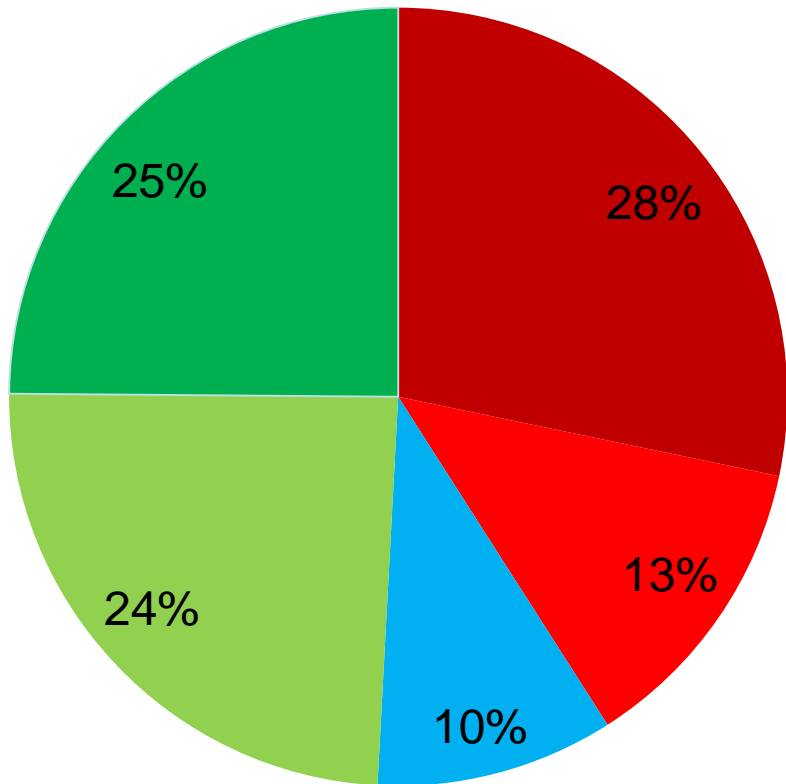


# Speak Up Austin Survey Results

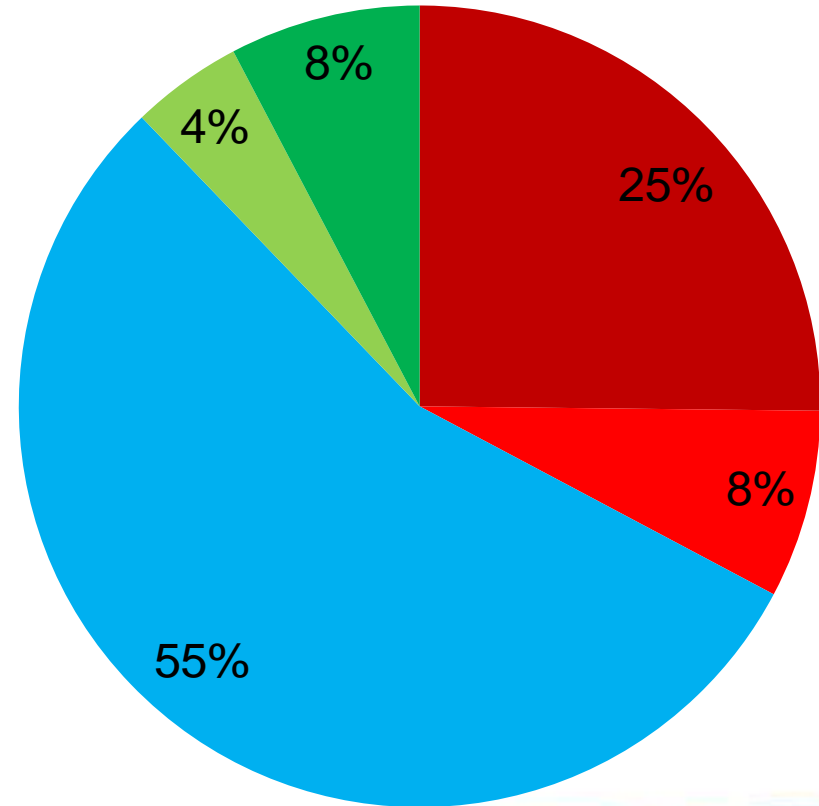
## One Day Watering Is Enough For My Needs



### Once a Week Has Negatively Affected Me/My Family



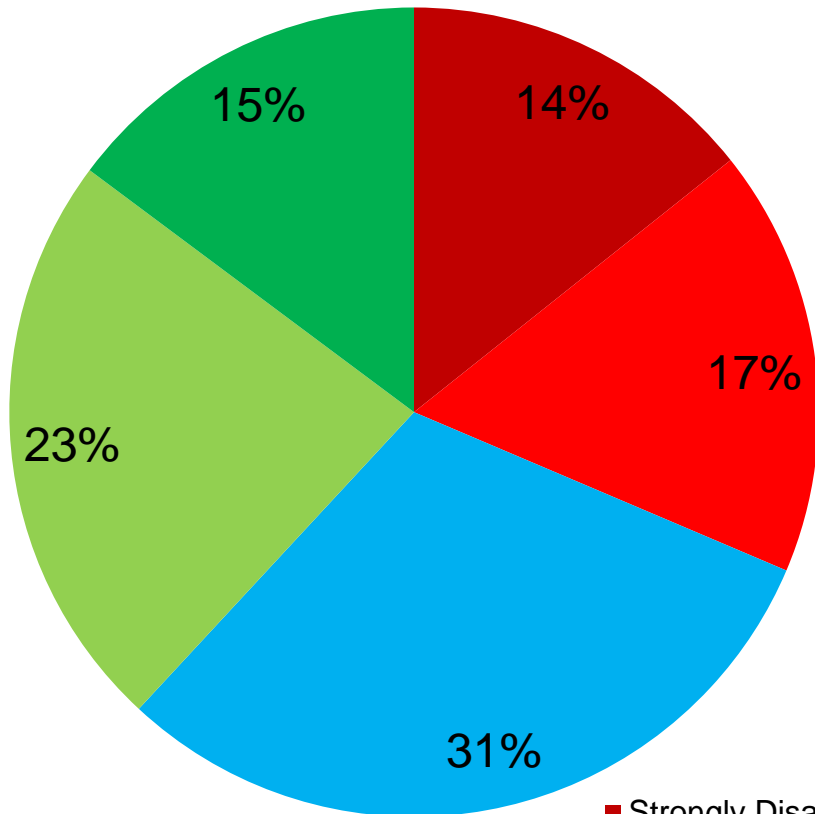
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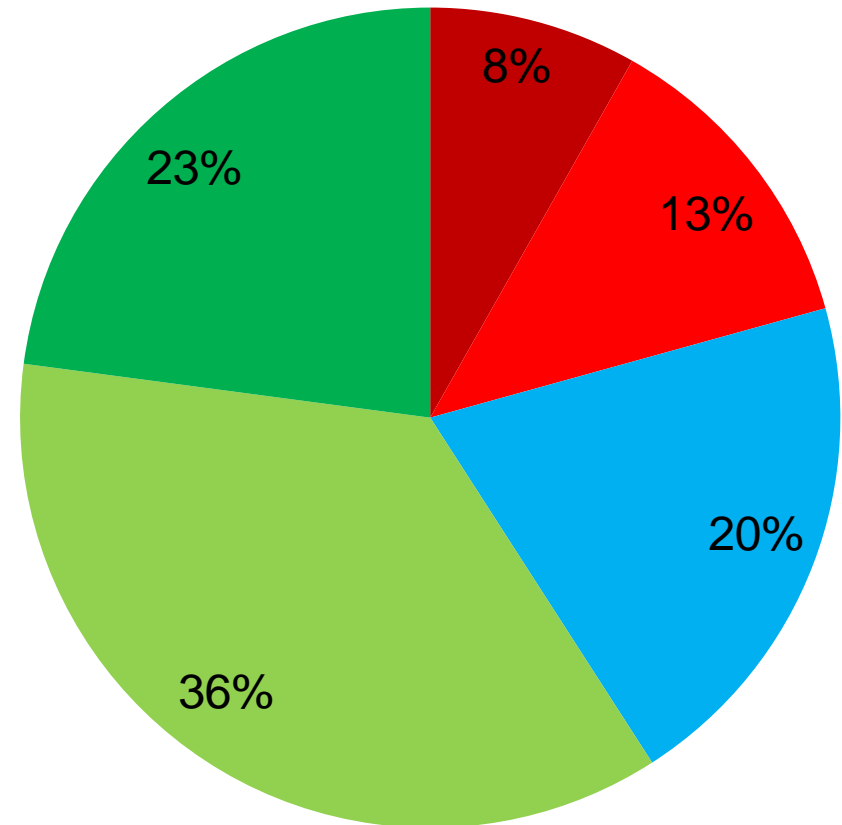
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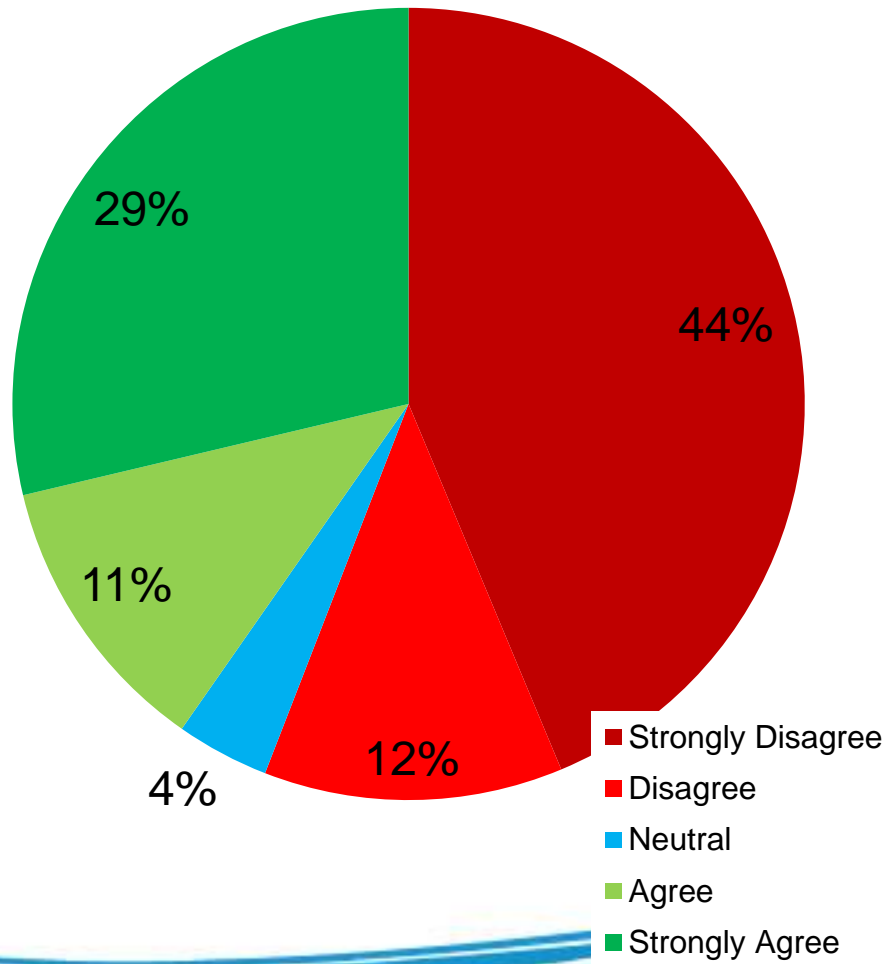


### I Have Made Landscaping Changes Because of Restrictions

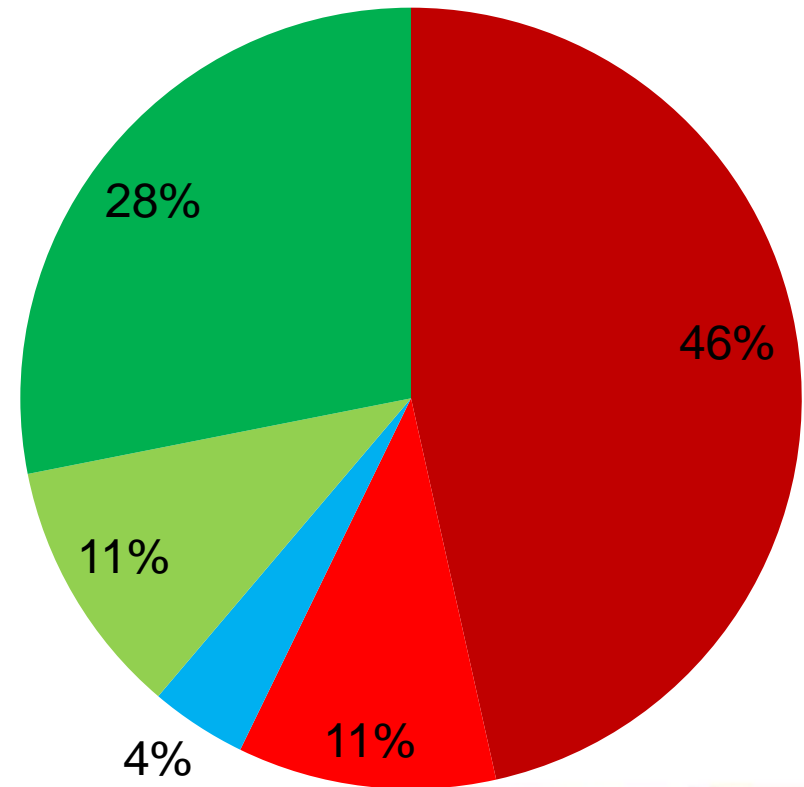


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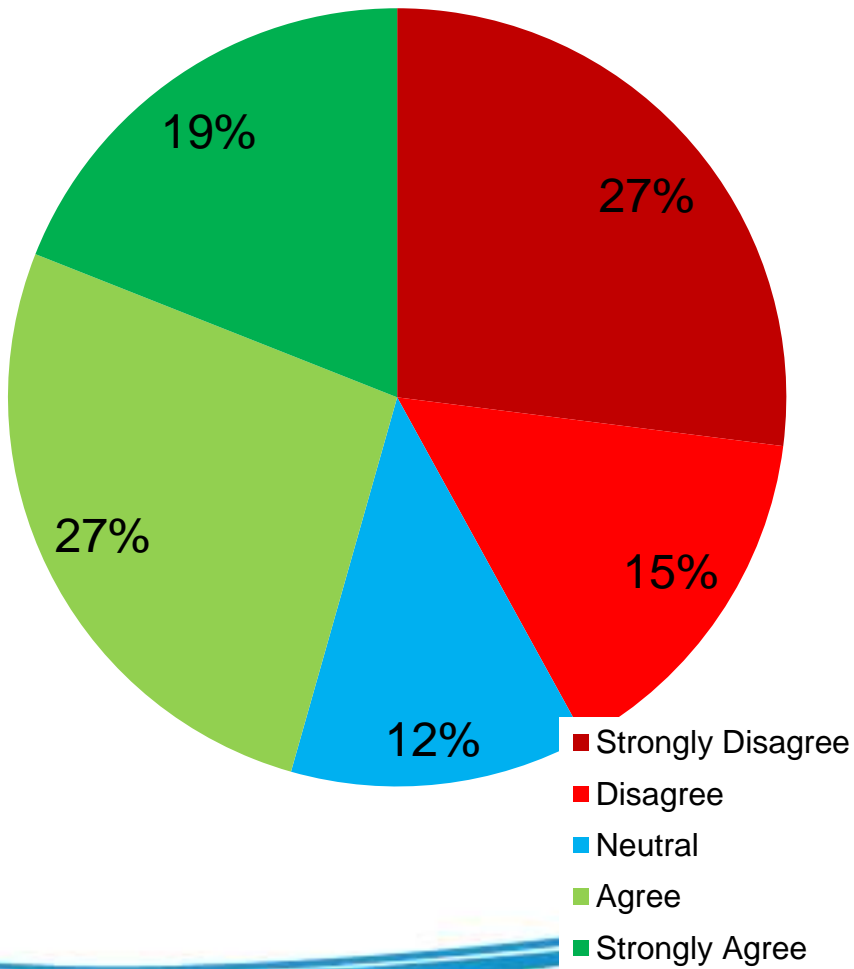
**I Support A Permanent One Day Per Week Schedule To Conserve the Region's Water Supply**



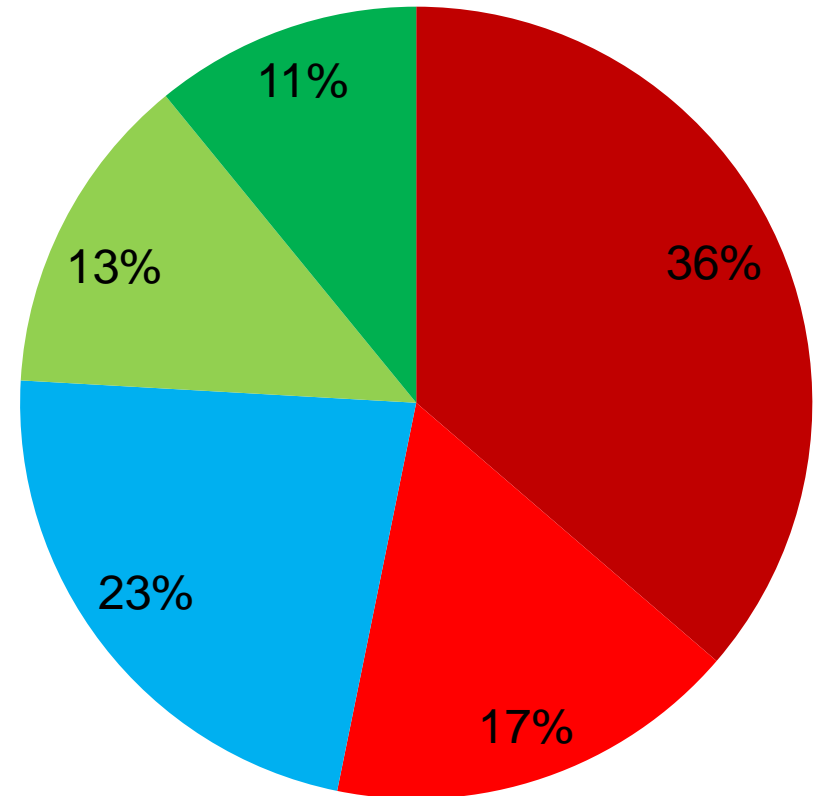
**I Would Support Permanent, Year-Round One Day Per Week Watering Restrictions**



### I Would Support Seasonal Once per Week Restrictions

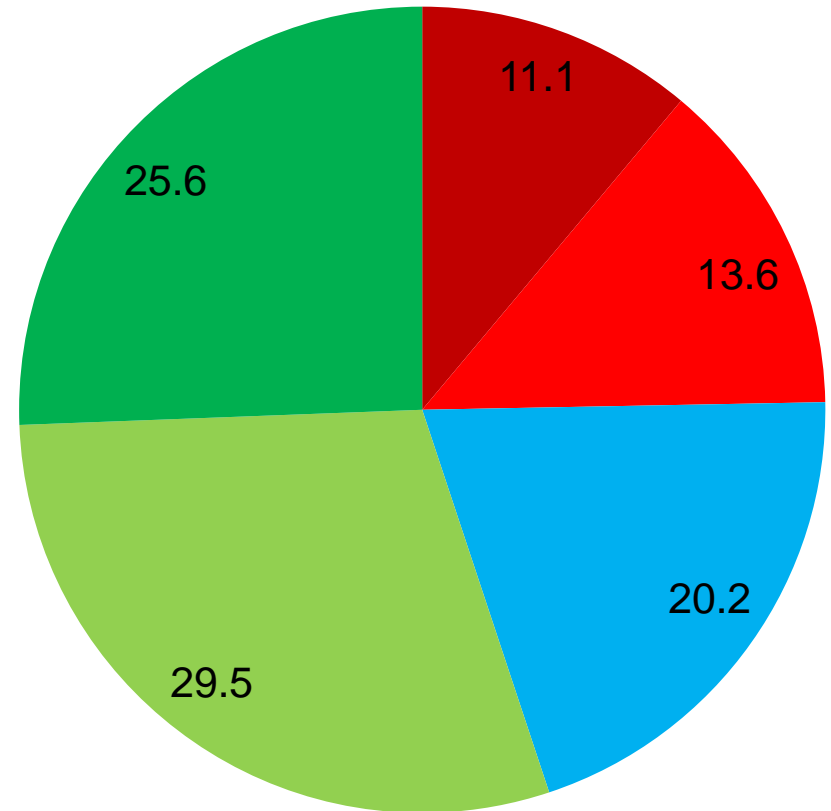
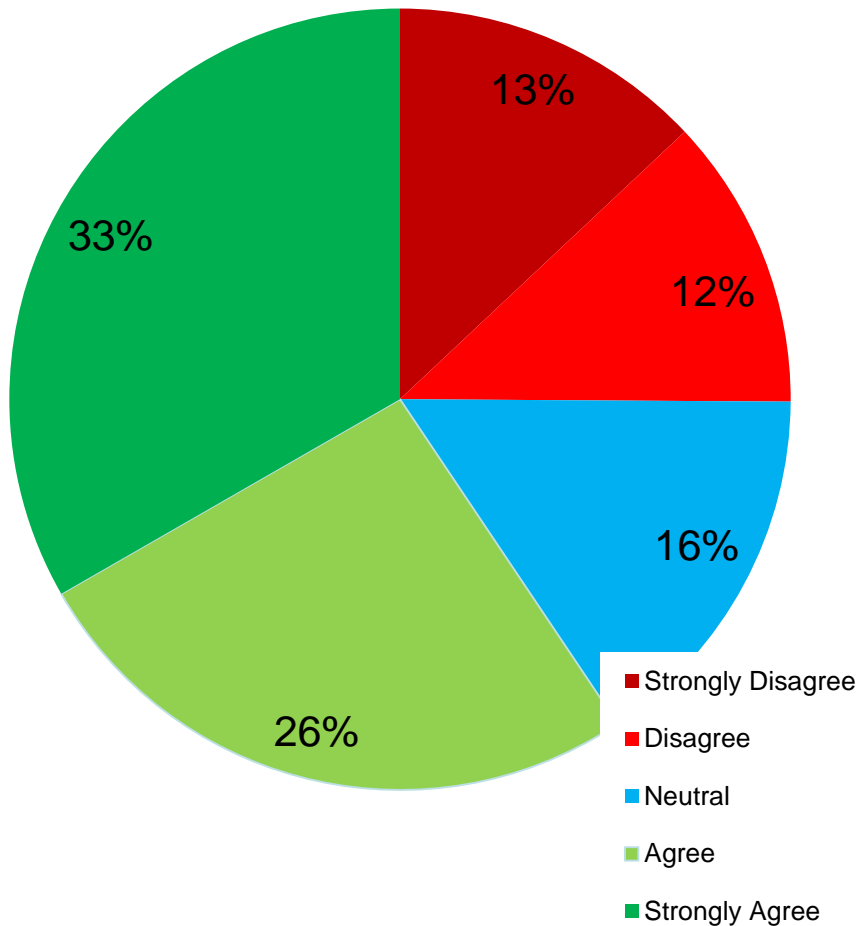


### I Would Support Once per Week if Other Restrictions Loosened



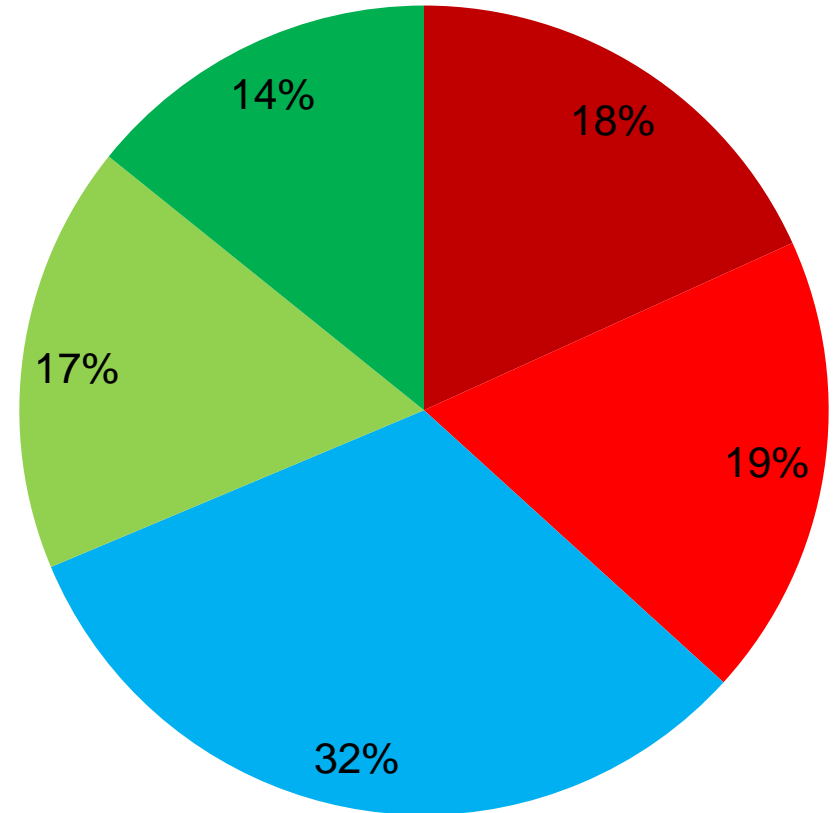
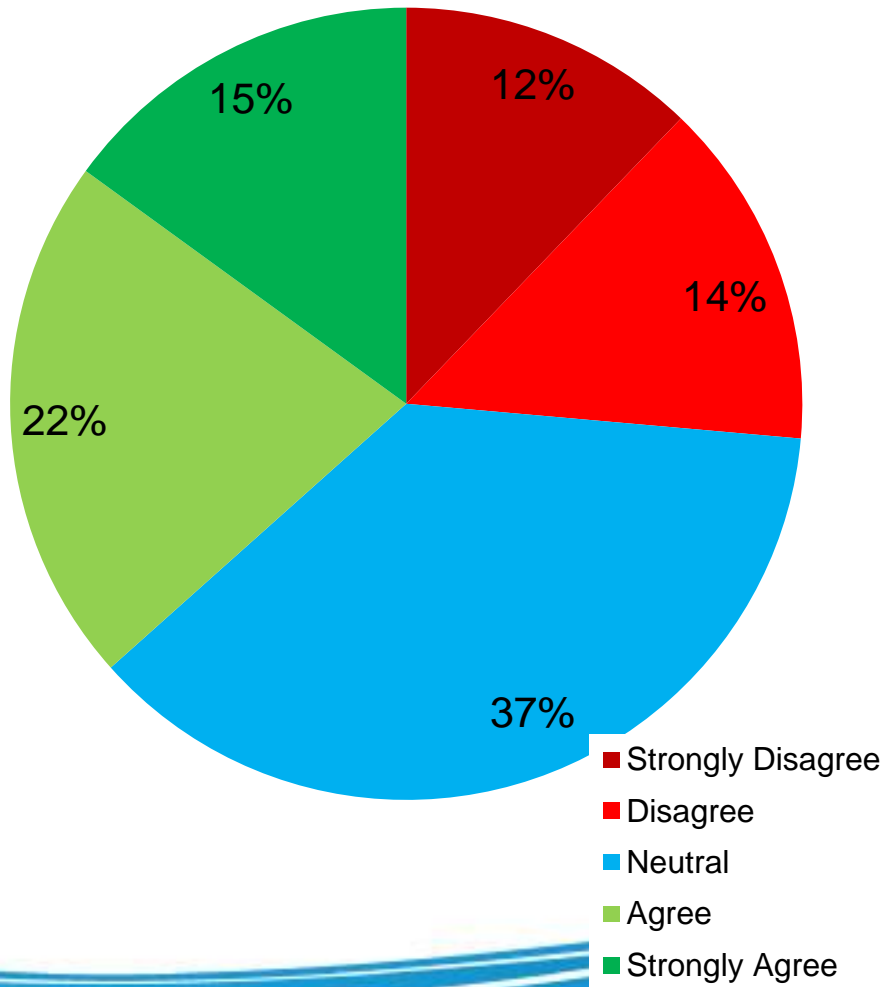
### Support Looser Restrictions on At-Home Car Washing

### Support Looser Restrictions on Hose-End Sprinklers



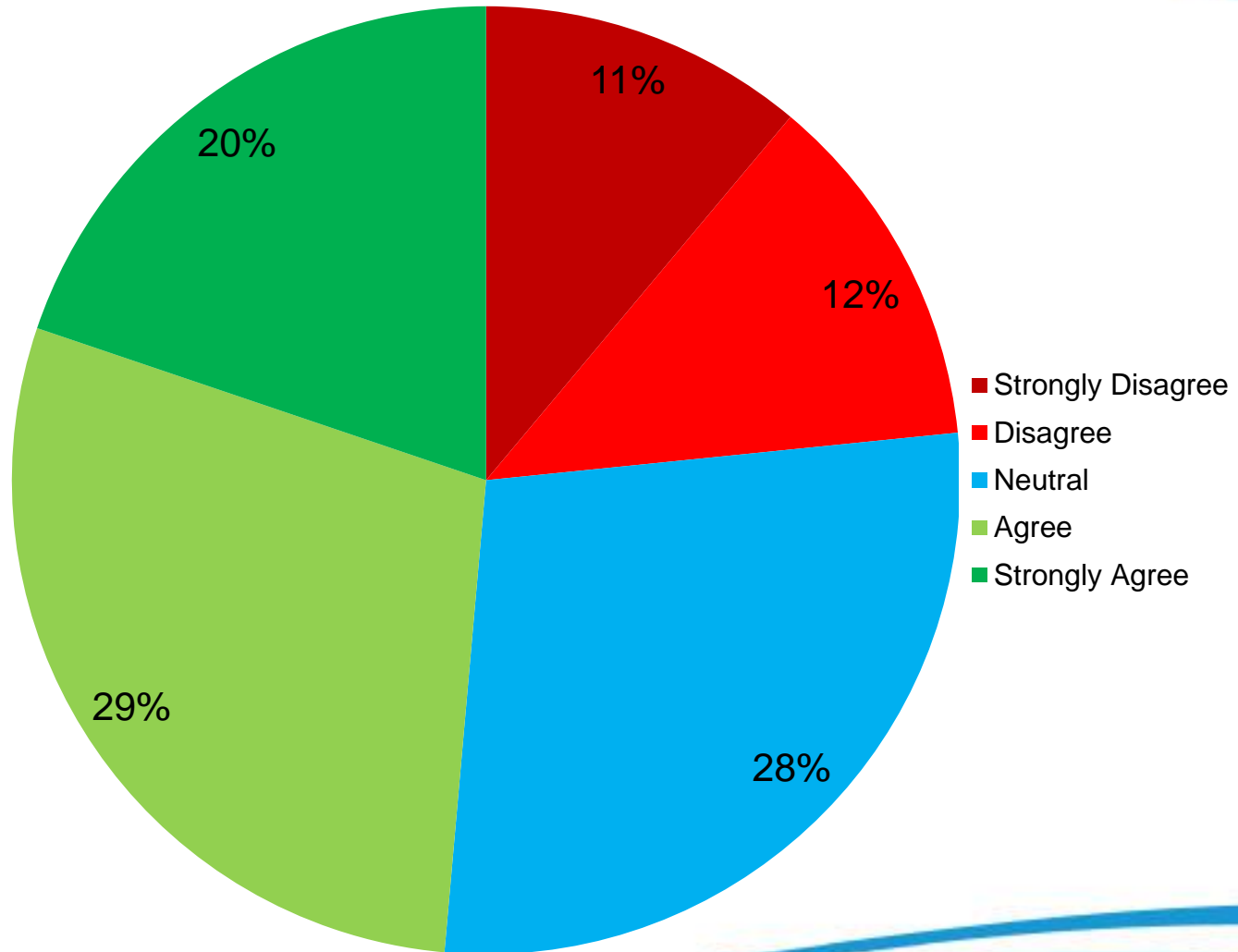
### Support Looser Restrictions on Patio Misters

### Support Looser Restrictions on Ornamental Fountains

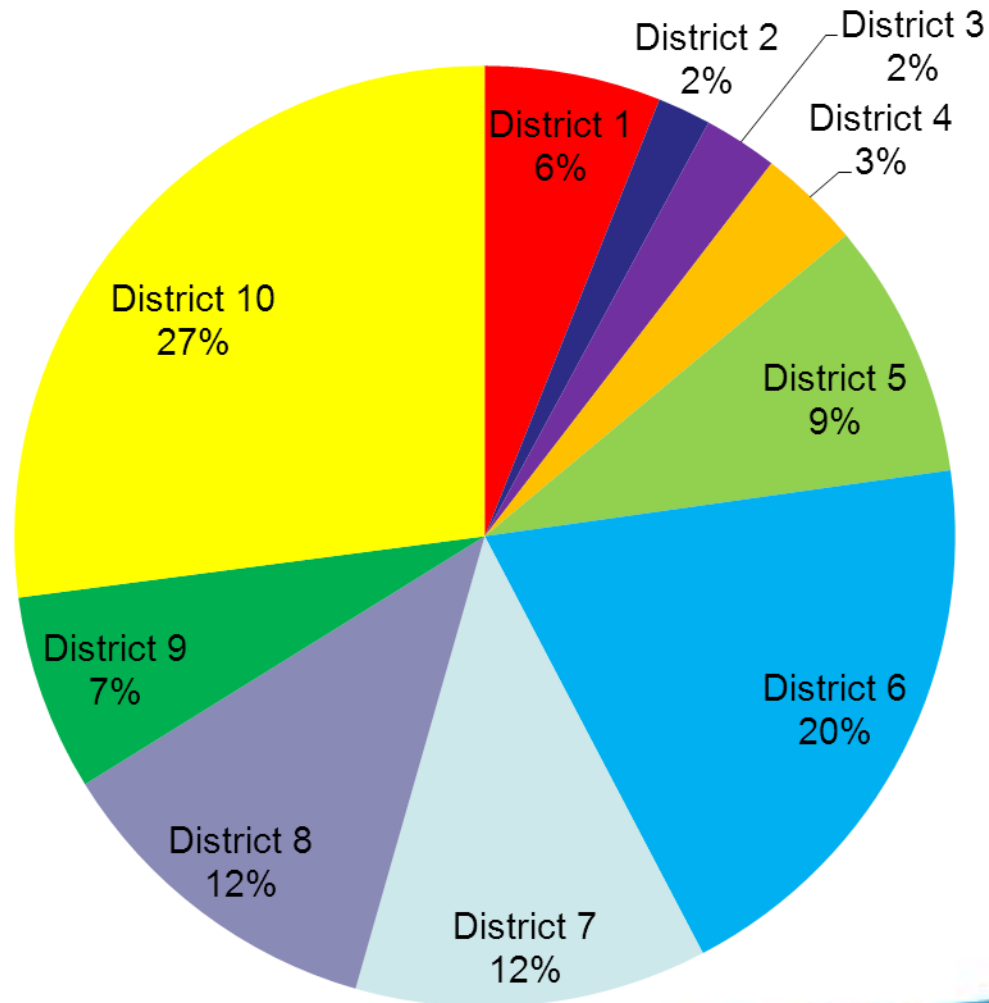




## Support Looser Restrictions on Pressure Washing

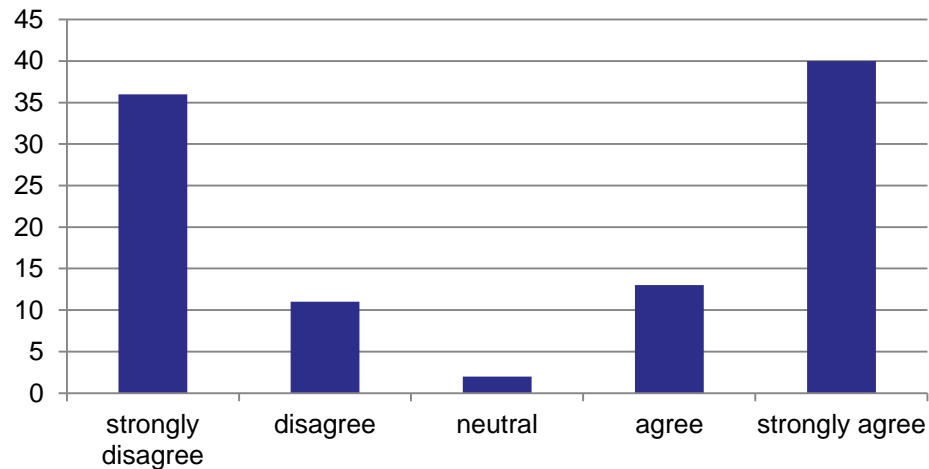


## Survey Responses by District

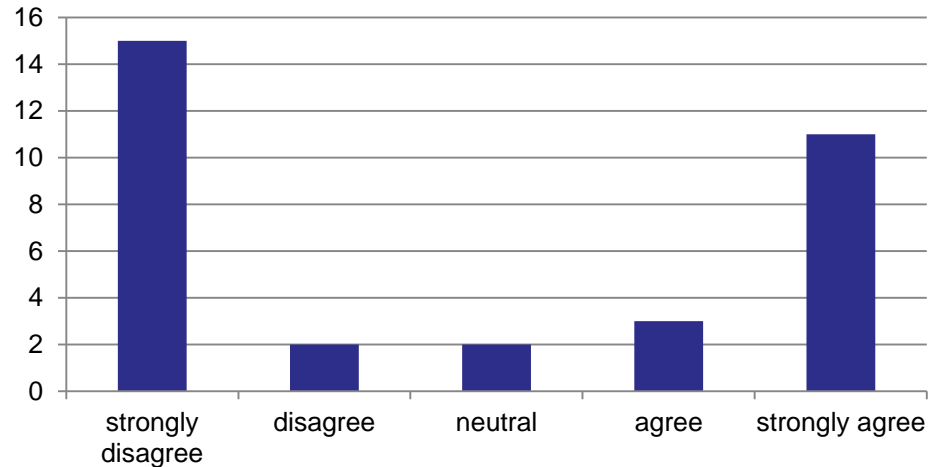


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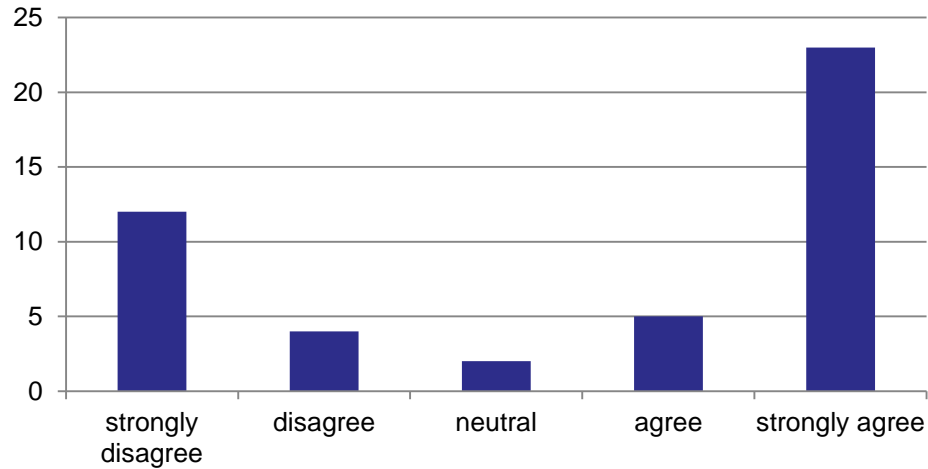
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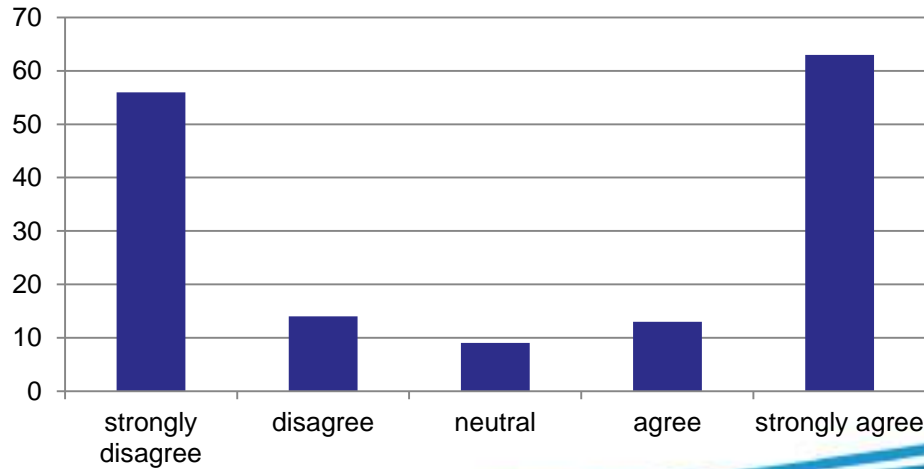
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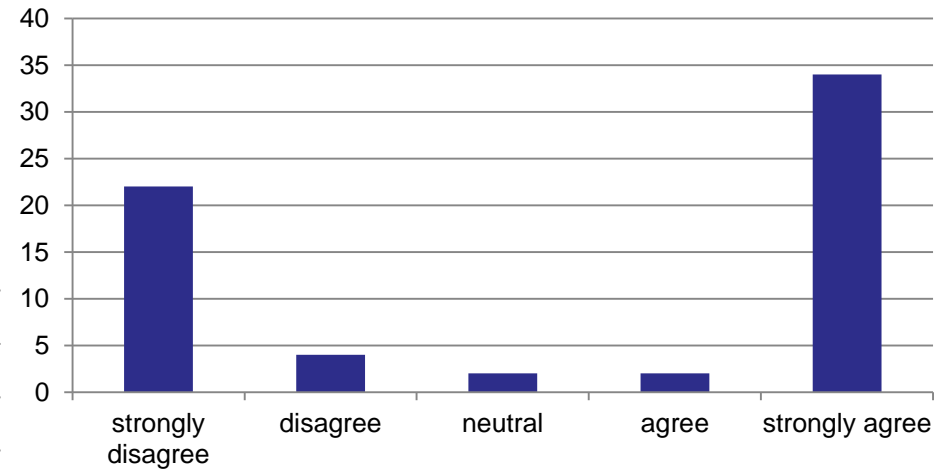
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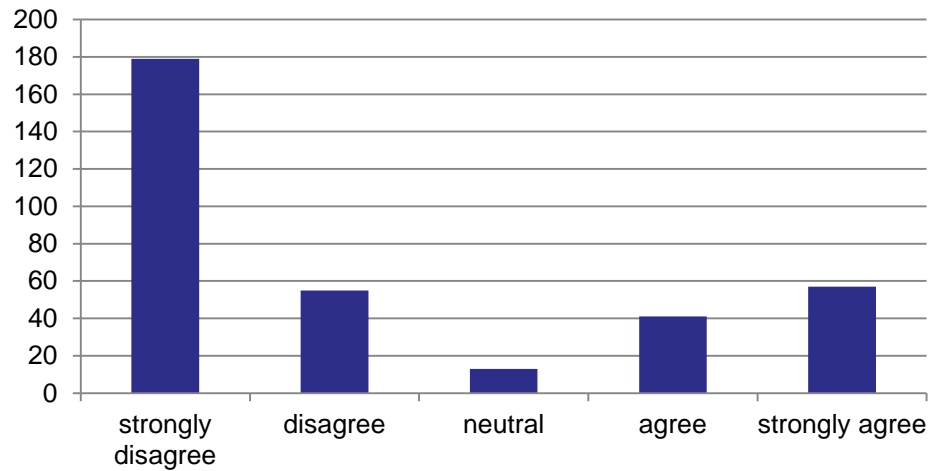
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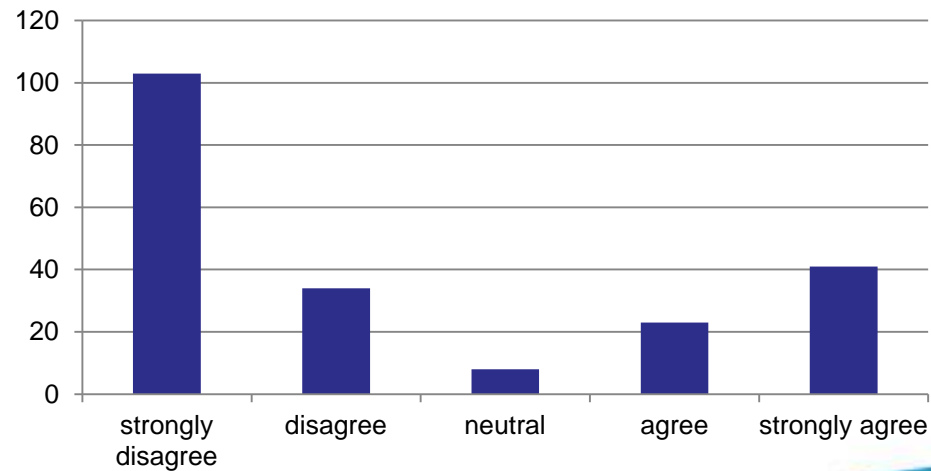
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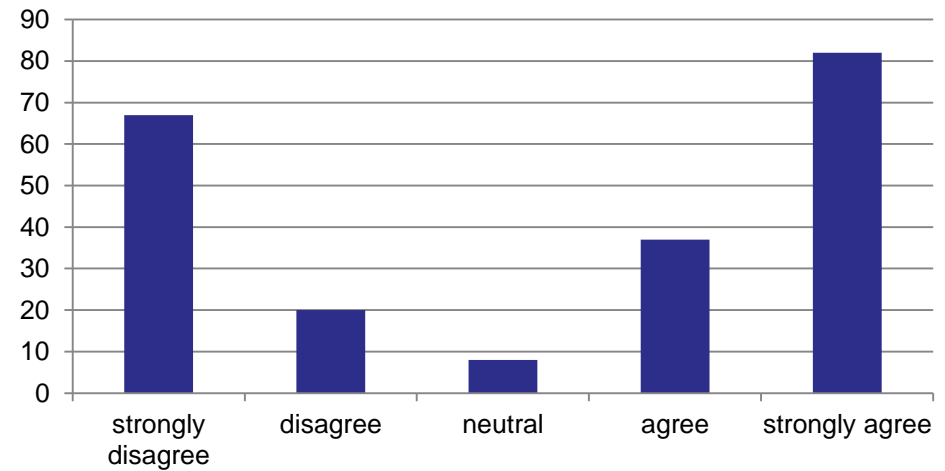
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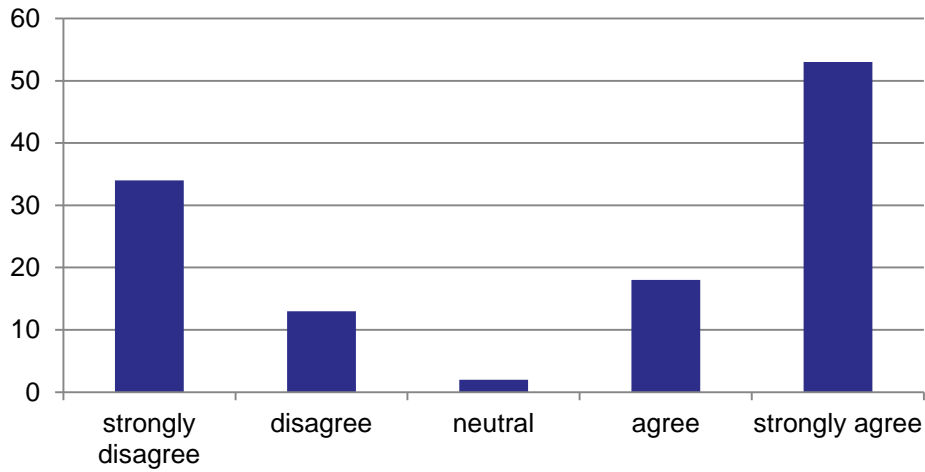


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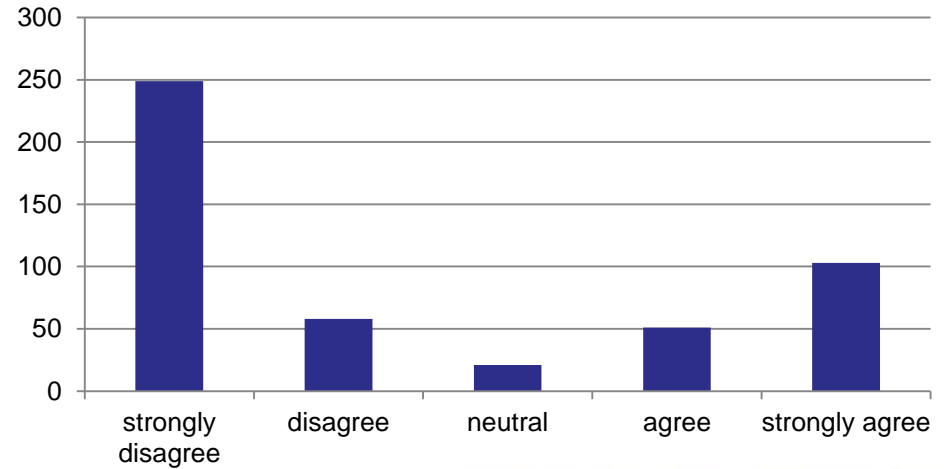




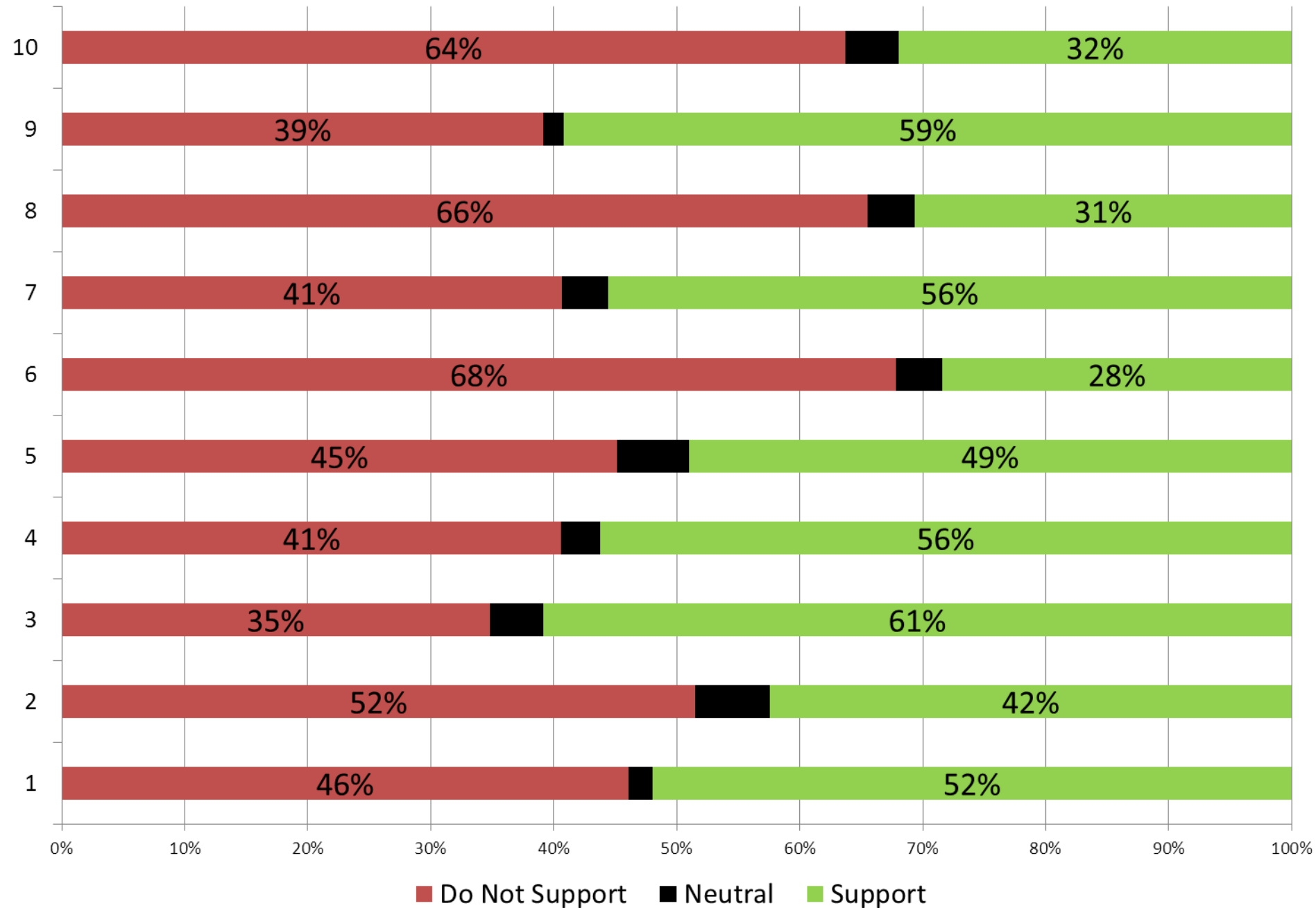
## District 9



## District 10



# Results by District: Once-per-Week Watering



# Conclusions

- Majority of respondents do not support permanent once per week restrictions
- Participation strongest in Districts 6 & 10
- Five of ten districts support once per week
- Majority support looser restrictions on car washing, hose-end sprinklers, pressure washing
- Tonight's exercises designed to refine questions, help establish priorities

# Next Steps

- Collect and summarize tonight's input
- Draft amendments & review with management
- Presentations to Commissions, Council expected in March (concurrent with Law Dept review)\*
- Proposed changes before Council in April/May\*

\* *Opportunities for Citizen Communication/Comment on agenda item*

# Questions/ Comments?

