

# Results of 2026 BACWA Recycled Water Committee Survey on Program Administration



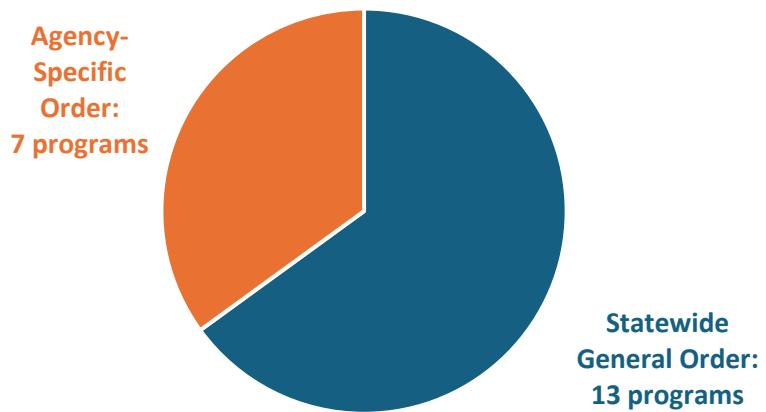
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- Survey Date: December 2025 – January 2026
- 19 Respondents representing 90% of Recycled Water production in the region

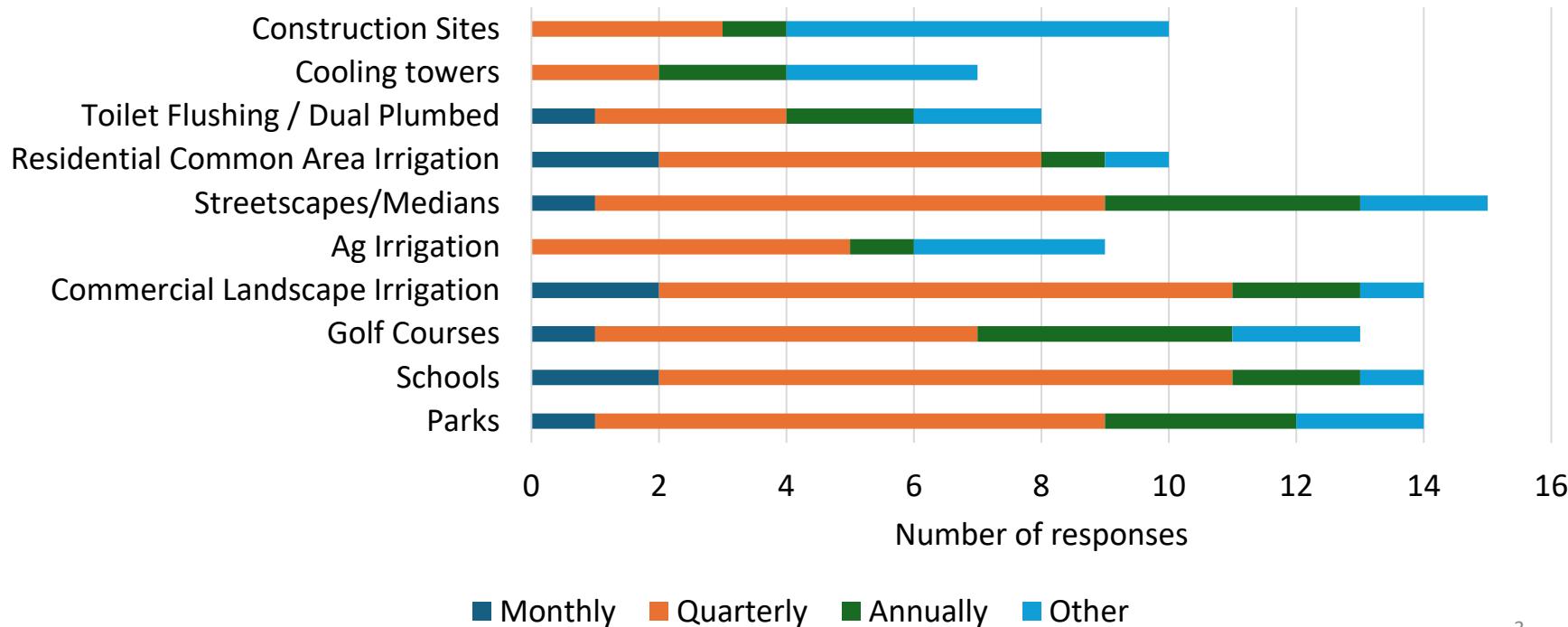


*Survey respondents, very roughly scaled by annual recycled water production. Smaller agencies are not shown to scale.*

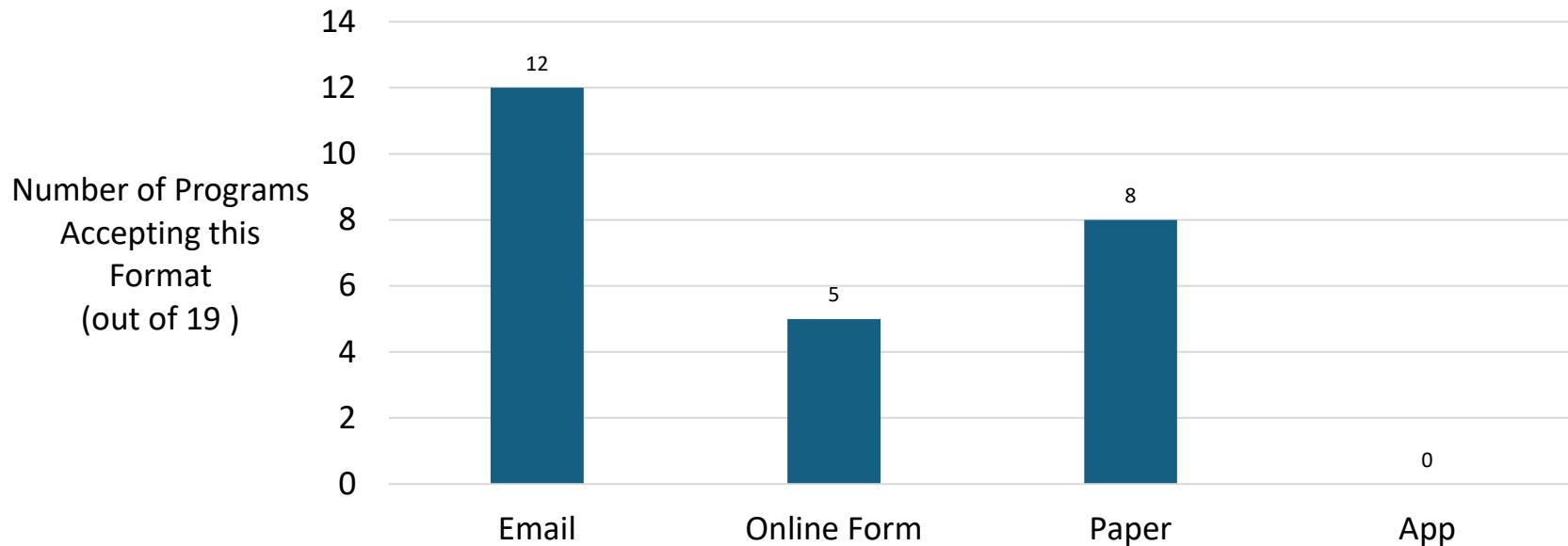
4. Do you operate under the  
**Statewide General Order**, or an  
agency-specific order?



## 5. What user self-monitoring frequency does your agency require for these user types?



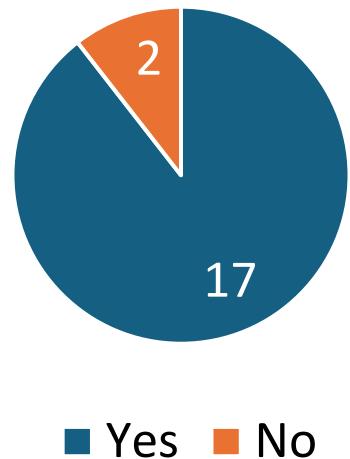
## 7. What **format** does your agency use for self-monitoring inspection reports?



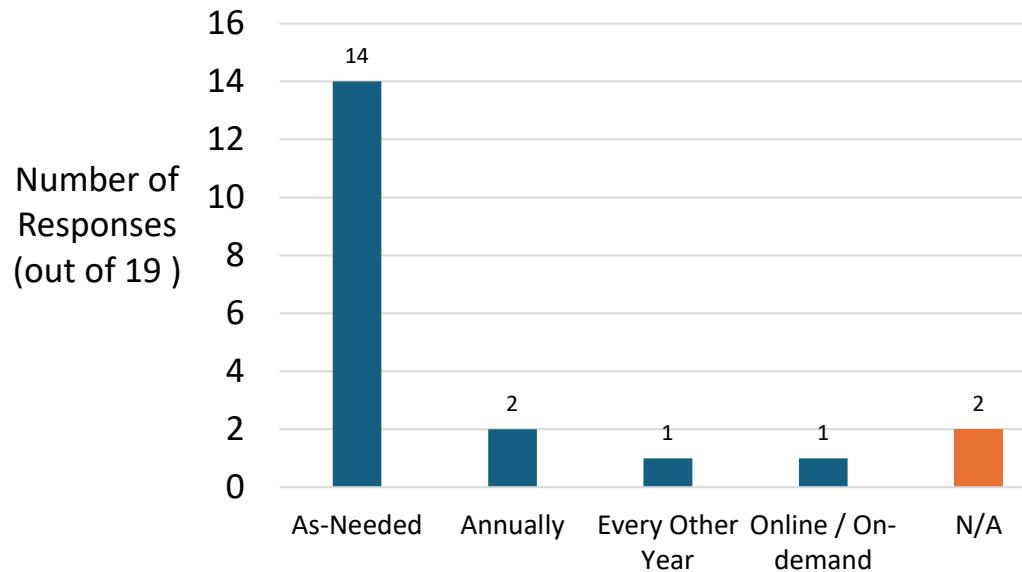
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9. Does your agency offer training for recycled water users?



10. How often are training sessions offered?



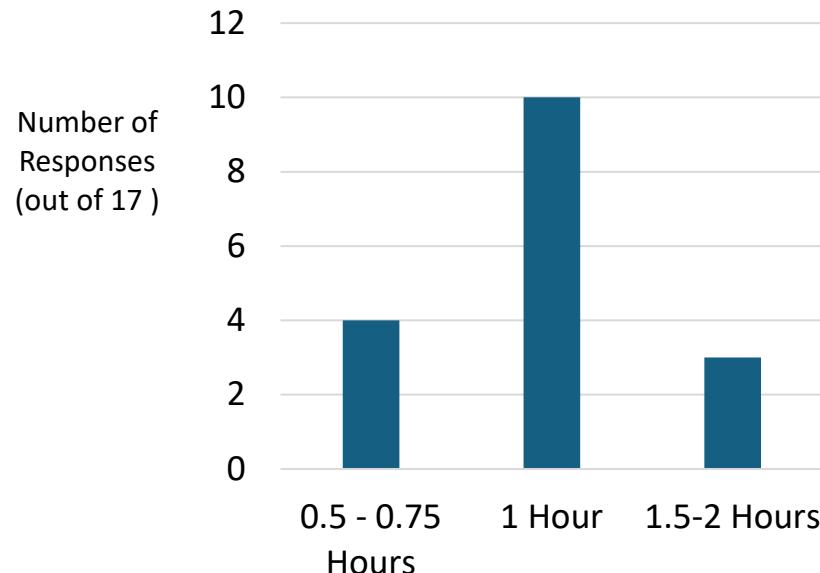
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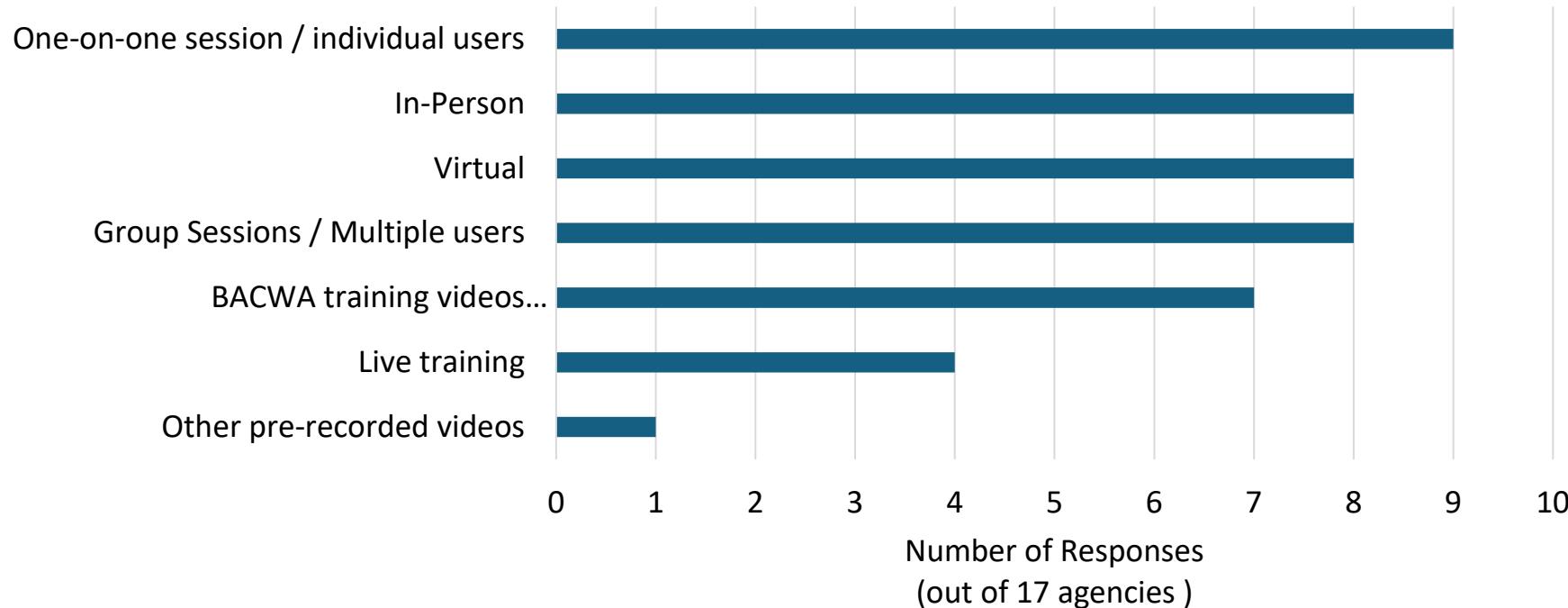
## 11. How often must users attend a training session?



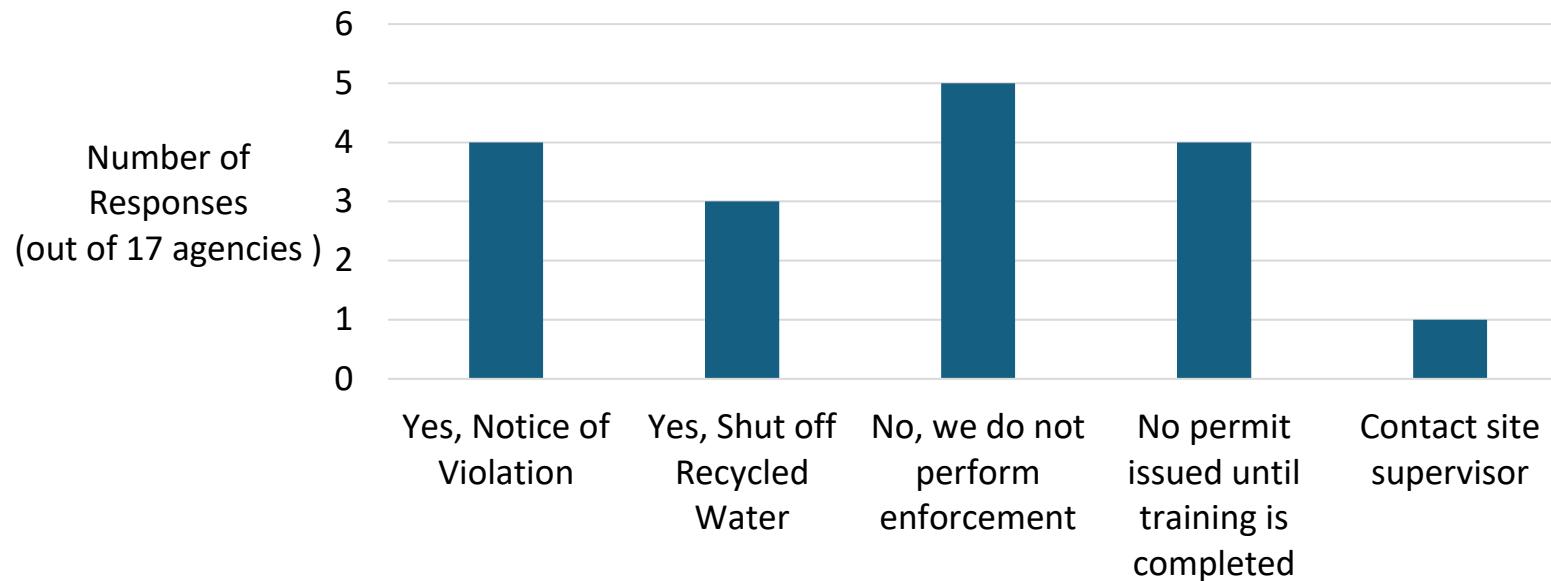
## 13. How long is a typical training session?



## 12. How are training sessions conducted?



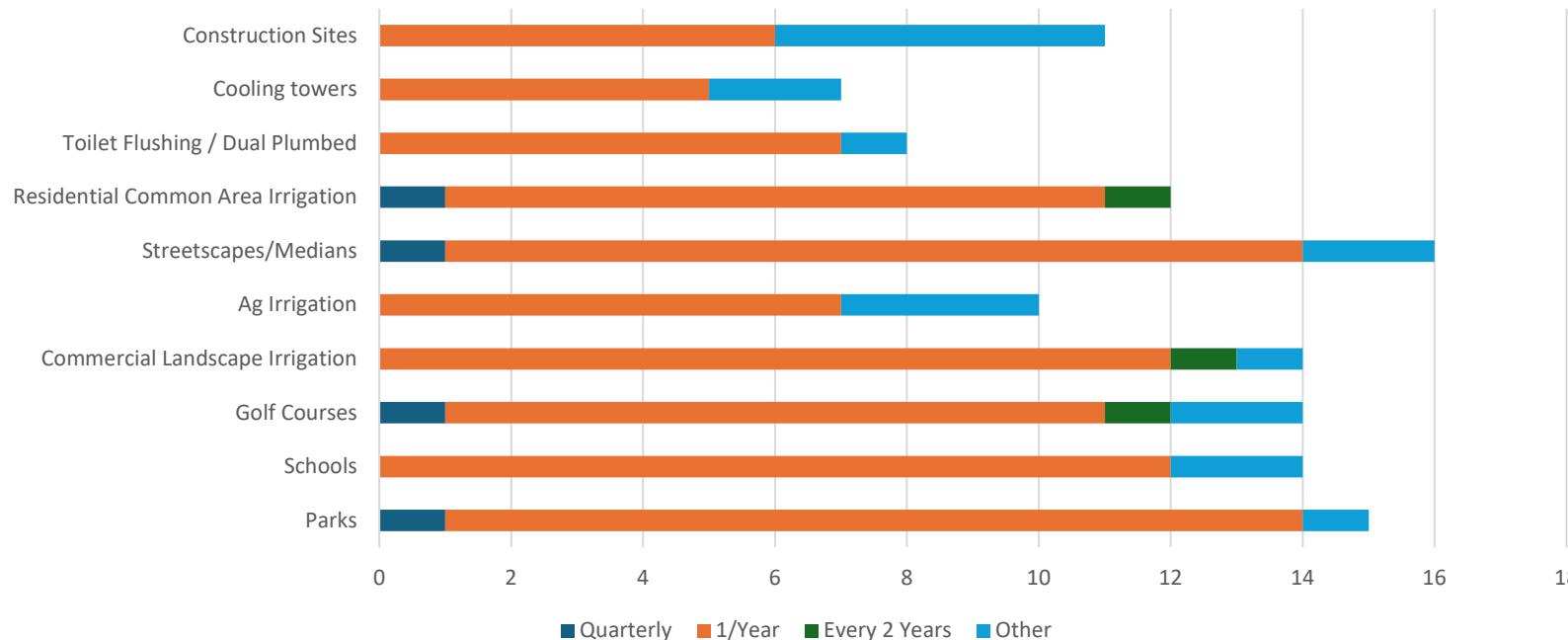
## 14. Does your agency enforce training program requirements?



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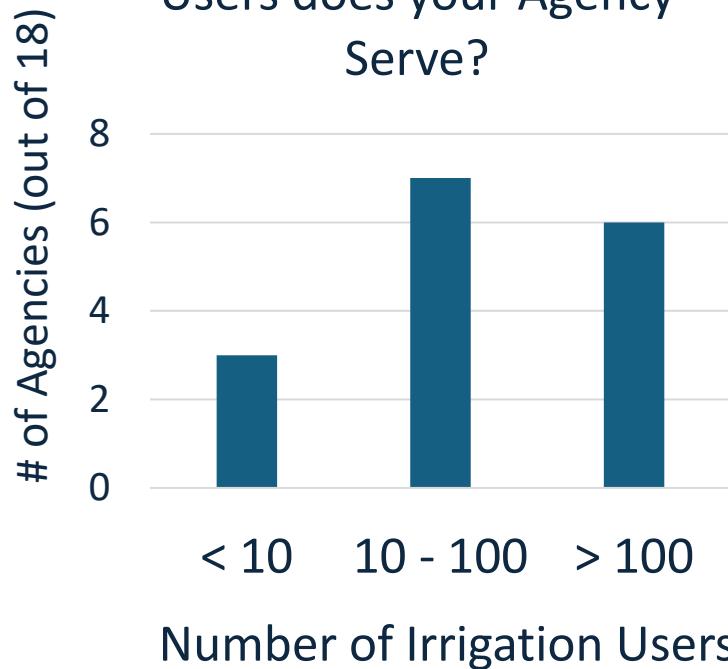


## 15. What inspection frequency does **your agency** use for each of these user types?

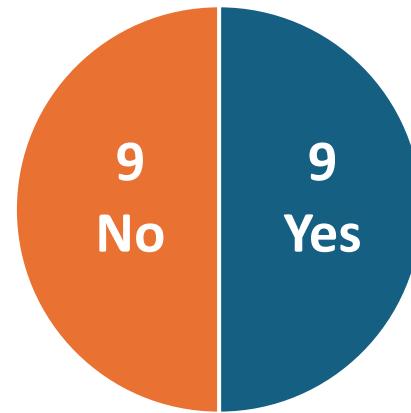


## Irrigation Users (18 Respondents)

18. How many Irrigation Users does your Agency Serve?



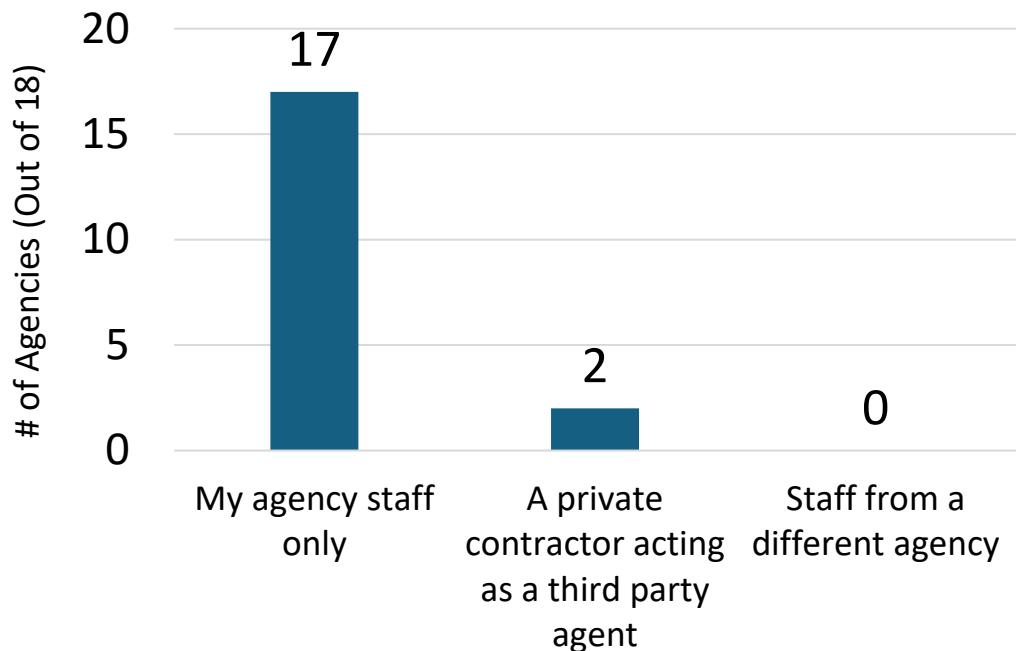
19. Do you require a user representative to be onsite during inspections of irrigation use sites?



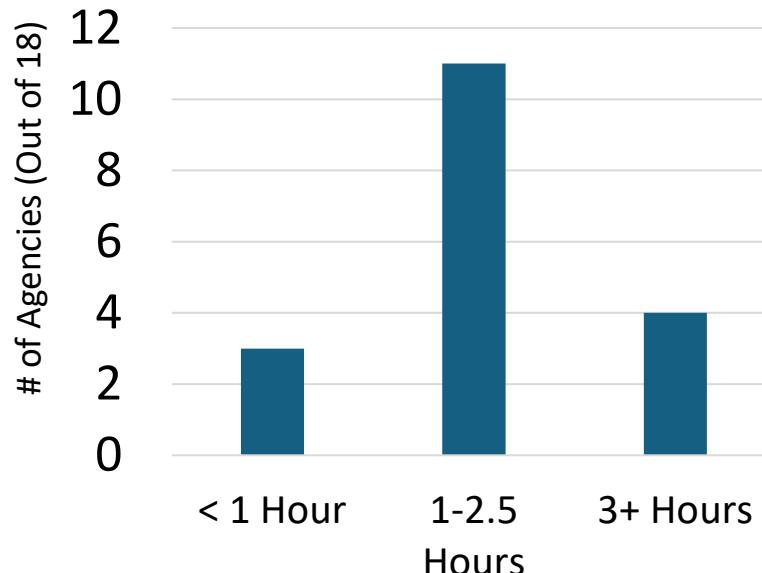
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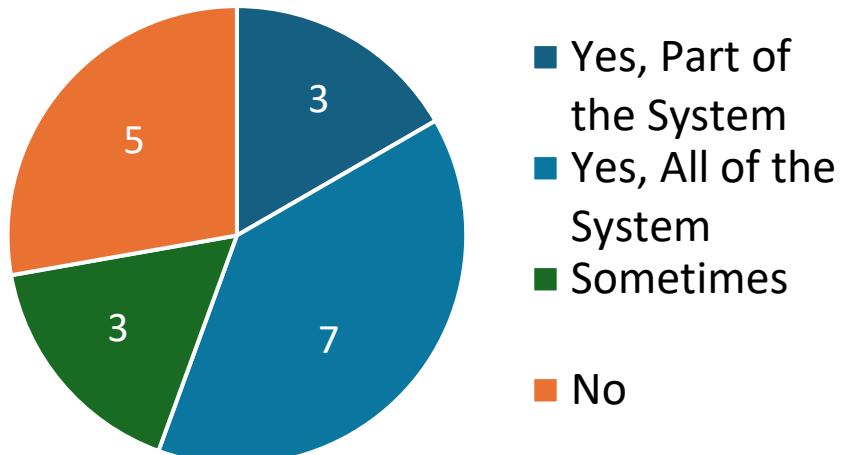
## 20. Who performs agency inspections of irrigation use sites?



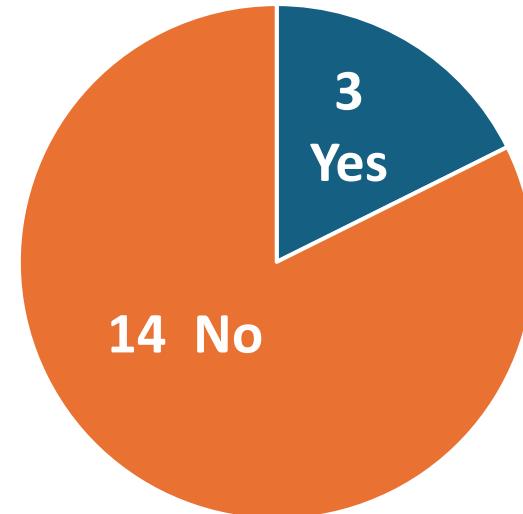
## 22. How long does it take to complete an inspection for each irrigation use site?



21. When you conduct a site inspection for an irrigation use site, do you require that the **irrigation system be turned on?**

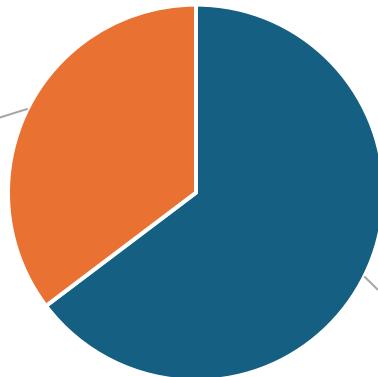


23. During site inspections, do you conduct a **one-sided cross-connection test?**



24. After the initial cross-connection test for each irrigation use site, how often do you conduct a **full cross-connection test**?

About 1x / 4 years, or answer referred to dual-plumbed regs, 6



Only if there is a need (e.g., failed inspection, renovation), 11

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## 25. How does your agency meet the “application rate” reporting requirement from Table 4 of the General Order?

Breakdown of 9 responses:

- 7 agencies referred to calculating the value based on the volume delivered and the acreage of each site.
  - Some agencies **estimate** the acreage
  - Other agencies **require the acreage** in the permit application drawings
- 1 agency stated “Users are instructed to water only to saturation and not run-off. ”
- 1 agency stated they are unable to provide the information because they don’t have accurate site acreage data.

Table 4: Use Area Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Sampling Frequency <sup>(a)</sup>	Reporting Frequency
Recycled Water User	--	--	--	Annually
Recycled Water Flow	gpd <sup>(b)</sup>	Meter <sup>(c)</sup>	Monthly	Annually
Acreage Applied <sup>(d)</sup>	Acres	Calculated	--	Annually
Application Rate	inches/acre/year	Calculated	--	Annually
Soil Saturation/Ponding	--	Observation	Quarterly	Annually
Nuisance Odors/Vectors	--	Observation	Quarterly	Annually
Discharge Off-Site	--	Observation	Quarterly	Annually
Notification Signs <sup>(e)</sup>	--	Observation	Quarterly	Annually

(a) Or less frequently if approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer

(b) gpd denotes gallons per day.

(c) Meter denotes meter reading, a pump run time meter, or other approved method.

(d) Acreage applied denotes the acreage to which recycled water is applied.

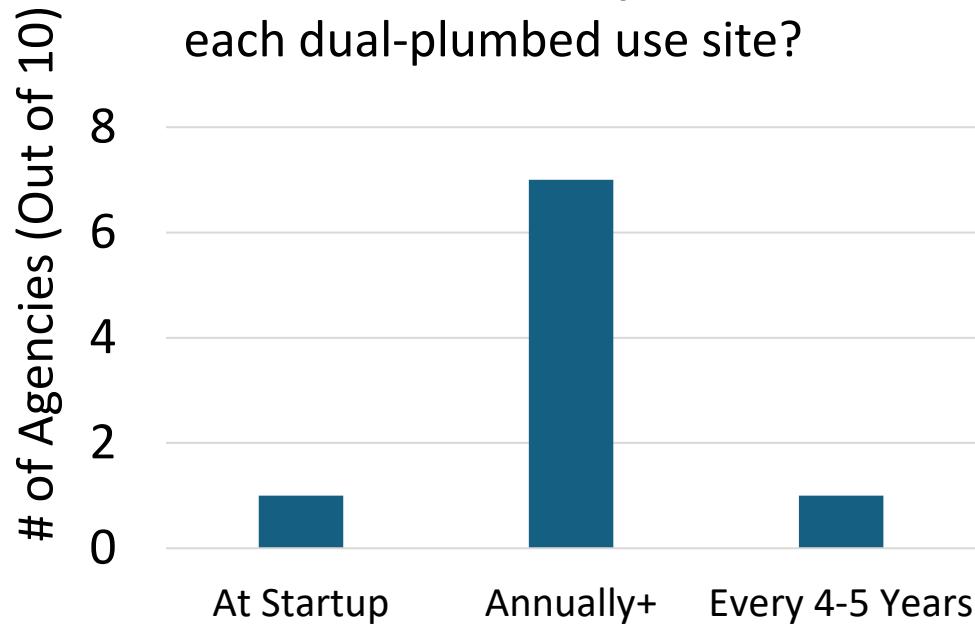
(e) Notification signs shall be consistent with the requirements of 22 CCR section 60310(g).

## Dual-Plumbed Users (10 respondents)

27. How many dual-plumbed use sites does your agency serve?



28. How often do you perform a **cross-connection inspection** for each dual-plumbed use site?

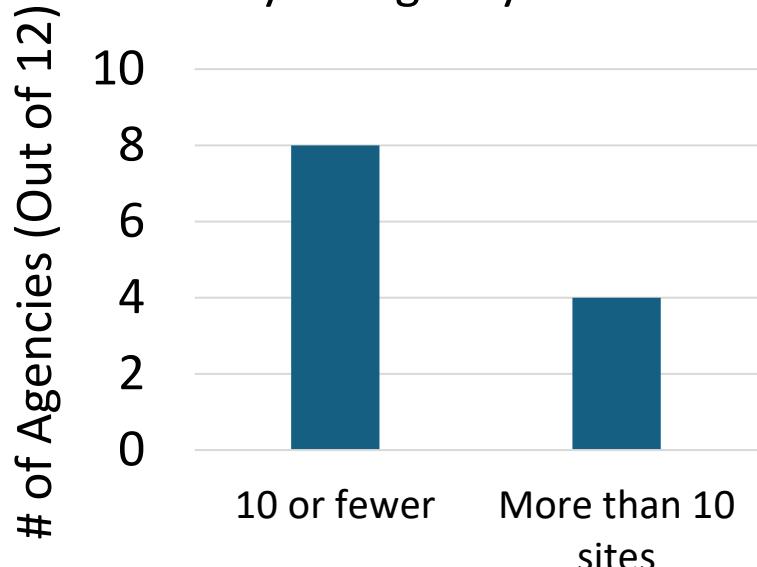


## 29. How often do you perform a **cross-connection test** for each dual-plumbed use site?

- 1 agency responded **Annually**
- 6 agencies responded **Every 4 years** (or more frequently if needed)
- 1 agency responded **Every 5 years**
- 1 agency responded: “When activated, after construction, or when they fail an annual tag inspection”

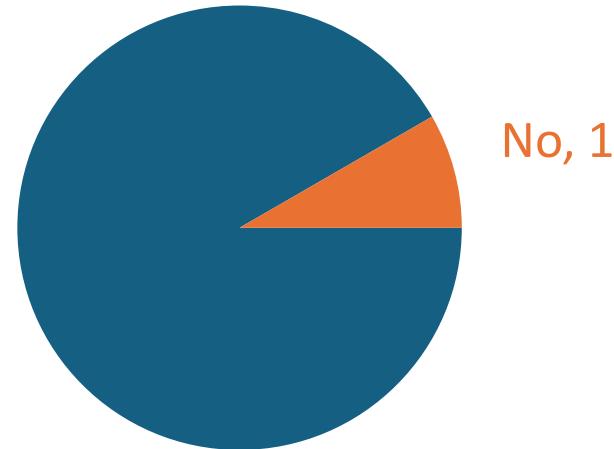
## Hydrant Users (12 respondents)

31. How many hydrant users does your agency serve?



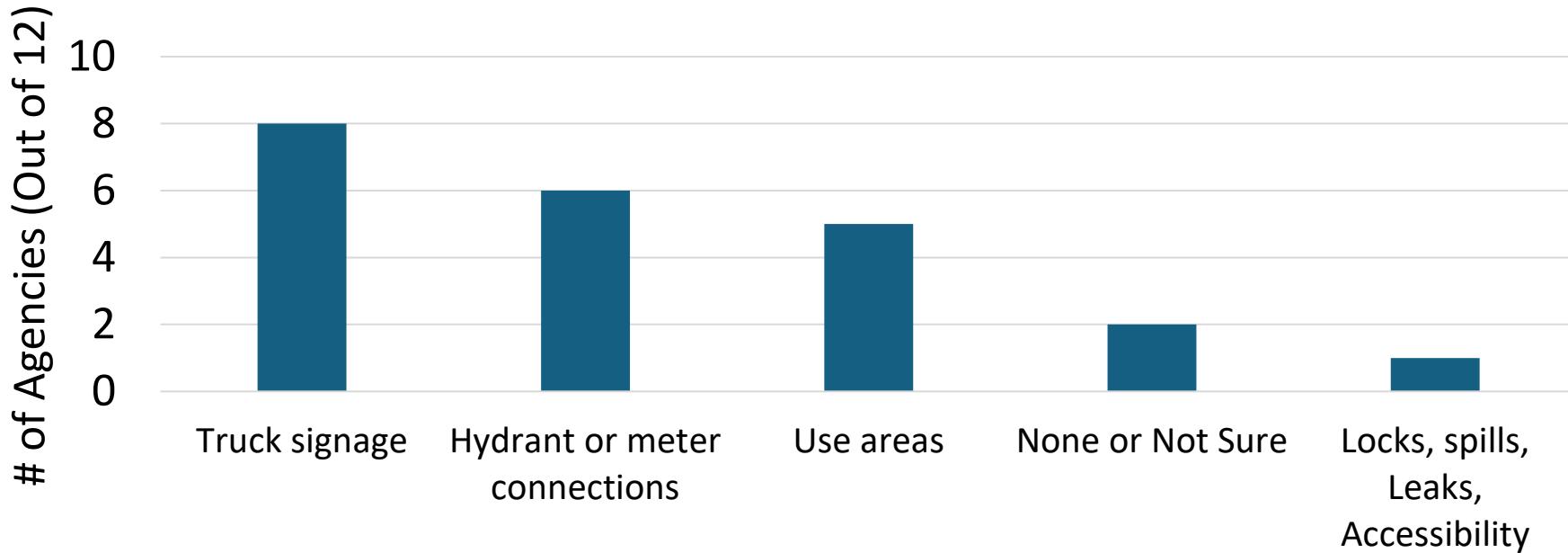
32. Do you provide training to hydrant / construction users?

Yes, 11



No, 1

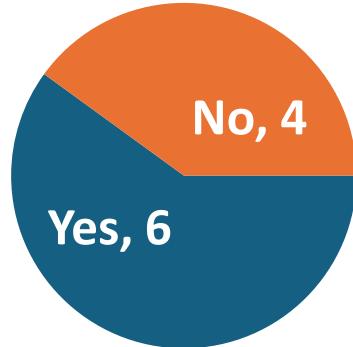
## 33. Which inspections, if any, do you conduct for hydrant / construction users?



## Commercial Fill Station Users (10 respondents)

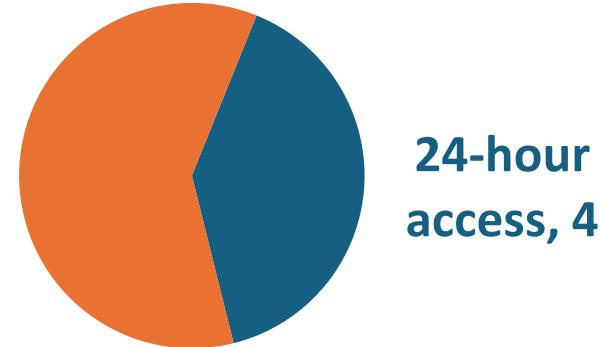
35. Do you issue permits to commercial fill station users? Yes: 9 agencies No: 1 agency

36. Is fill station located with a secure area (such as a treatment facility), requiring gate access?



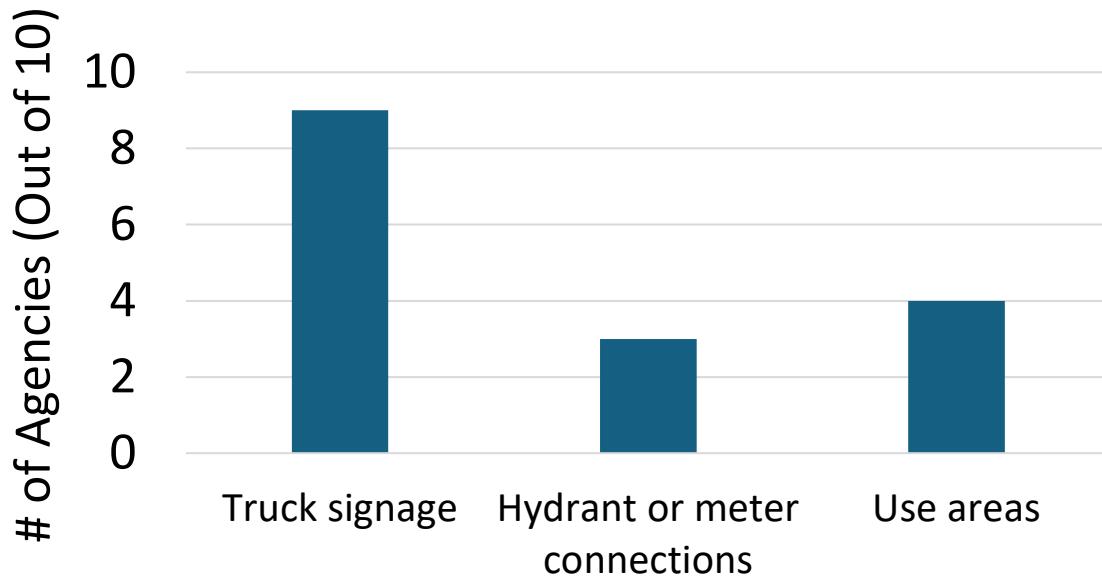
37. When can commercial fill stations users access the fill station?

Business  
hours  
only, 6



38. Do you provide training to commercial fill station users? **Yes: 10 agencies** **No: 0**

39. Which inspections, if any, do you conduct for fill station users?



**“Other” Responses:**

- Locks, spills, leaks, accessibility
- Tank connection / air gap
- Inspect during first visit to fill station for new users

## SUMMARY

### Commonalities:

- Training offered as-needed for new site supervisors, including hydrant users, often in individual sessions
- Frequency of many agency inspections is 1/year, including cross-connection inspections for dual plumbed sites
- Similar approach to calculating the “application rate” for use areas

### Diverse Approaches to:

- User Self-monitoring Frequencies and Format
- Enforcement of training requirements
- Requirements for inspecting irrigation sites
- Requirements for inspecting hydrant users and commercial fill station users