

Sierra Nevada Watershed Coordination Survey

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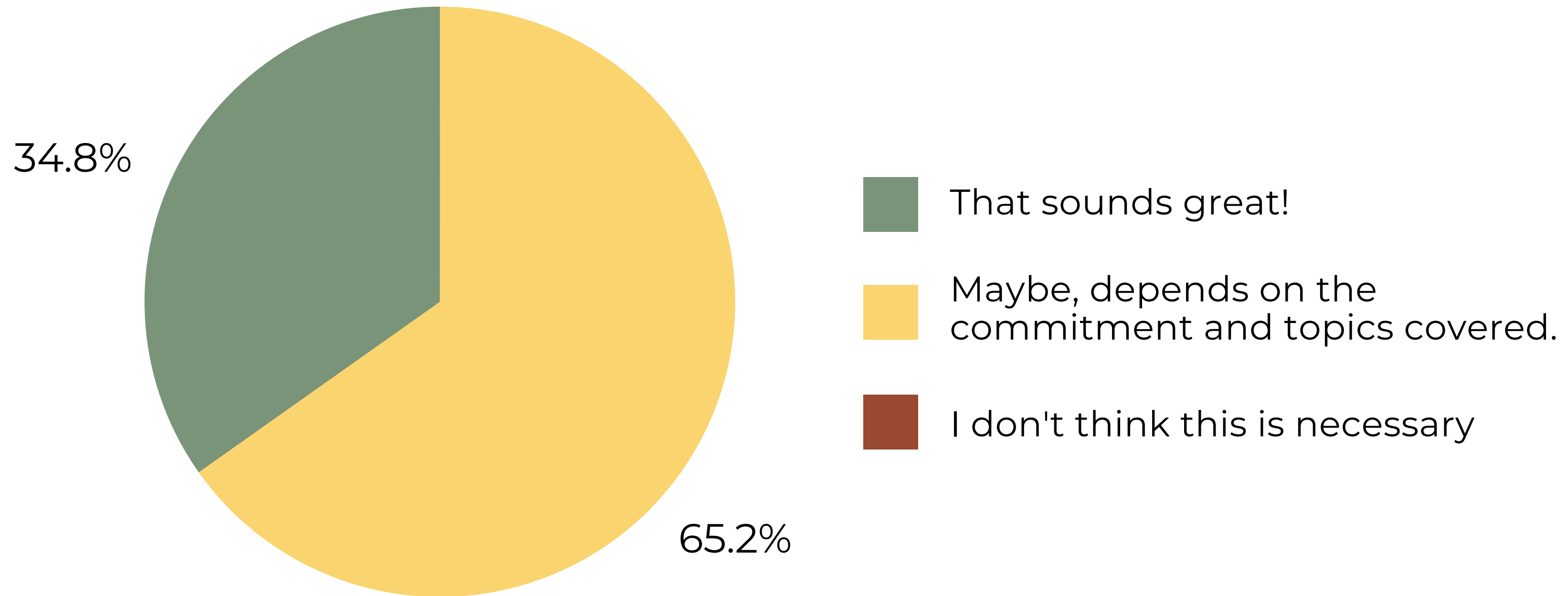
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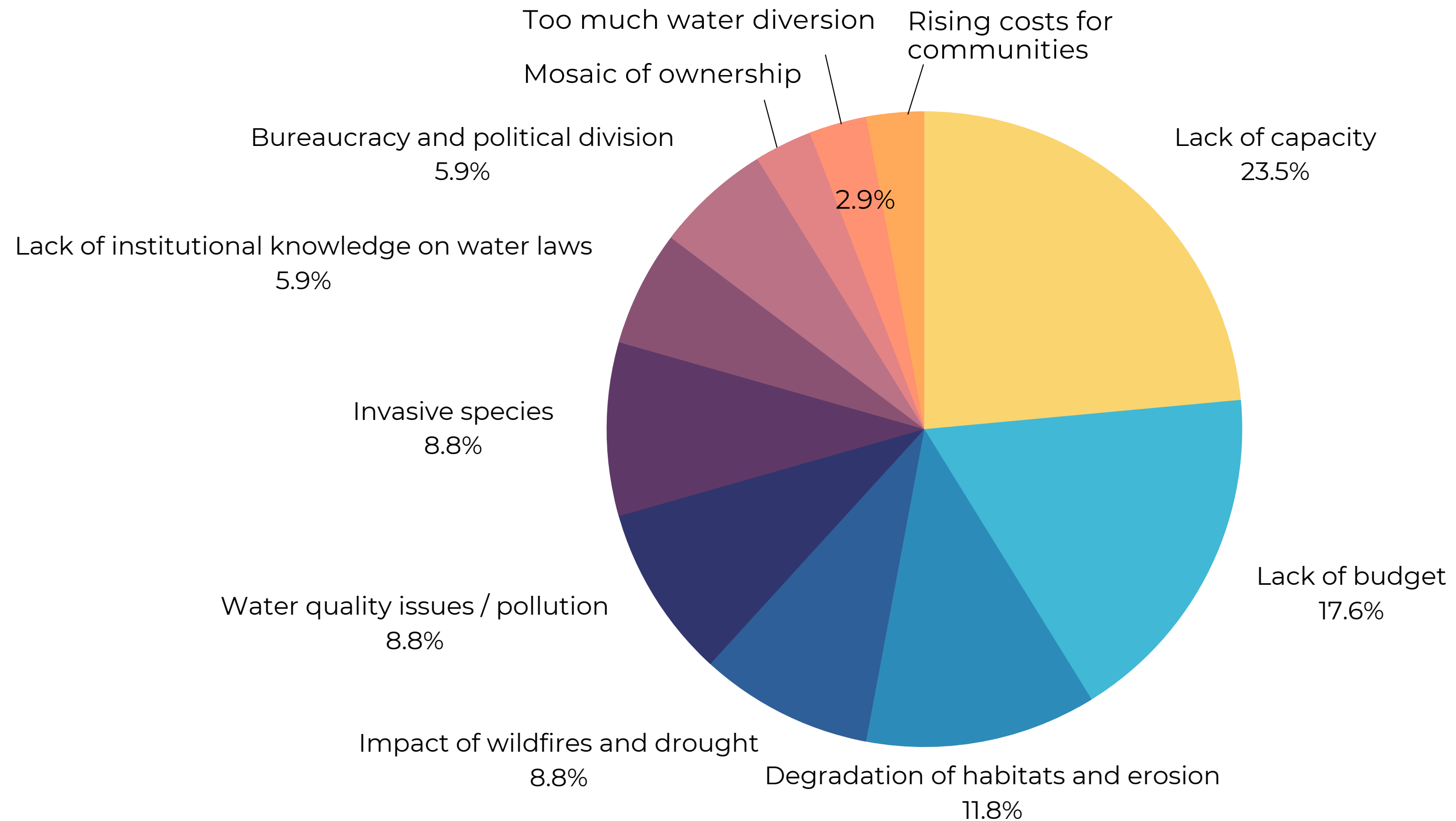
Who took this survey?

Placer Resource Conservation District
Friends of Plumas Wilderness
CSERC
Friends of Hope Valley
Northern California Regional Land Trust
The Nature Conservancy
Upper Merced River Watershed Council
Amador Resource Conservation District/ Amador Fire Safe Council
Tahoe Water Suppliers Assn / Drink Tahoe Tap
Friends of the Inyo
American River Conservancy
Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council
Placer Land Trust
CA Regional Water Quality Control Board
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Friends of Plumas Wilderness
CHIPS
sustaintahoe
Sierra Business Council
CNPS, PIN 30x30 Coalition

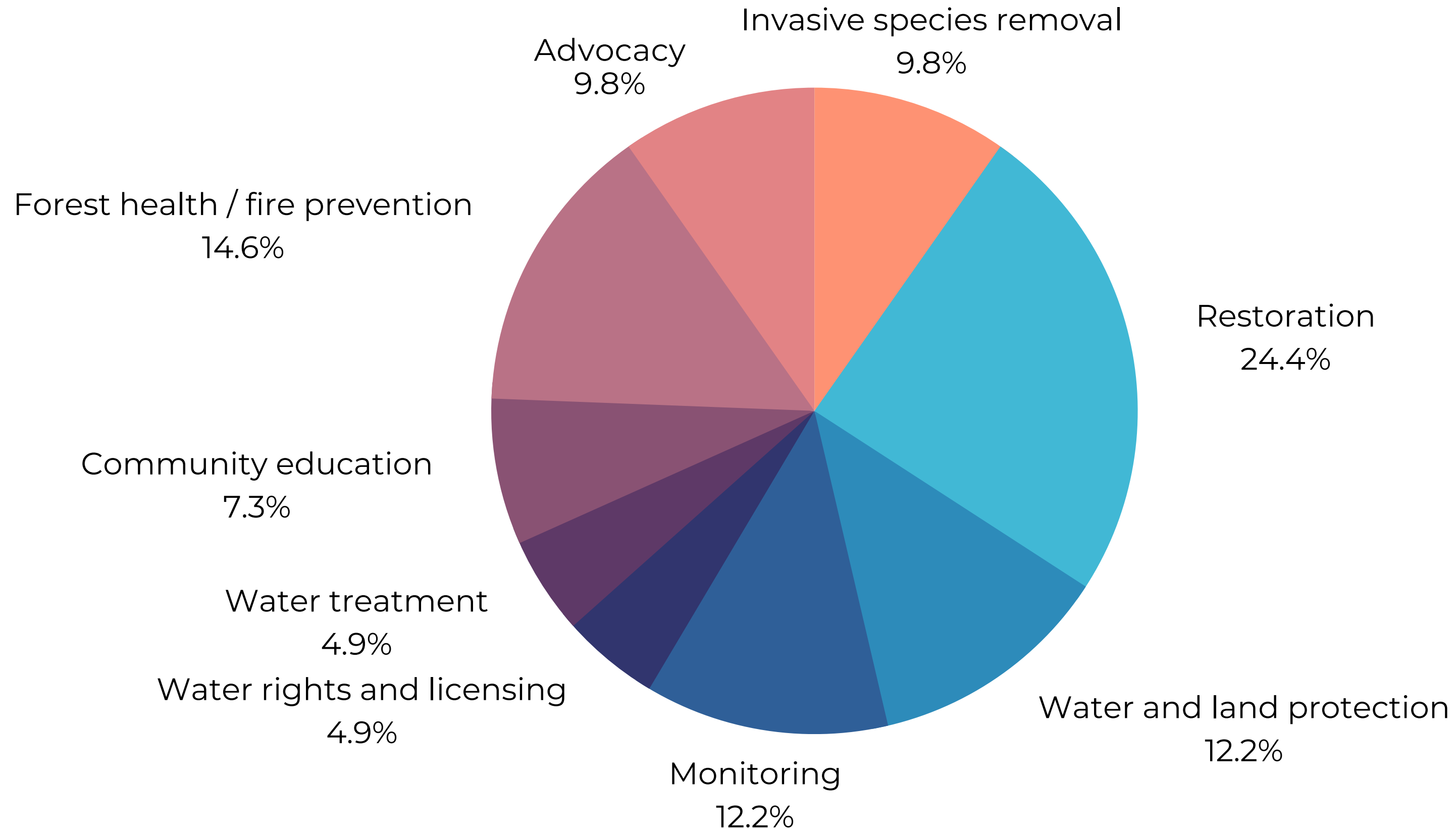
Are you interested in getting together with experts and colleagues to address watershed issues in the Sierra?



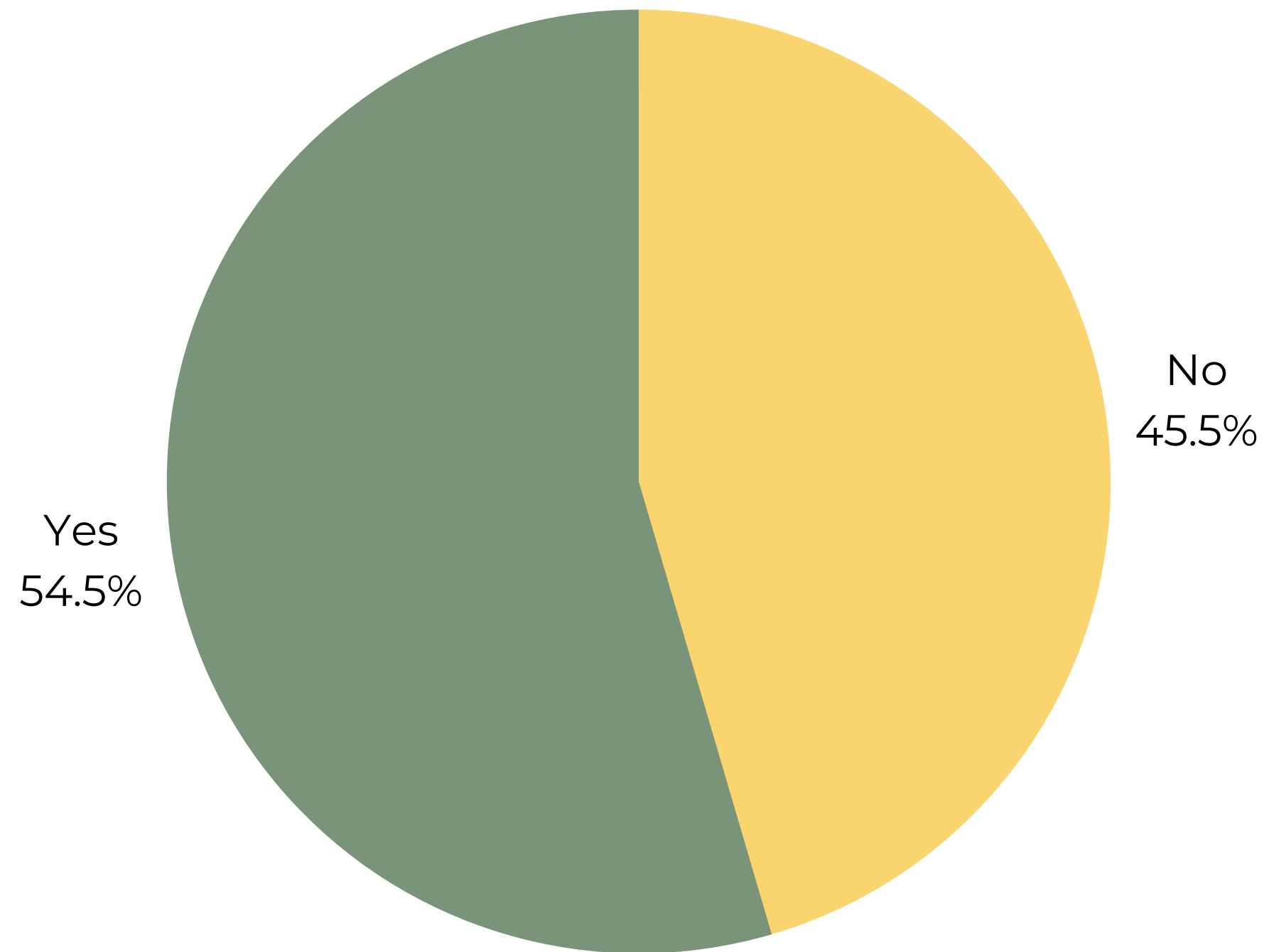
What are the biggest challenges you experience related to watershed protection?



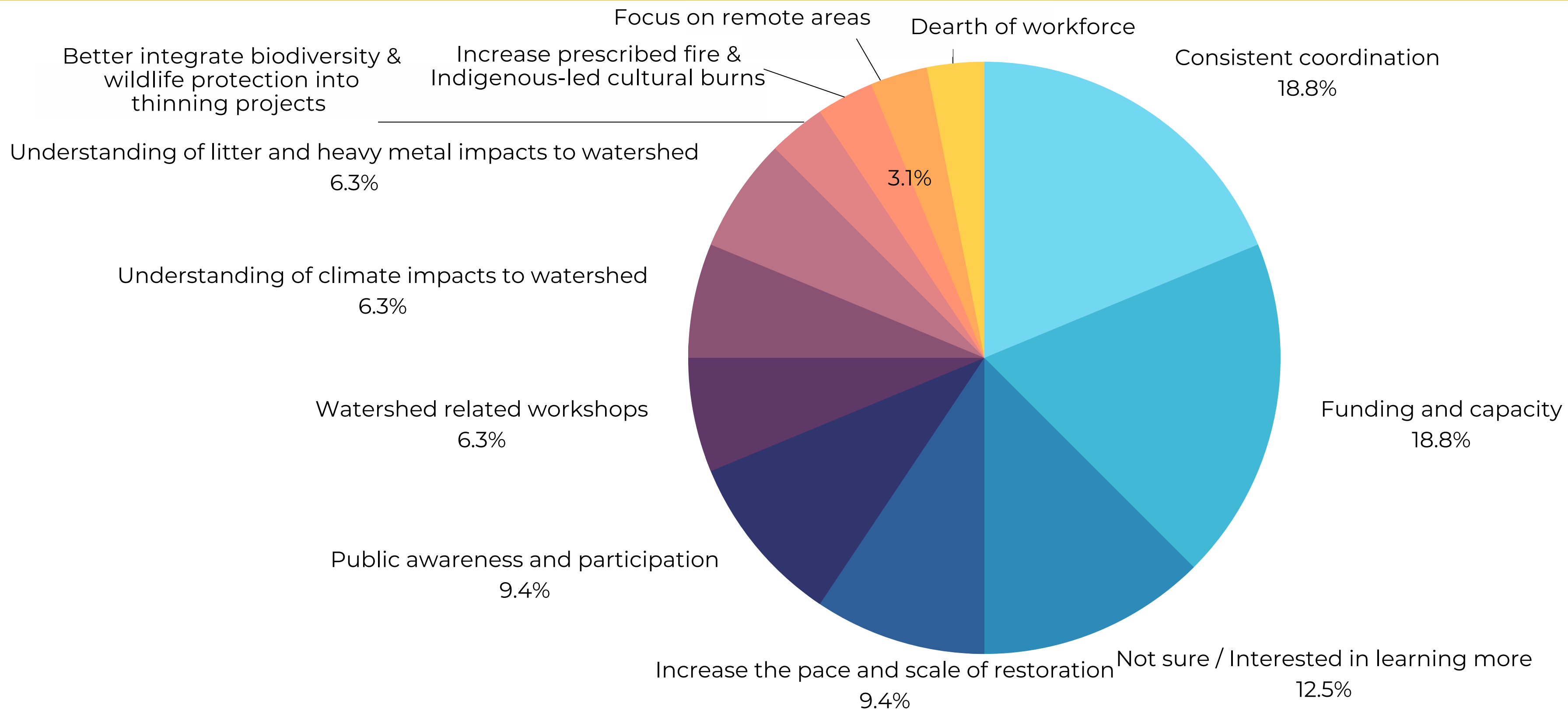
What water and/or watershed type projects are you engaged in?



Are you currently involved in any working groups or watershed coordination?



What gaps do you see in the Sierra Nevada related to water/watershed health?



~ Summary ~

What gaps do you see in the Sierra Nevada related to water/watershed health?

1. Insufficient and inconsistency in availability of **funding** for watershed health improvement projects across a wide range of types, including land protection, meadow restoration, forest management and wildfire mitigation, mine remediation, and managing recreational impacts.
2. A lack of statewide public **awareness, participation, and understanding** of the role the Sierra Nevada plays in water provisioning to the rest of the state(s), particularly in southern California. Insufficient understanding of the **value of water** as an ecosystem service, and **economic analysis** of the benefits and co benefits of water provisioning.
3. Low **capacity** of Sierra based organizations impacting our ability to coordinate, apply for state and specially federal funding opportunities, focus on planning, assessment, and monitoring activities, as well as our ability to support advocacy efforts to push for policies and budget that benefit the region.
5. Dearth of **workforce** to conduct watershed improvement work.
7. Lack of understanding about **climate impacts** to watershed health, including long term climate related impact of wildfire, extreme weather events, and cascading events.

Where do we go from here?



2023 WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program

- US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation
- Due on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 3:00 PM
- Award Ceiling: \$300,000 Award Floor: \$10,000
- Fund activities to develop a watershed group, complete watershed restoration planning activities, and design watershed management projects.