



**CAPITOL LAKE — DESCHUTES ESTUARY**

Long-Term Management Project Environmental Impact Statement

**WELCOME!**

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COMMUNITY SOUNDING BOARD  
DECISION DURABILITY RESPONSES**

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**December 15, 2021**

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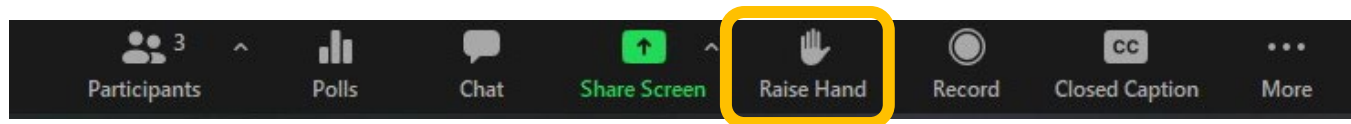
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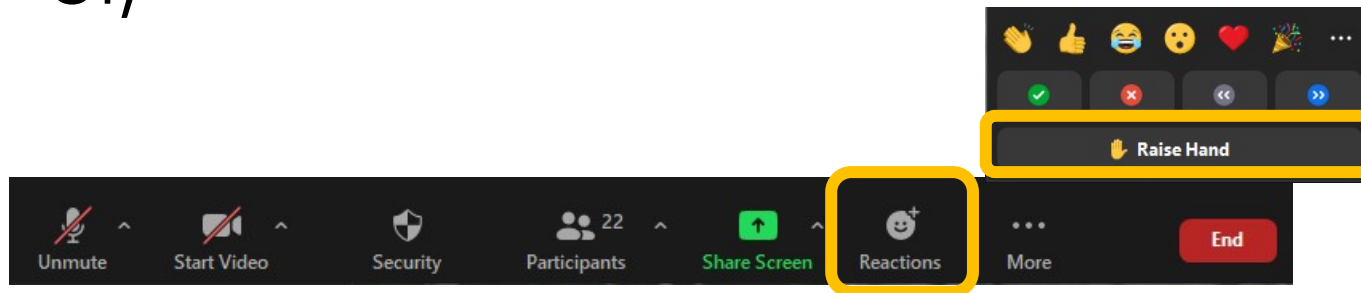


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# Meeting Agenda

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## Meeting Objective

*Review and reflect on the Community Sounding Board's feedback on Decision Durability.*

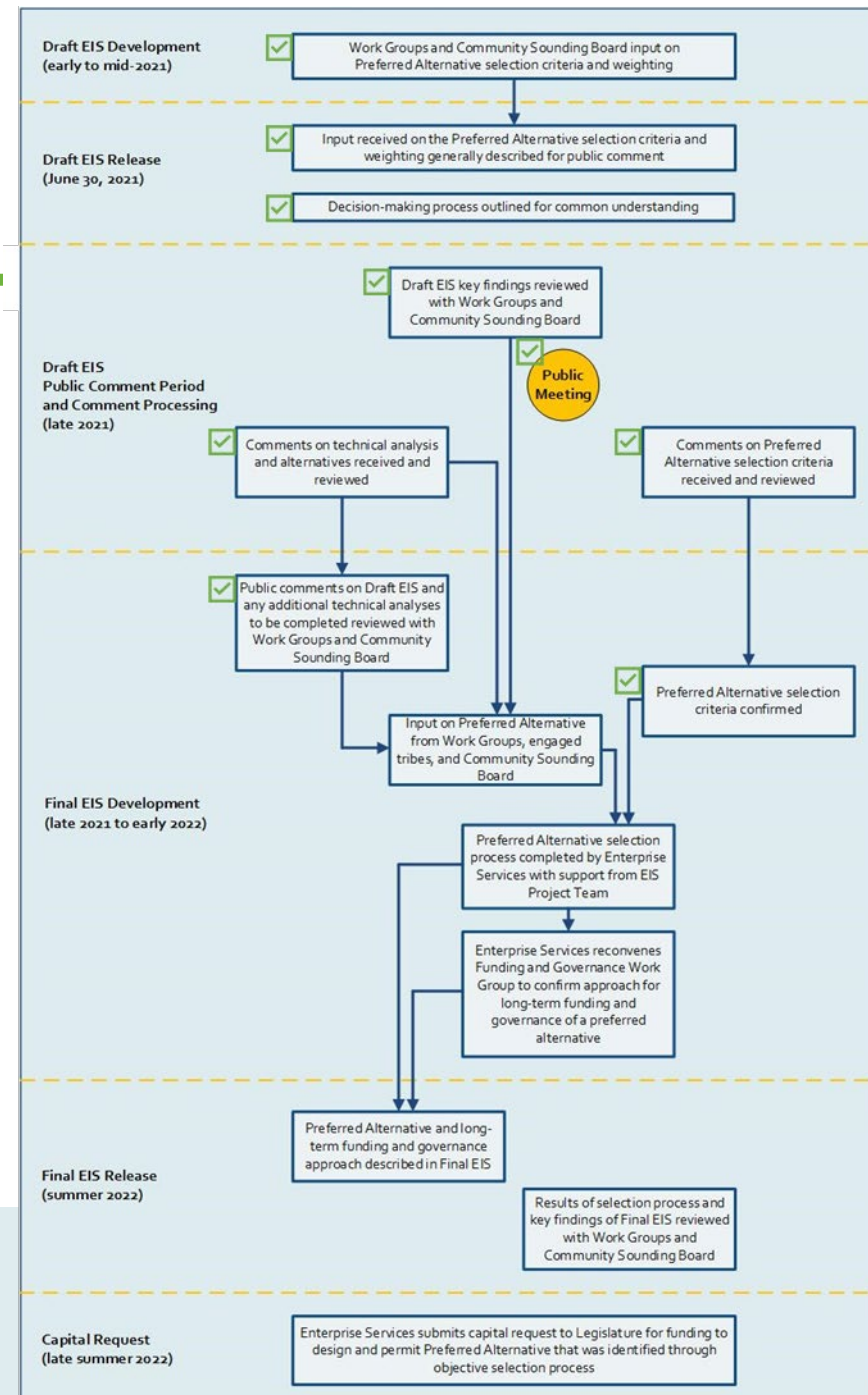
- ✦ 6:00 – Welcome and Introductions
- ✦ 6:10 – Review the CSB's feedback on Decision Durability
- ✦ 6:30 – Reflect on the feedback
- ✦ 7:00 – Next Steps
- ✦ 7:15 – Public Comment
- ✦ 7:30 – Adjourn



# Preferred Alternative Identification Process

## ★ Draft EIS Selection Criteria

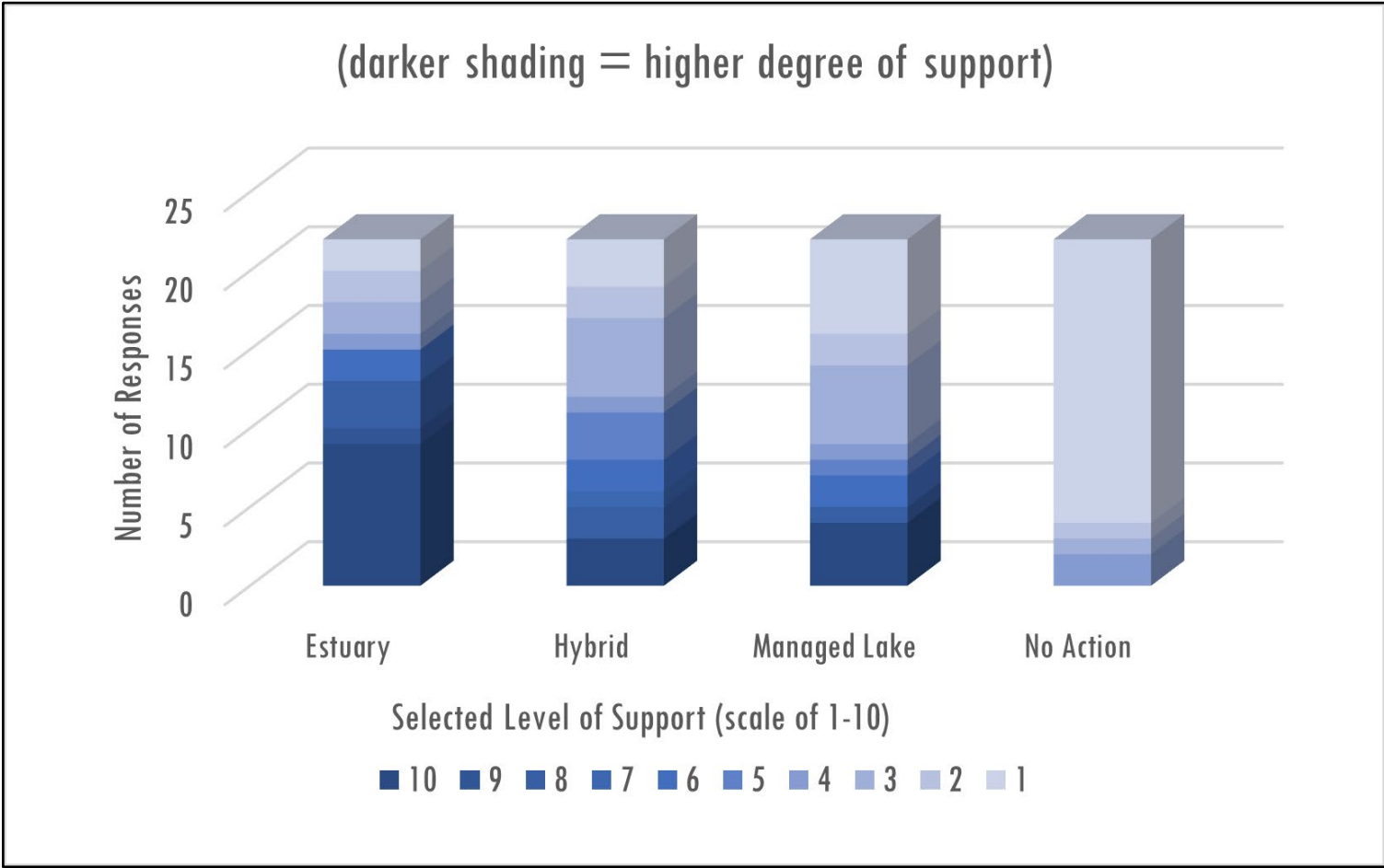
- Performance Against Project Goals
- Other Environmental Disciplines
- Environmental Sustainability
- Economic Sustainability
- Construction Impacts
- Decision Durability
  - Stakeholder input on which alternative(s) are most likely to achieve long-term support from local tribes, stakeholders, and the community



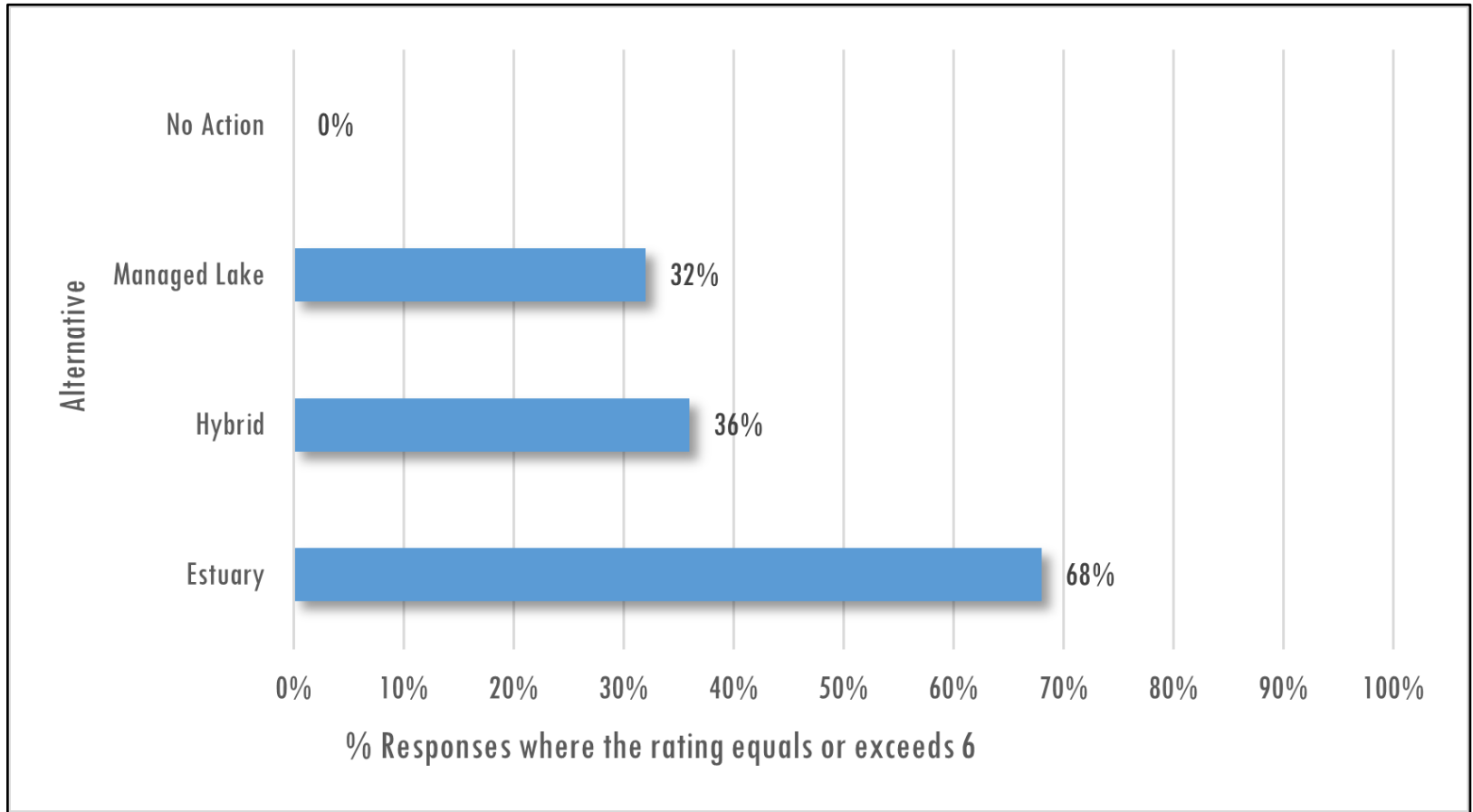
# CSB Questionnaire Feedback: Summarized Rating Responses



# Overall Level of Support

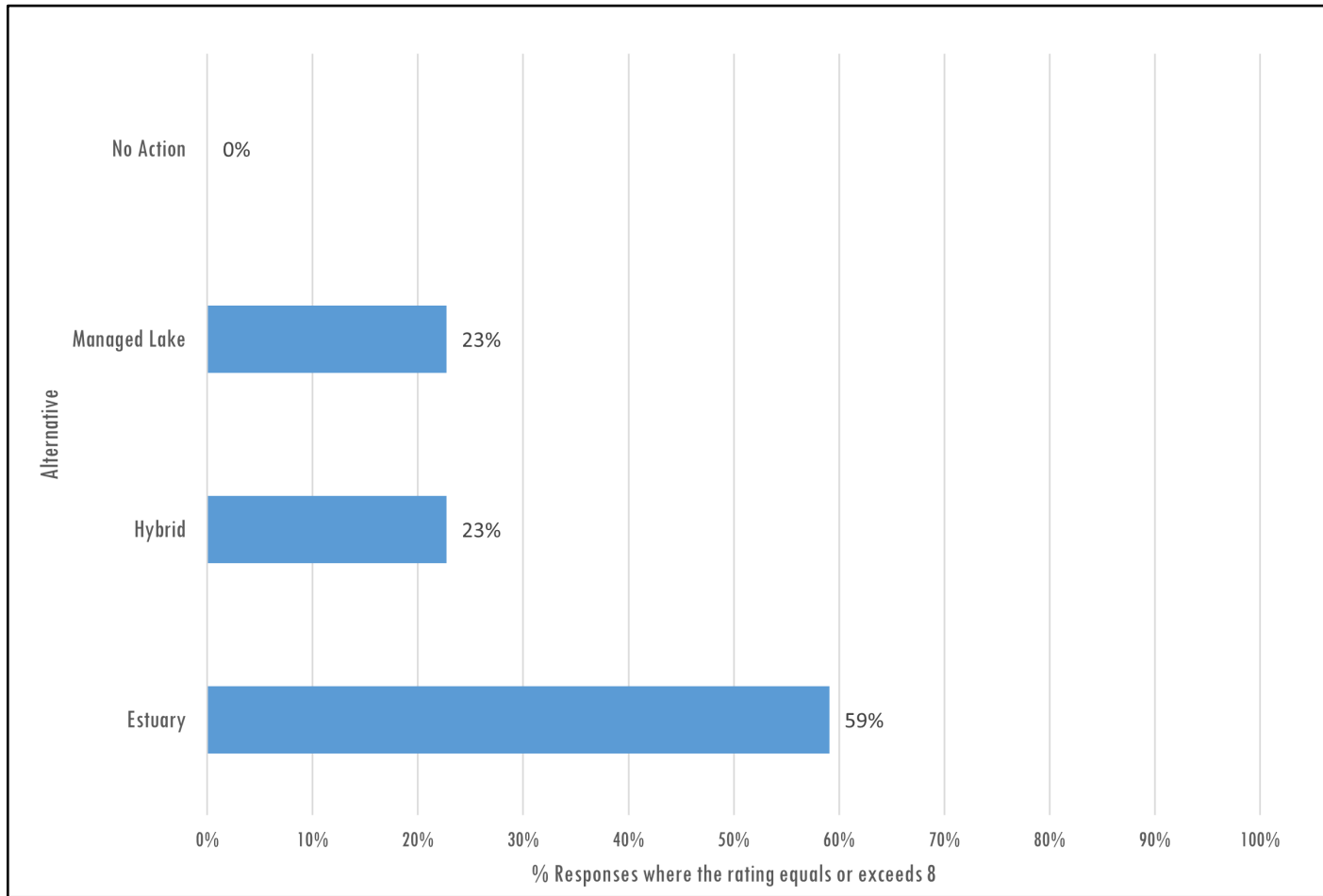


# Percentage of Responses with Rating $\geq 6$

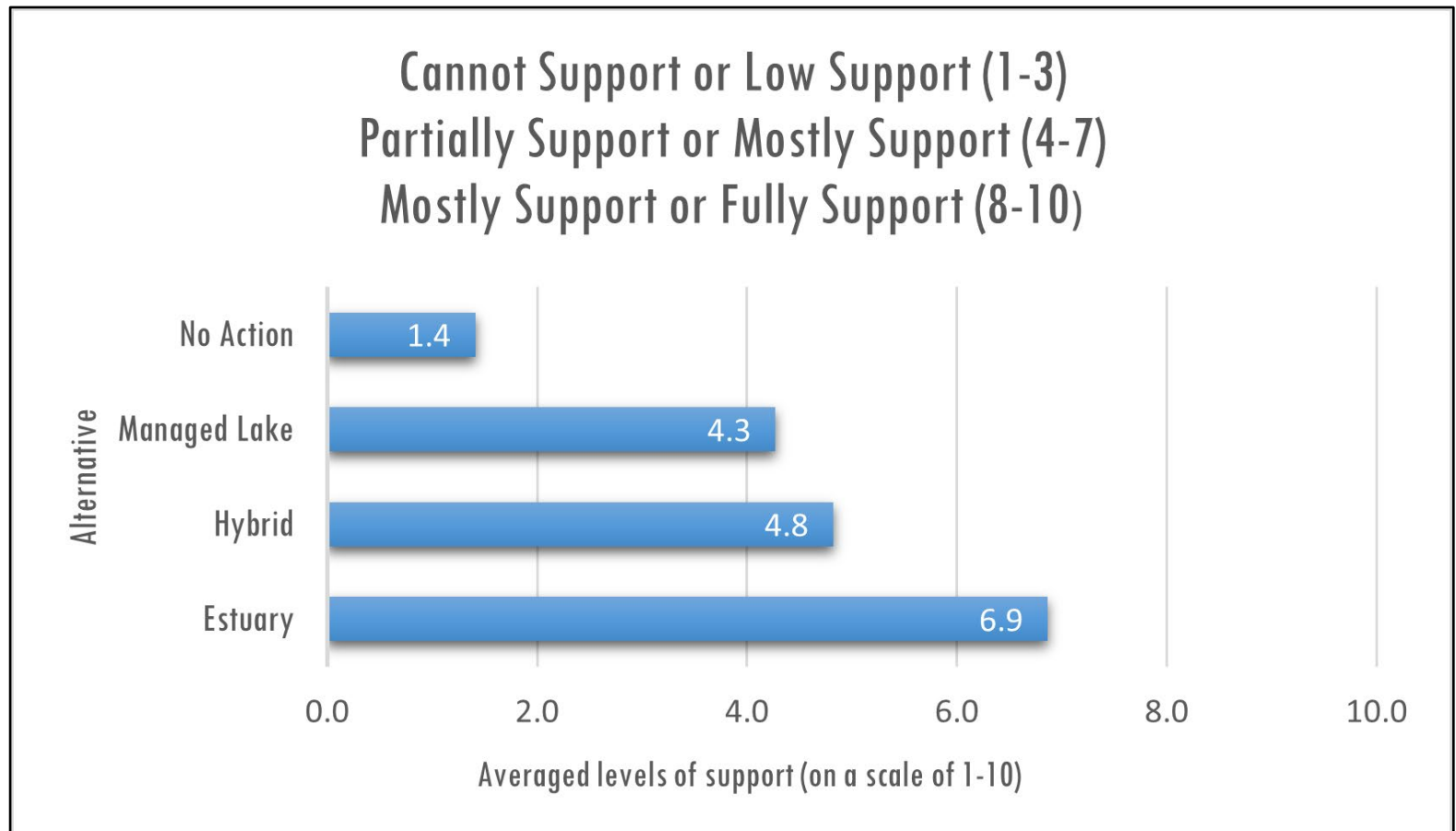




# Percentage that Mostly or Fully Support (8, 9, or 10)



# Average Rating – Degree of Support



# CSB Questionnaire Feedback: Synthesized Narrative Response Themes



# CSB Member Feedback

## Estuary Alternative: Thematic factors that increase/decrease support



- Restored environment and improved ecological function
- Improved water quality
- Improved recreational opportunities
- Lowest costs in the long run
- Diverse funding opportunities
- Recognizes cultural significance and historic Tribal presence
- Supported by Tribes and state regulatory agencies



- Permanence of decision – “no second chance”
- Uncertainty about long-term water quality improvements
- Recreation limitations and safety hazards at low tide
- Potential economic impacts on downtown businesses and marinas
- Uncertainty of adequate, sustained funding and dredging plan
- Impacts to historic resources
- Visual and odor impacts at low tide

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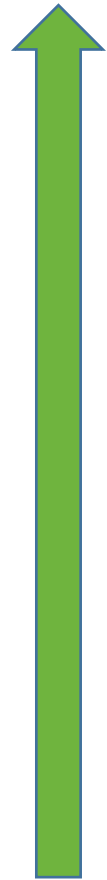


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## Hybrid Alternative: Thematic factors that increase/decrease support



- “Best of both worlds”
- Partially restored environment and ecological function with freshwater and saltwater habitat
- Improved fresh and salt water recreational opportunities
- Retention of smaller reflecting pool
- Diverse funding opportunities
- Less impact to historic properties



- Visual impacts at low tide and from the retaining wall
- Odor impacts at low tide
- Recreation limitations and safety hazards at low tide
- Unnecessarily complex without corresponding benefits
- Most expensive option
- Potential economic impacts on downtown businesses and marinas
- Uncertainty of outcomes

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## Managed Lake Alternative: Thematic factors that increase/decrease support



- Retains historic tide lock, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dam and Capitol Lake
- Improved recreation opportunities
- Retains habitat for freshwater species
- Incorporates adaptive management
- Improves water quality
- Historical and aesthetic aspect of the lake and reflecting pool
- Improves sediment management and minimizes downstream impacts



- Impacts to Tribes and Tribal resources
- Least effective at managing invasive species
- Minimal ecological and environmental restoration
- Lack of habitat and wildlife diversity
- Fails to meet water quality standards
- Greatest long-term cost
- History of inconsistent funding for dredging

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## No Action Alternative: Thematic factors that increase/decrease support



- Natural restoration would occur over time
- Known management and outcomes
- Retains recreational opportunities
- Lowest economic investment



- Not feasible
- Action is required to achieve project goals
- Poor water quality in project area
- Reduced recreation/public use
- Impacts to fish and wildlife
- Impacts of sedimentation
- Potential economic impacts to Downtown Olympia and marinas
- Impacts to tribes and tribal resources

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# CSB Questionnaire Feedback: Member Reflections



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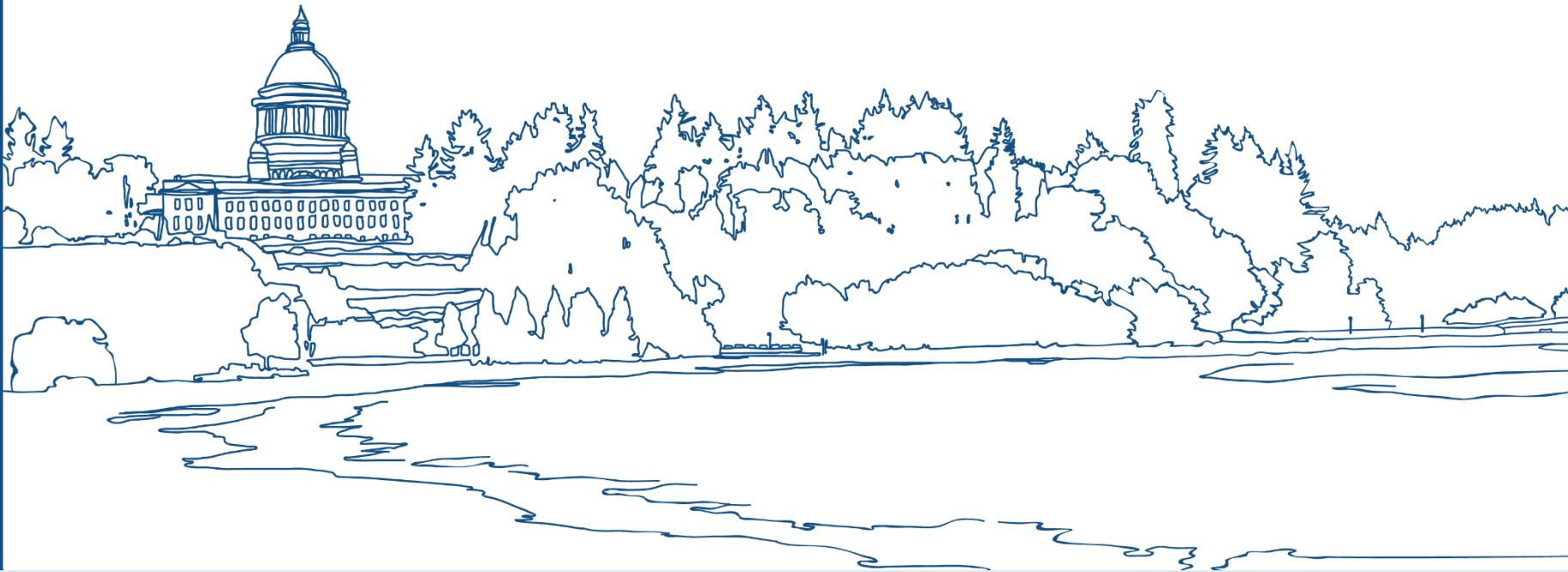
# Next Steps

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- ✦ Continue Draft EIS comment review
- ✦ Continue alternatives evaluation and process to identify Preferred Alternative
- ✦ Reconvene FGWG to confirm long-term funding and governance for Preferred Alternative
- ✦ Prepare and issue Final EIS by mid 2022
  - Preferred Alternative
  - Recommended funding and governance approach



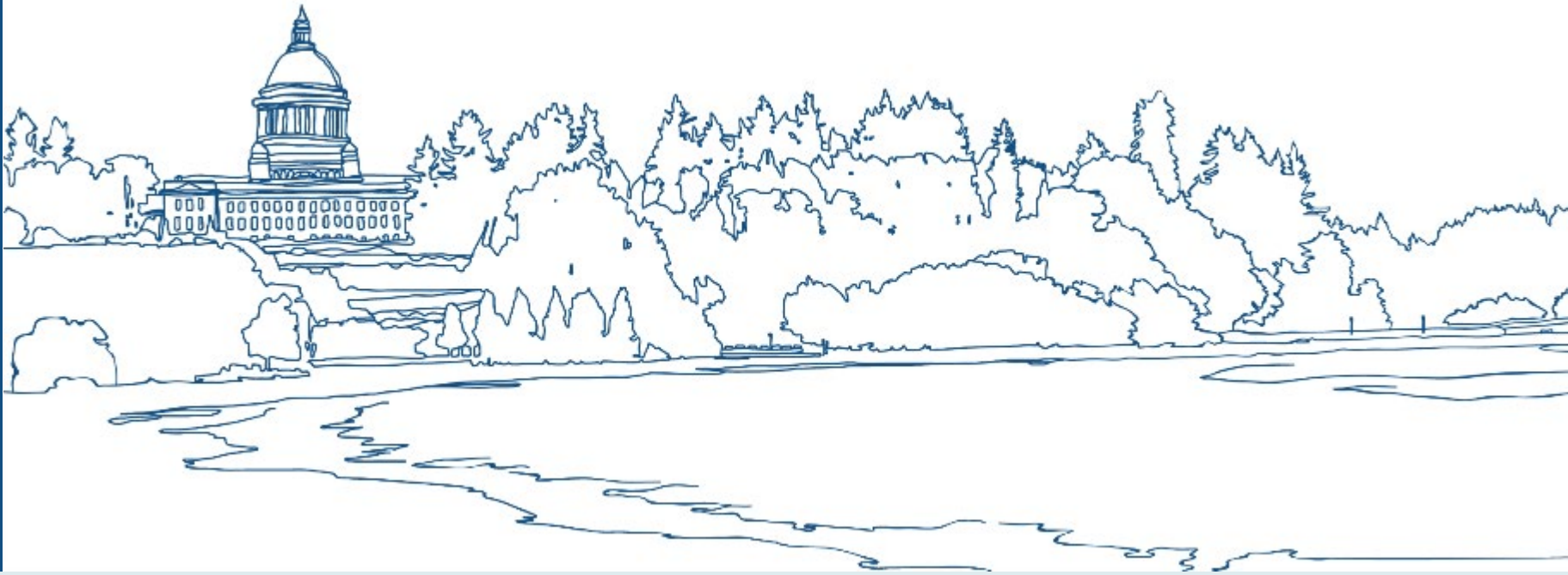
# Opportunity for Public Comments



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# Thank You!



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