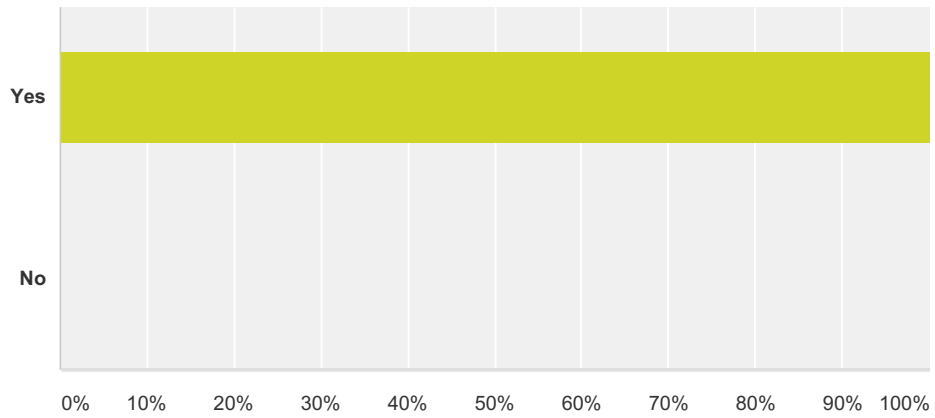


Q1 Overall, did you feel that the trip was worthwhile? If not, why?

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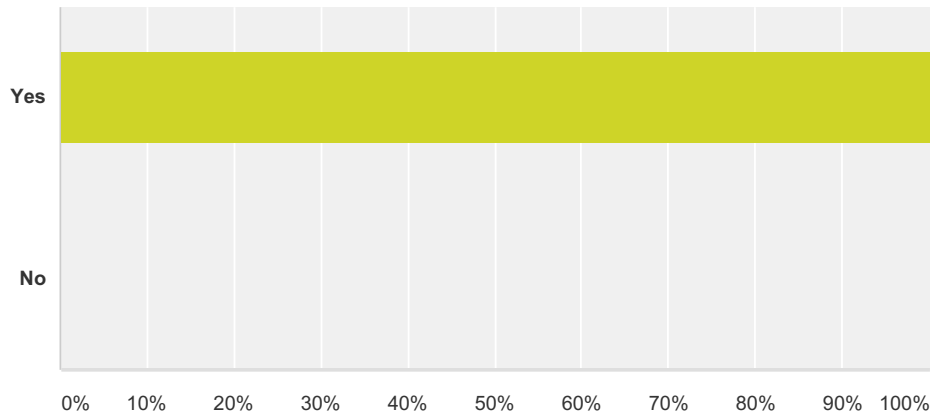


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 13
No	0.00% 0
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	Group bonded and wormed well together	5/7/2015 4:09 PM
2	Our trip gave the legislators and the regulators a clear understanding of the issues that the valley faces. It eliminated the misunderstandings that some folks at the Capitol had about the issues.	5/5/2015 3:51 PM
3	This is the most well-organized DC trip I have ever participated in...hats off to COG staff for organizing such a worthwhile trip.	5/4/2015 10:38 AM
4	Well organized, good meetings, opportunities to network and bond as a group.	5/3/2015 10:52 AM
5	Great participation from all.	5/1/2015 8:29 AM

Q2 Would you be interested in participating in a similar effort next year?

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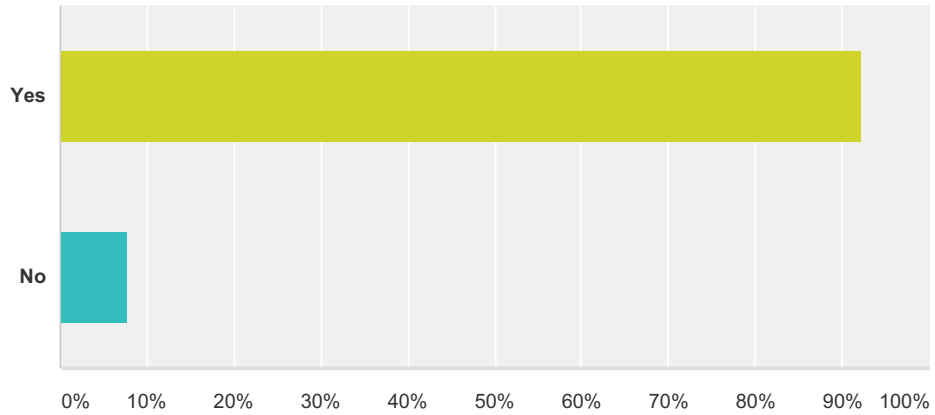


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 13
No	0.00% 0
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	Absolutely!!	5/4/2015 10:38 AM

Q3 Were three days of meetings adequate?

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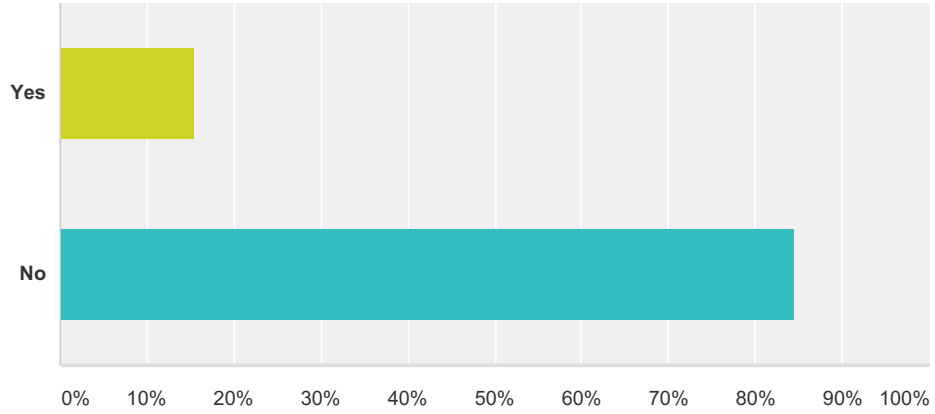


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	92.31% 12
No	7.69% 1
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	The days were scheduled well, not too long, not too short.	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
2	Maybe one more day with more agency meetings	5/7/2015 4:09 PM
3	Though it was tight, it was very effective. Adding more days might not make the attendees' time effective.	5/5/2015 3:51 PM

Q4 Should more time be dedicated in the mornings for planning/reviewing the daily events?

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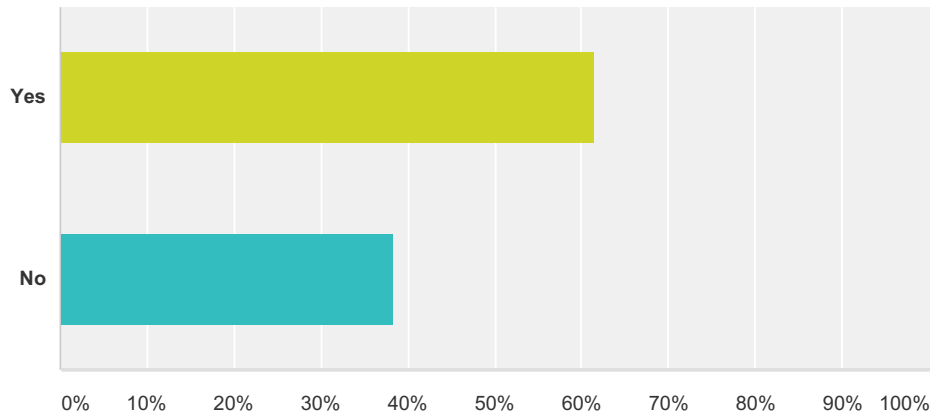


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Yes	15.38% 2
No	84.62% 11
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	More time isn't needed, but the time we have could be used more efficiently if necessary. For this trip, the mornings planning was adequate.	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
2	Yes We should review who we are meeting with and what specific project will be discussed	5/7/2015 4:09 PM
3	The debrief at the end of the day (or the evening before the first day) was sufficient to prepare us for the next day.	5/5/2015 3:51 PM
4	I think a few minutes between speakers or a couple of times during the day to 'debrief' would be valuable.	5/4/2015 10:38 AM

Q5 Were the number of regional priorities acceptable?

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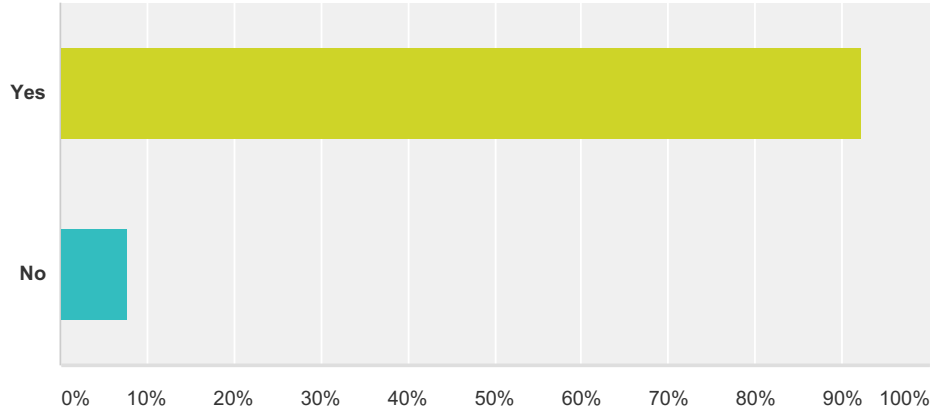


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	61.54% 8
No	38.46% 5
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	Having the main priorities of water and transportation were received well by our meetings. The other priorities were only really covered during the staff briefing on the first day.	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
2	Too many "priorities." We should establish a maximum of three (3) major priority/policy issues to focus our efforts on. The fact that we had so many, combined with the water issue's dominance, diluted the overall effort somewhat.	5/5/2015 9:42 AM
3	In retrospect, there are probably too many...at least too many to try and address. It might be that we have 3-5 KEY priorities...then a handout with another 3 - 5 secondary issues (i.e. those things we ask about every year and nothing ever happens).	5/4/2015 10:38 AM
4	Fewer recommended. In most cases we did not get beyond the first tier of priorities. Consolidate, and limit.	5/3/2015 10:52 AM
5	Narrowing our focus may be more effective	5/1/2015 9:01 AM
6	Too many. There should be no more than four	5/1/2015 8:29 AM

Q6 Do you feel that the legislative requests were understandable, reasonable and measurable?

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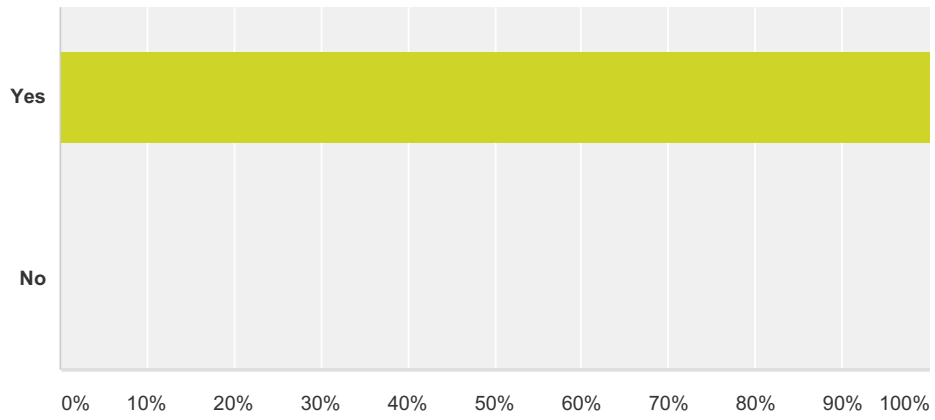


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	92.31% 12
No	7.69% 1
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	The requests were very clear, professionally produced, and very effective.	5/5/2015 3:51 PM
2	Yes...AND I think we could be clearer in our requests.	5/4/2015 10:38 AM

Q7 Were the number of speakers for each regional priority adequate?

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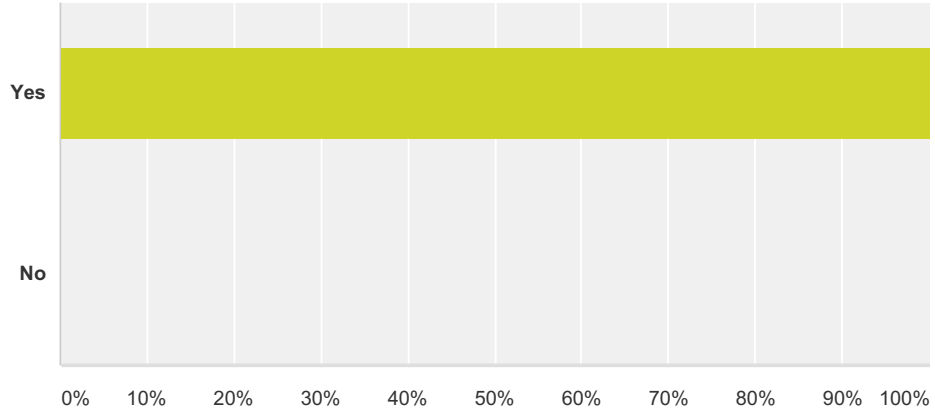


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 13
No	0.00% 0
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
	There are no responses.	

Q8 Did you find the meetings with the Congressional Delegation worthwhile and useful?

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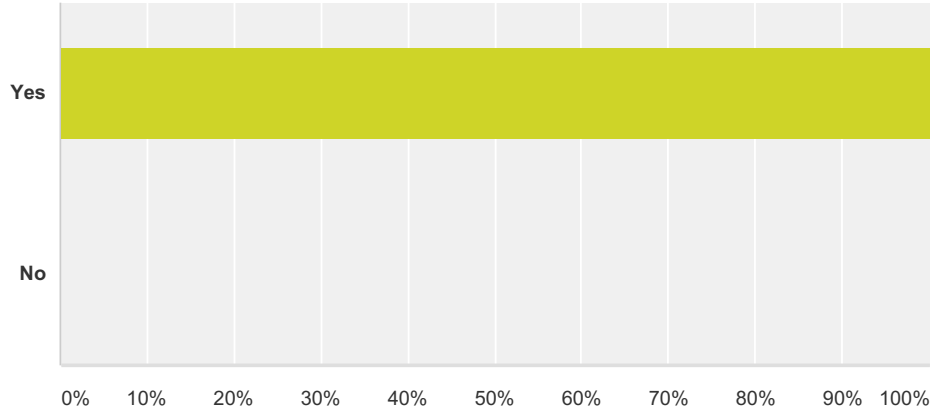


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 13
No	0.00% 0
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	It's good to hear the members priorities and their reactions to our priorities.	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
2	Meeting with staff is key	5/7/2015 4:09 PM
3	It is the delegation that is going to make/break the issues at the end of the day. So, it was certainly worthwhile.	5/5/2015 3:51 PM

Q9 Did you find the meetings with Department Agencies worthwhile and useful?

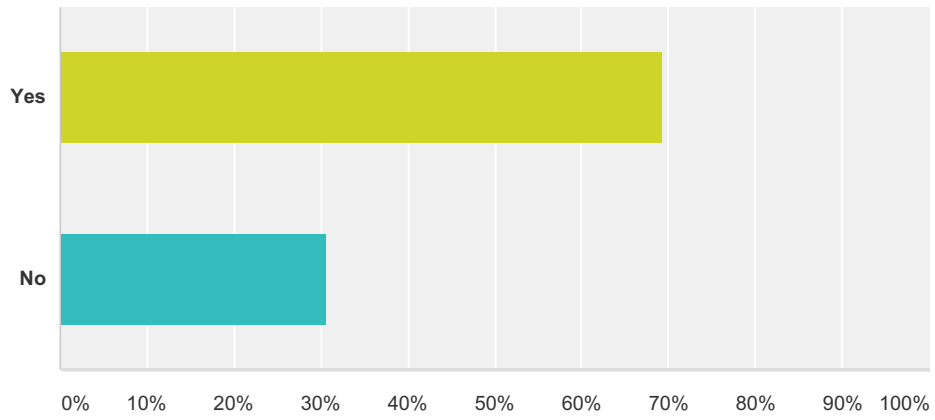
Answered: 13 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 13
No	0.00% 0
Total	13

Q10 Would you like to have more meetings with Department Agencies?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	69.23% 9
No	30.77% 4
Total	13

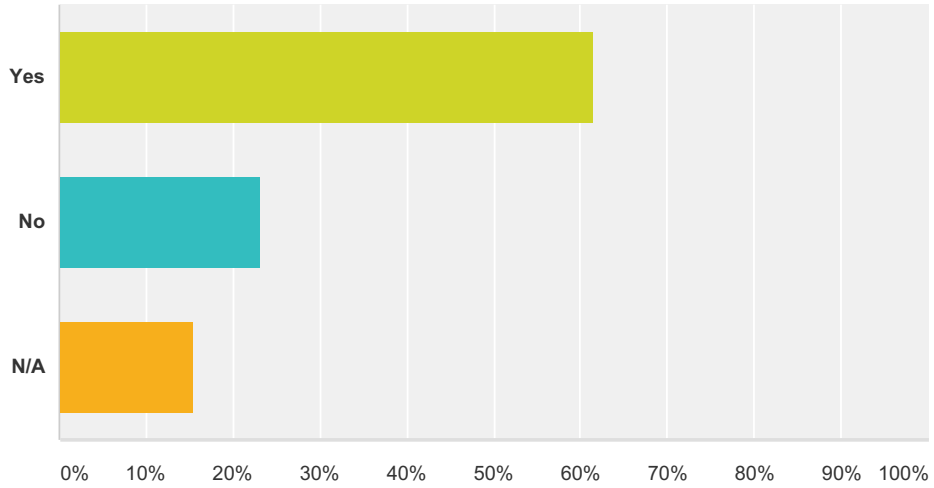
Q11 If so, what other agencies would you like to meet with?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 9

#	Responses	Date
1	Depends on the regional priorities and what departments would be appropriate.	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
2	Health and Human Services	5/4/2015 10:38 AM
3	DOL, USDA, EDA, OCS,	5/3/2015 10:52 AM
4	FRA would be appropriate.	5/1/2015 8:29 AM

Q12 Did you have an opportunity to attend a Senate or House hearing? If so, did you find it worthwhile?

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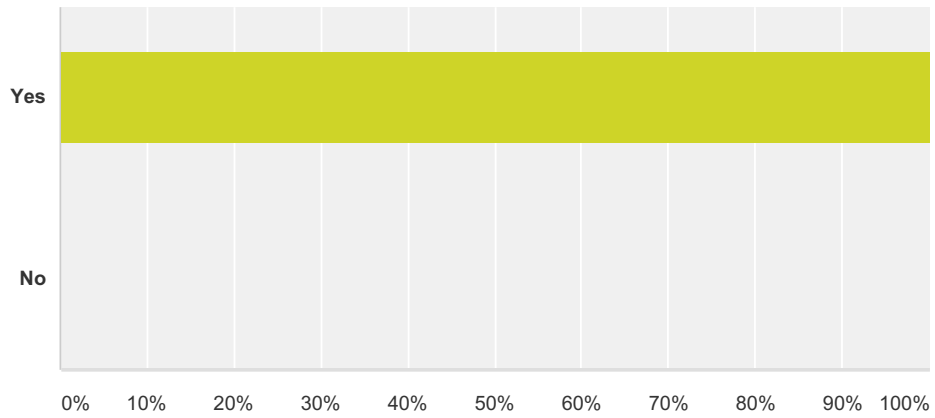


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	61.54% 8
No	23.08% 3
N/A	15.38% 2
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	It was a good learning experience.	5/11/2015 9:02 AM
2	Did not attend	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
3	I was part of the split group that saw Congressman Costa's brief speech on the floor of the House. That was very enjoyable.	5/5/2015 9:42 AM

Q13 Did you find the hotel/travel accommodations to be adequate?

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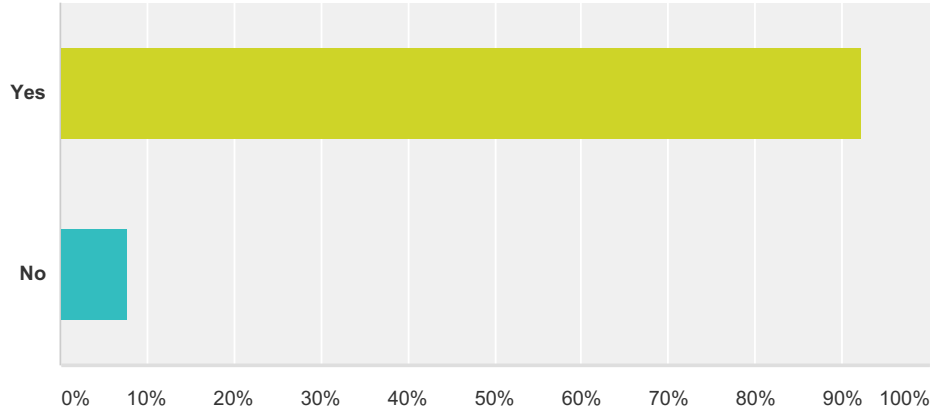


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 13
No	0.00% 0
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	The FresnoCOG staff, Melissa Garza and Brenda Veenendaal, were amazing. Their attention to every minor detail, and their preplanning was a key factor that contributed to the success of this trip.	5/5/2015 3:51 PM
2	Excellent planning.	5/3/2015 10:52 AM

Q14 Did you enjoy having a "travel day" on Saturday and a partial "free day" on Sunday before starting meetings?

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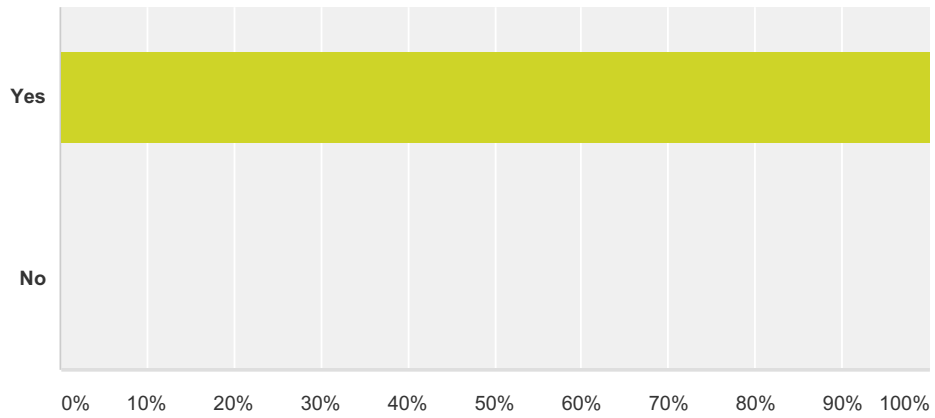


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	92.31% 12
No	7.69% 1
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
	There are no responses.	

Q15 Were your "One Voice" Binders adequate?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 13
No	0.00% 0
Total	13

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	Good and well organized information in the binder.	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
2	Melissa Garza and Brenda Veenendaal had done an impressive job of preparing the materials in a professional, easy to understand manner and in a very informative way.	5/5/2015 3:51 PM
3	Very well done!	5/5/2015 9:42 AM
4	Very well done.	5/1/2015 8:29 AM

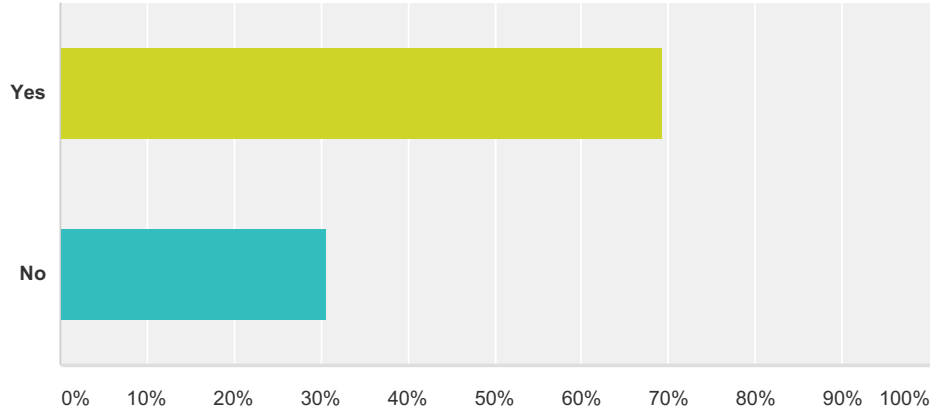
Q16 What was your impression of our lobbying firm, Simon & Company?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	They did a good job of putting everything together and rounding us all up for every meeting.	5/11/2015 9:02 AM
2	Len as his team does a good job and are well organized and prepared.	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
3	Good job and they take good notes and follow up	5/7/2015 4:09 PM
4	Great!	5/7/2015 4:07 PM
5	great	5/5/2015 9:21 PM
6	Simon & Co did a very good job of organizing and conducting the meetings.	5/5/2015 3:51 PM
7	Excellent	5/5/2015 9:42 AM
8	They did a great.	5/4/2015 10:35 PM
9	Excellent...and patient!!	5/4/2015 10:38 AM
10	Good lead, responsive, courteous, knowledgeable, pleasant to work with.	5/3/2015 10:52 AM
11	Very good	5/1/2015 11:54 AM
12	Good, but I wish they would have guided us a bit more in the mornings to help us figure out how to send the most effective message specific to our audience.	5/1/2015 9:01 AM
13	Good info delivered prior to meetings	5/1/2015 8:29 AM

Q17 Did you feel it would be beneficial for Fresno COG to hire a federal lobbying firm year round?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	69.23% 9
No	30.77% 4
Total	13

**Q18 Evenings free vs. planned dinners -
What is your preference?**

Answered: 13 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	I think the mix that was done was very good.	5/11/2015 9:02 AM
2	The combination of 2 free evenings and 2 dinners worked well this trip.	5/8/2015 6:00 AM
3	Both, this year was good	5/7/2015 4:09 PM
4	Comb of both	5/7/2015 4:07 PM
5	free evenings	5/5/2015 9:21 PM
6	Planned dinners	5/5/2015 3:51 PM
7	Combination.	5/5/2015 9:42 AM
8	It was a good mix. Keep it the same 2 planned and 2 free.	5/4/2015 10:35 PM
9	I liked the Sunday group dinner, free nights on M-T and then the Wednesday group dinner is a good idea (although I was unable to stay through Wednesday dinner).	5/4/2015 10:38 AM
10	Good mix	5/3/2015 10:52 AM
11	A mix of each	5/1/2015 11:54 AM
12	Free	5/1/2015 9:01 AM
13	Planned dinners	5/1/2015 8:29 AM

Q19 Other suggestions on how we could improve the trip:

Answered: 6 Skipped: 7

#	Responses	Date
1	Somehow try to make everyone work as a group and not just personal projects or benefits. Would like to commend the staff with all of their hard work. They did a terrific job putting this together. We are very fortunate.	5/11/2015 9:02 AM
2	first time for me so I don't have any suggestions it was great no complaints	5/5/2015 9:21 PM
3	None	5/5/2015 3:51 PM
4	-- Update the Fresno County overview page to include healthcare sector as part of our economic drivers. -- Include meeting with HHS on community health issues. -- Which agency in DC deals with issues related to poverty? Need to know them. -- If there are other Congressional members in charge of committees dealing with water, for example, schedule meetings with them, as well. -- Try to reinforce the idea of everyone staying together (I was guilty of NOT doing this)...probably not fair to all. -- Could we have lunch/dinner with our Congressional members? On another trip, we had dinner with David Valadao at the Republican club...likely Jim Costa would host similar event? -- Need a stronger communication strategy for both our message in DC AND ways to stay together on that message once home. Overall, awesome work by COG staff. Thanks for everything. I will work on another hospital sponsor for next year!! :)	5/4/2015 10:38 AM
5	Thank you Tony and staff for once again putting together a terrific DC trip.	5/3/2015 10:52 AM
6	Should be limited to Fresno county community leaders and elected officials.	5/1/2015 8:29 AM