



## Initial Member Agency Managers Feedback regarding Consolidation Issues

MWDOC Board Meeting September 19, 2023

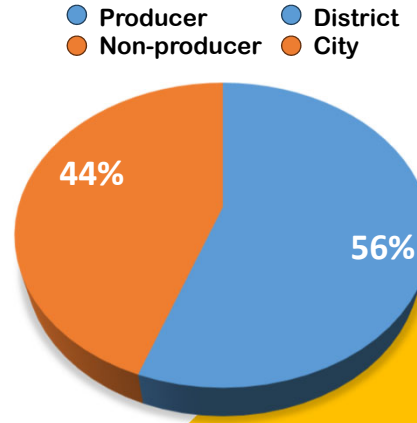
# Survey Overview

- Survey contained 11 questions
  - 8 questions—Comprised of drop down responses
  - 3 questions- Comprised of free responses
- Background information was provided for additional context to the member agencies
  - Presentation from the MWDOC Board Study Session (April 28)
  - LAFCO MSR Scope
  - MWDOC's Proposed Additions

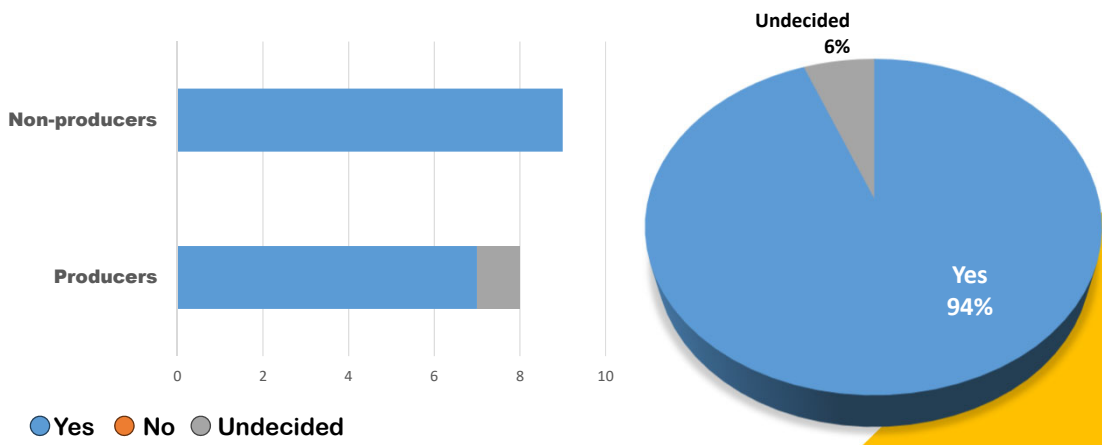


# Respondent Profile

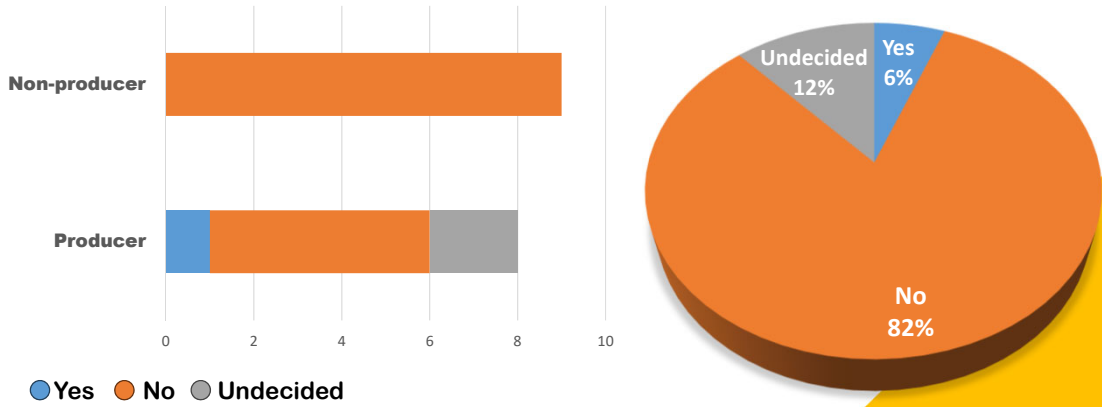
- Audience: MWDOC Member Agencies
- Response rate: 67% (n=18)
- Respondents were typically the highest level water official for their agency
- Non-response feedback:
  - Not going to participate
  - Needed additional time to respond



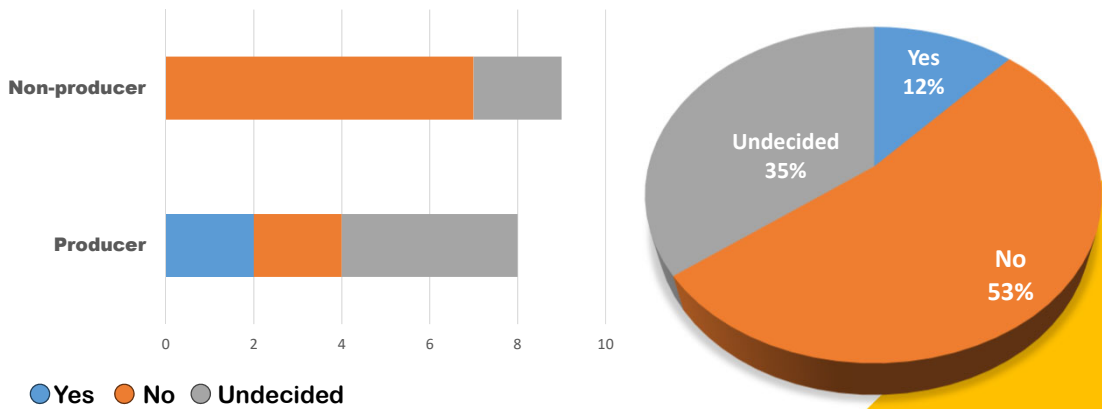
## Do you consider MWDOC and OCWD to have separate responsibilities for the Orange County water community?



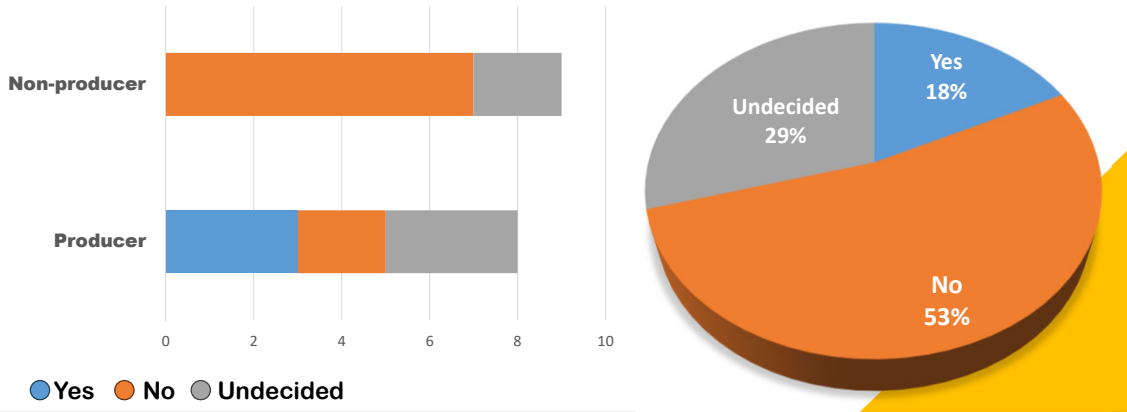
**Do you consider MWDOC and OCWD to provide duplicative services for the Orange County water community?**



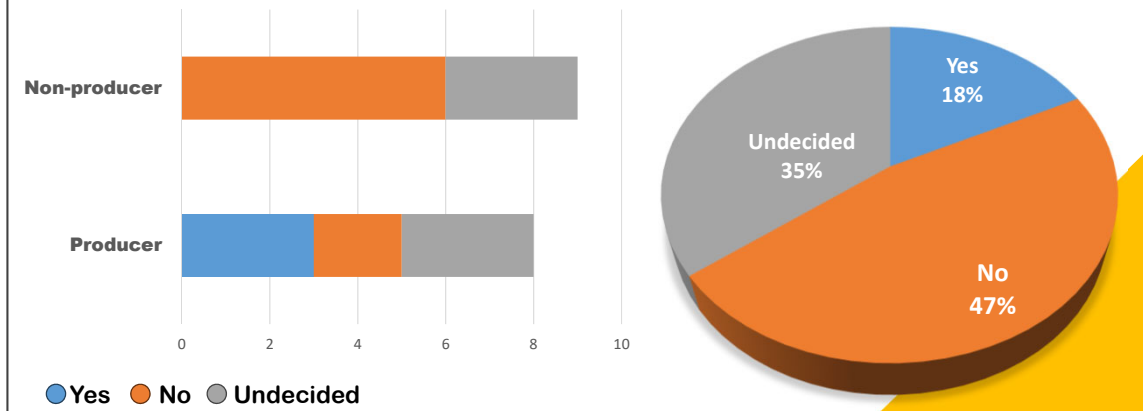
**Do you support the concept of consolidating MWDOC and OCWD into a single wholesale agency?**

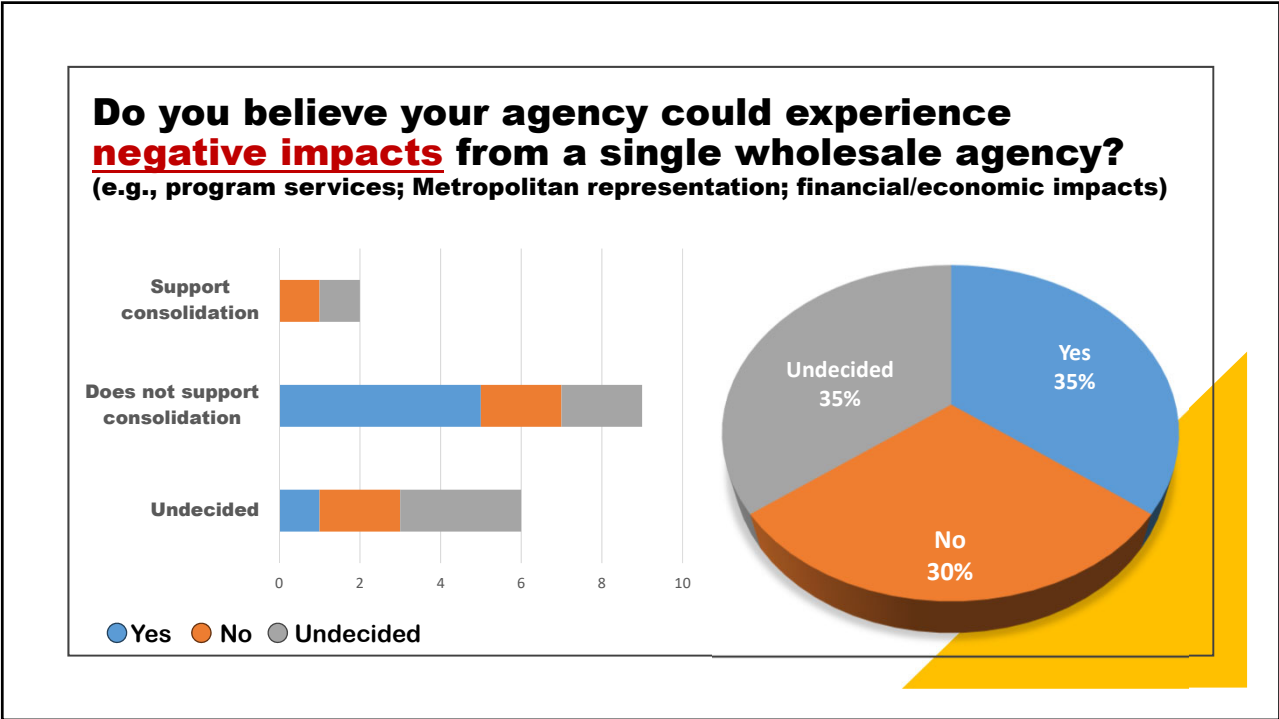
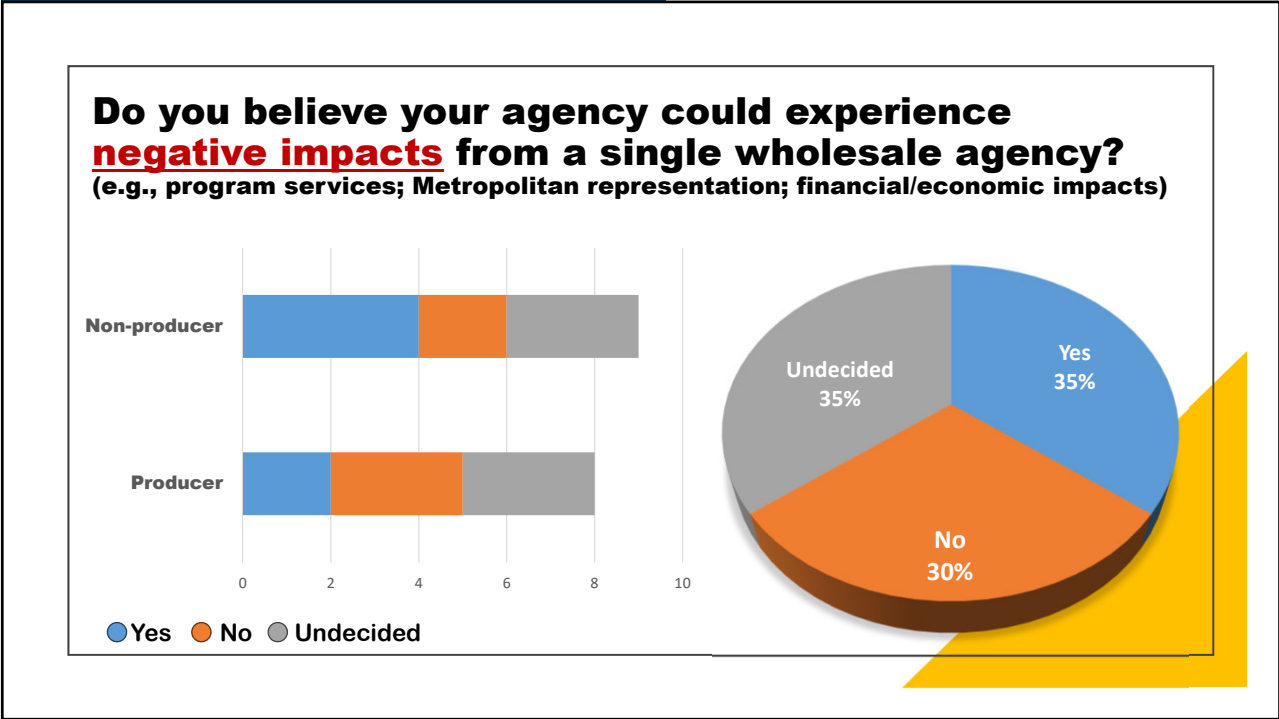


**Do you believe your agency would benefit from a single wholesale agency?**

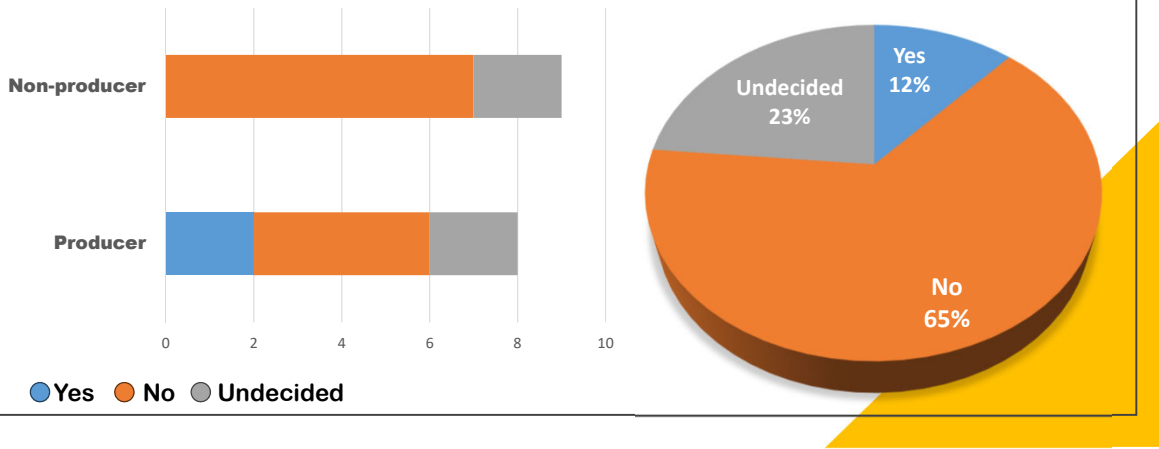


**Do you believe the county would benefit from a single wholesale agency?**

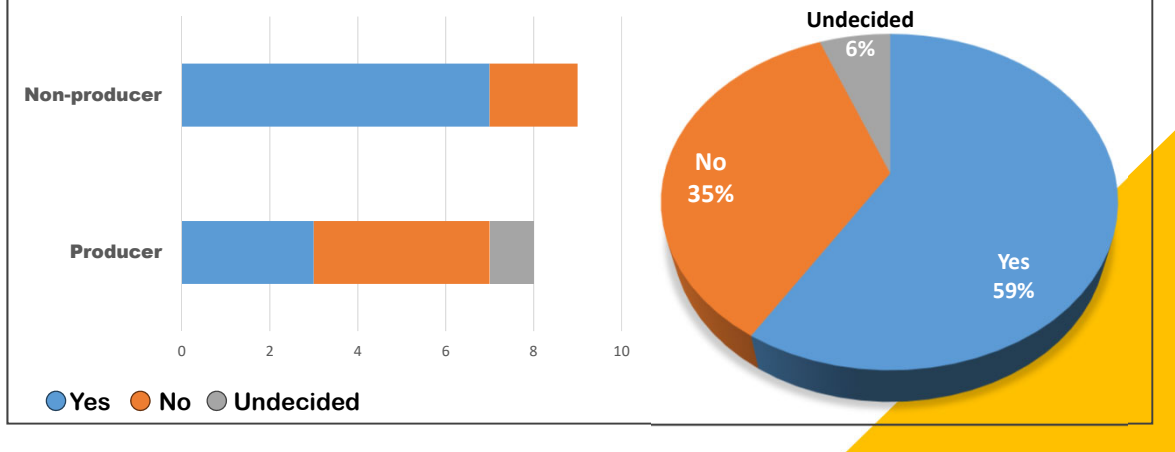




**Do you believe the LAFCO Focused MSR study will provide enough information to determine whether consolidation will benefit the water community in Orange County?**



**Would you support MWDOC in hiring a consultant to conduct a comprehensive study that would provide additional information and evaluation to OCWD's LAFCO Focused MSR process?**



# Comments

"We believe that the information obtained from the proposed study would be valuable to help determine the future direction of MWDOC/OCWD."

"...another study by MWDOC other than LAFCO would give more of a look into all of the programs and benefits MWDOC provides to it's member agencies."

"...the LAFCO study should proceed and evaluated once completed. Any further study at this point would be unnecessary and a waste of money."

"If MWDOC was to pursue a study, it would seem duplicative (and wasteful) to study LAFCO's study. If both MWDOC and OCWD are interested in providing improved service to its respective customers (i.e, the Retail Water Agencies of Orange County), then the study should focus on identifying opportunities to improve service - not a presumption that consolidation will solve any problems."

