



WQCD Clean Water Fee Structure Feedback Summary Large Group Summary Feedback

This document is an overview of feedback received for group policy considerations including statute vs. commission, general fund and the overall stakeholder process.

RESPONDENT SUMMARY

Total number of responses: 77

Individual respondents who attended sector specific meetings: 70%

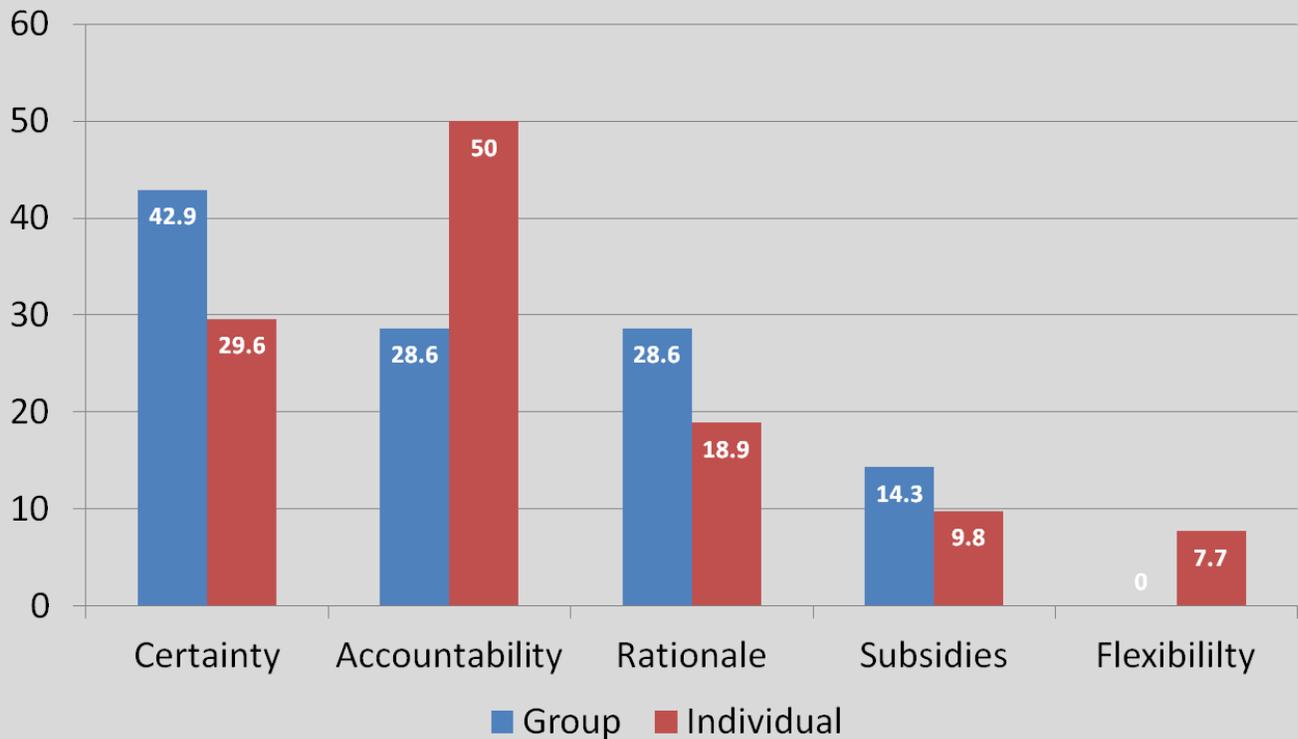
Group respondents who attended sector specific meetings: 16%

All respondents who attended sector specific meetings: 73%

Policy considerations for the overall process

In developing concepts for a fee structure, stakeholders identified the need to strike a balance between several policy considerations.

#1 policy choice by groups and individuals (n INDV=58 n Group=11)



- Individual respondents ranked accountability as their first priority.
- Group respondents ranked certainty as their first priority.

Overall, accountability of fee funding and fee certainty in statute are of the highest priority to stakeholders. Many commented that fiscal transparency and further definition of the complexity tiers for a la carte services are also important.



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What do you think is an appropriate frequency to review fees and fee structure?



A majority of individual and group respondents identified an acceptable fee review frequency of 5 years.

What do you think is the best method to adjust for inflation?



A small majority of individual and group respondents identified a consumer price index as the preferred means to adjust for inflation.

Statute vs. Commission



The majority of individual and group respondents indicated that fees should be retained in statute and not established by the Water Quality Control Commission.



The public and private utilities sector showed support for moving reclaimed water fees out of statute and giving authority to the Water Quality Control Commission.



A small number of individual and group respondents support a la carte services fees being established and reviewed by the Water Quality Control Commission.



Biosolids fees are currently set by the Water Quality Control Commission, and no change is proposed.



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General fund

In each sector, some respondents did not answer all questions or provide a narrative comment.

Sector	Common theme among general fund questions
Water quality certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No common themes identified.
Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No common themes identified.
Public and private utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This sector identified that the general fund allocation be maintained. Responses indicated support for funding to go to small public systems.
MS4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No common themes identified.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This sector identified that the general fund allocation be maintained, but varied on its application in the program (government entity use, state infrastructure, areas of most need, etc.).
Commerce and industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This sector identified that the general fund allocation be maintained. Responses included using general fund monies for permitting activities or public comment costs.

Experience of the overall process

Although feedback was limited, the following themes were identified:

- Respondents felt there was a lack of financial information transparency and accountability.
- Respondents were critical of the overall participation level within each sector.
- Respondents felt there was not enough time to complete discussions.
- Respondents had industry specific business process concerns.