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# Your Delta Your Voice Environmental Justice Community Survey

December 6 Tribal Informational Meeting



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
**WATER RESOURCES**

# Goal of “Your Delta Your Voice” Survey

1. Gather information from disadvantaged communities in Delta region, about how they work, live, recreate, and experience the Delta
2. Understand how the community values and uses natural, economic, and social resources

The survey also:

1. Inform proposed Delta Conveyance environmental review and planning process, particularly the environmental justice chapter of the CEQA Environmental Impact Report
2. Increase disadvantaged community awareness of proposed Delta Conveyance Project
3. Increase Delta region disadvantaged community members interests' in participating in public engagement activities
4. Focus on historically burdened, underrepresented, and low-income communities

# Survey Questions

## Welcome and Overview

Purpose

Some education

## Priorities

What's important to you?

Suggest your own priority

## Special Places using Map

Businesses

Gathering spots

Fishing

Historic and cultural sites (some confidential)

Other special places

## Delta Community Needs

What respondents like best and have concerns about in the Delta region

Economic wellbeing and identifying social services

What respondents do in the Delta's natural areas and water ways.

Opinions on concerns and benefits of the Delta Conveyance Project

## Demographics

Zip code

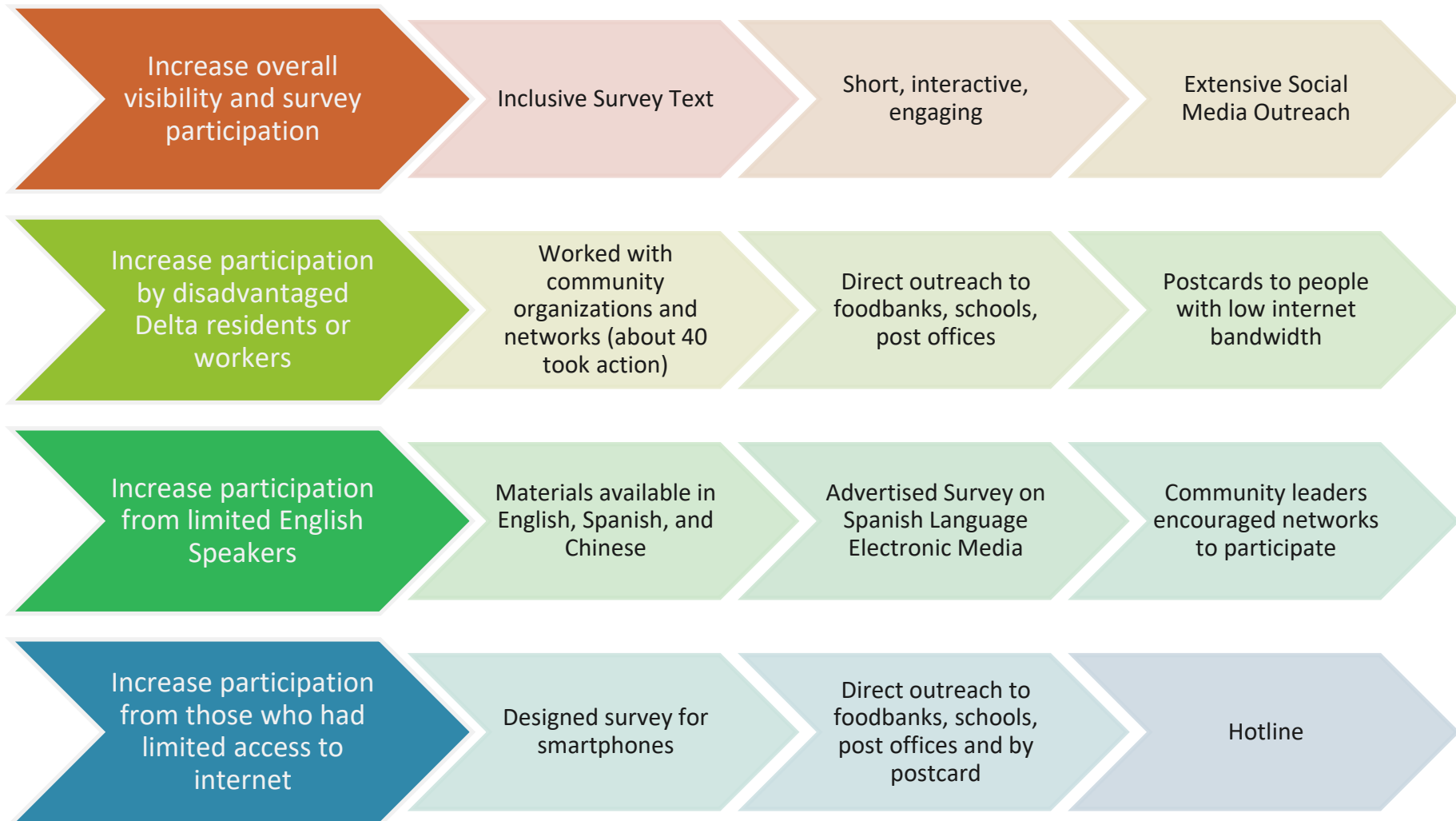
Ethnicity

Language

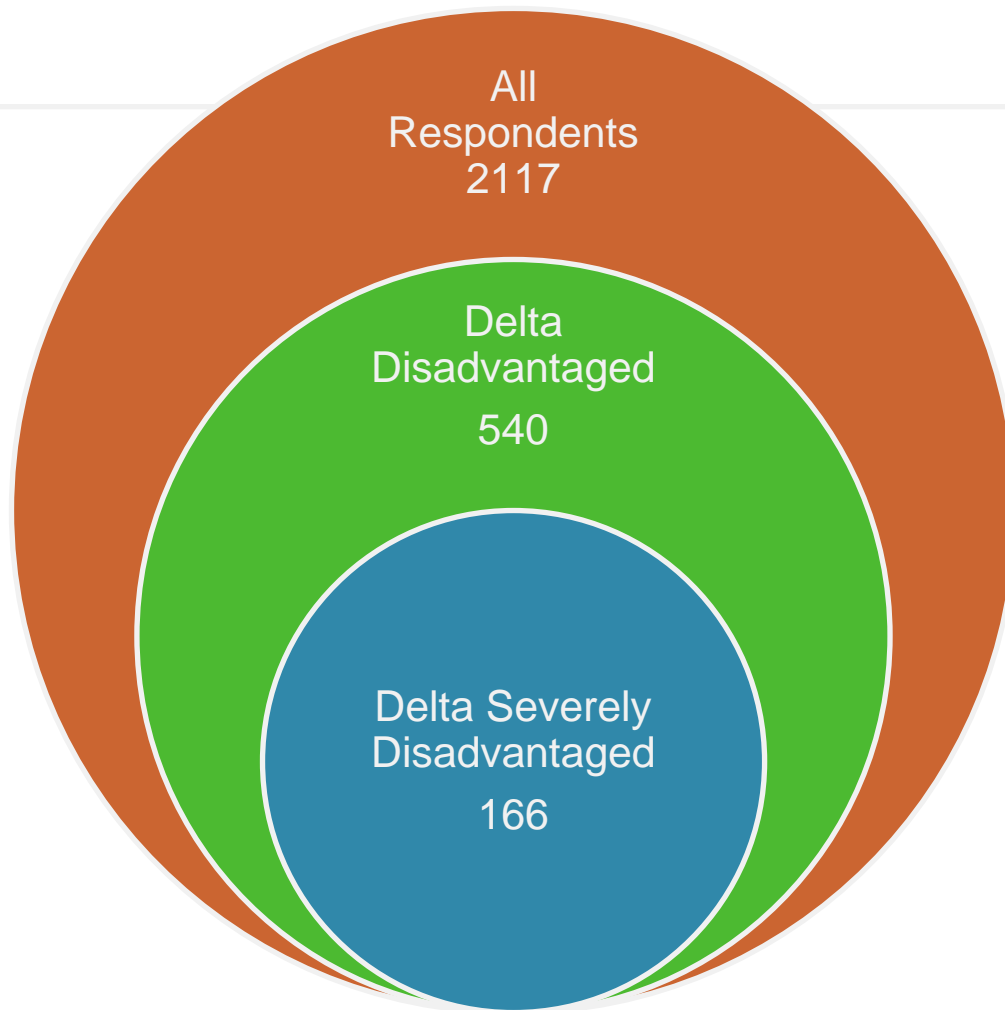
Income

Email (anonymous)

# Outreach Approaches



# Respondents Economic and Demographic Characteristics



## Of all respondents, who lives and/or works in the Delta?

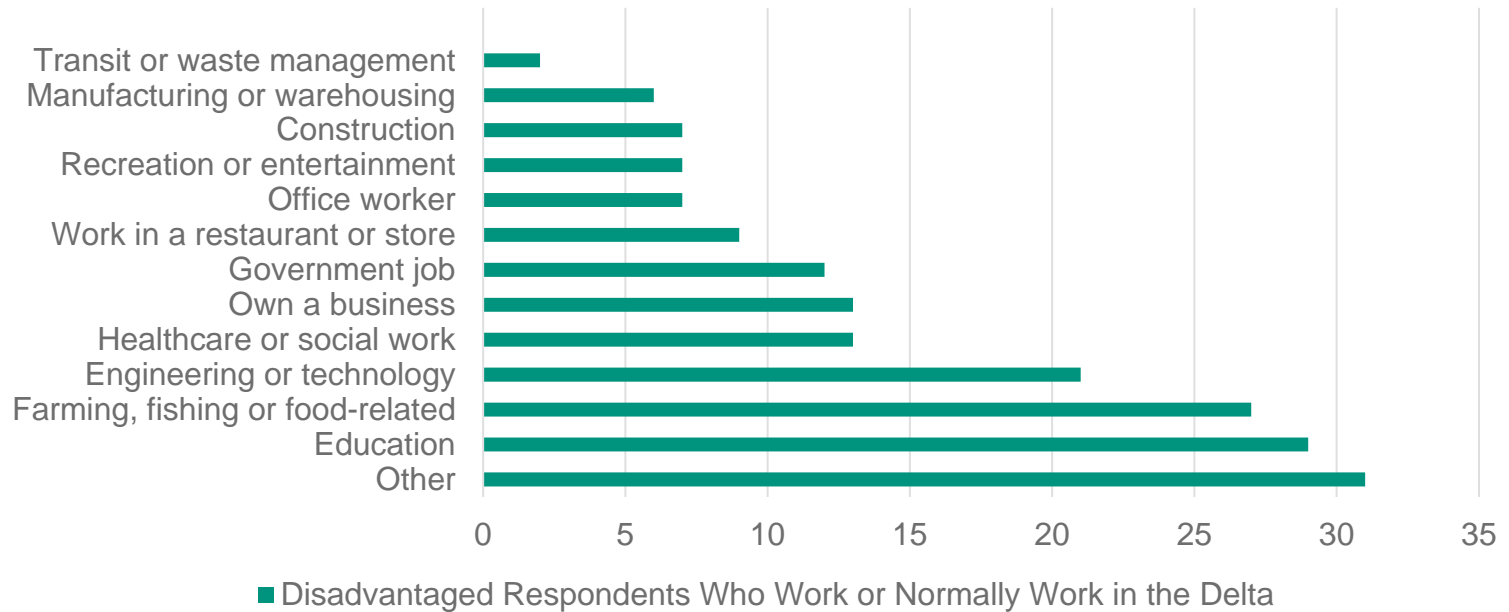
Live and Work in Delta	238
Only Lives in Delta	741
Only Works in Delta	120

# Delta Disadvantaged Community Respondent Characteristics

Ethnicity	# Respondents
African American	20
Asian or Pacific Islander	106
Latino/Hispanic	86
Mixed Heritage	68
Native American	19
Other	51
White	182
Did not provide ethnicity	8
Total	540

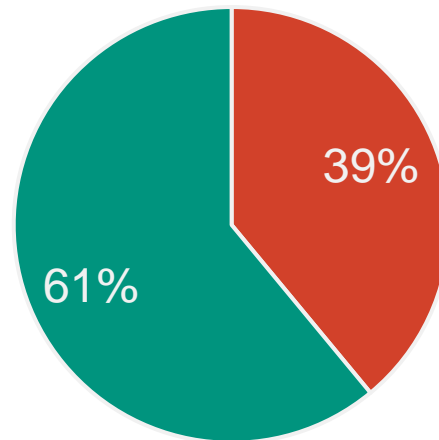
Languages	# Respondents
English	433
Chinese	66
Spanish	18
Tagalog	4
Other	14
Did not provide primary spoken language	5
Total	540

# Respondents Work In Education, Farming, Fishing, Food Production, Engineering and Technology



# Survey Reached Disadvantaged Communities Who Had Never Participated in Delta Conveyance Public Input Process

Of the 375 disadvantaged community members who responded, 145 said no, they had never participated in a public process related to a Delta tunnel proposal.

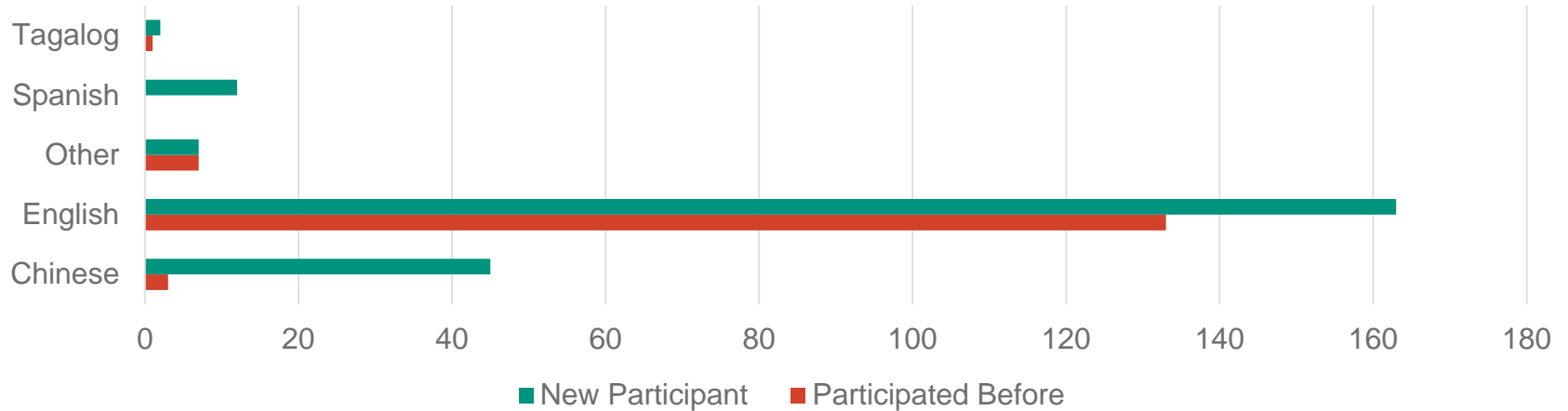


■ Yes ■ No



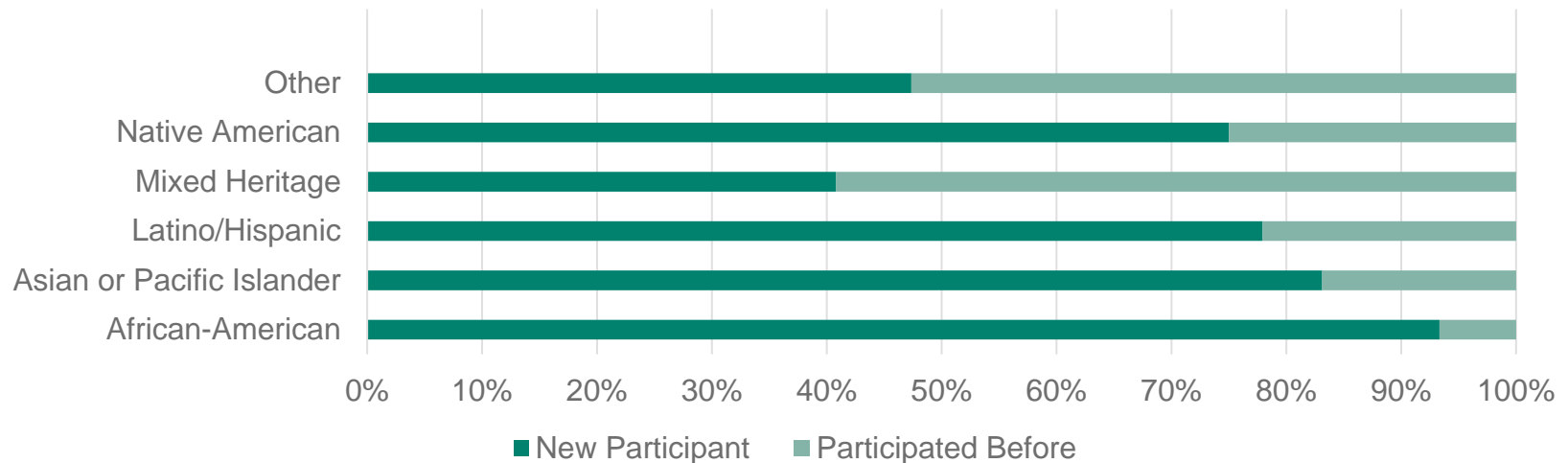
# Survey Reached Participants Who Had Never Participated in Delta Conveyance Input Process

Have you ever participated in a public process related to a Delta tunnel proposal?  
370 Delta Disadvantaged Community members responded



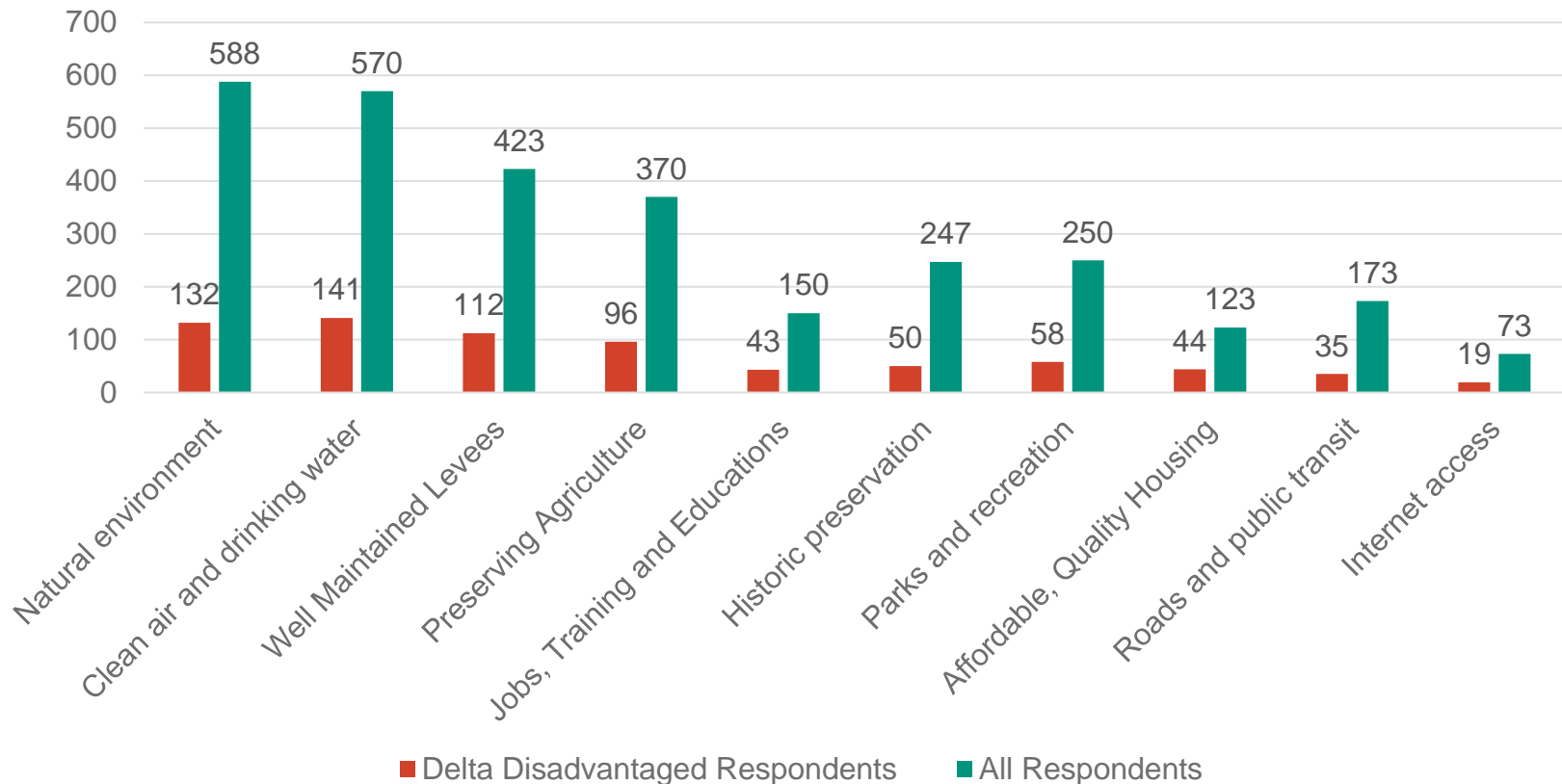
# Survey Reached New Hispanic, Native American Asian/Pacific Islander and African American Participants

New Participation by Ethnicity  
375 Delta Disadvantaged Community members responded



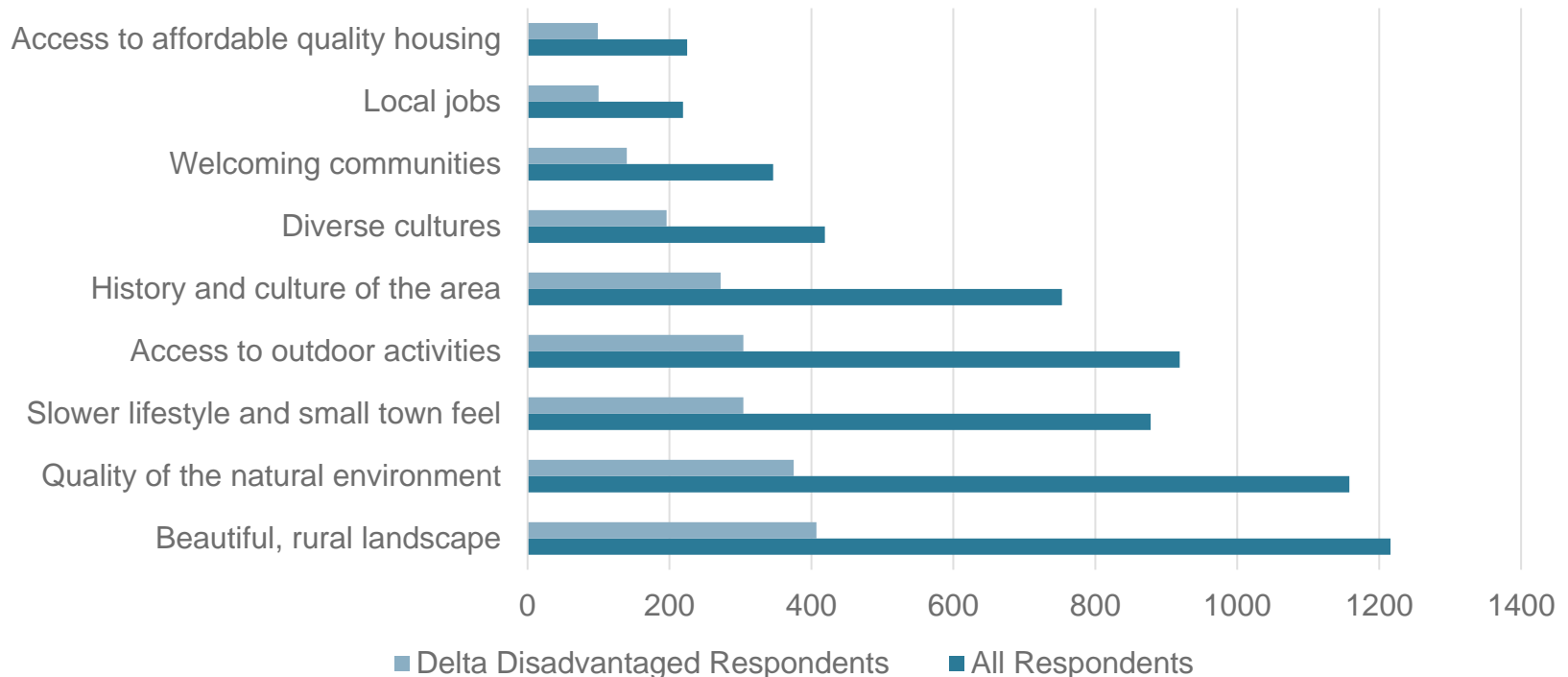
# Respondents Ranked Natural Environment, Clean Air and Drinking Water, Wildlife, Fish and Bird Habitat Very Highly

What Is Most Important to You?



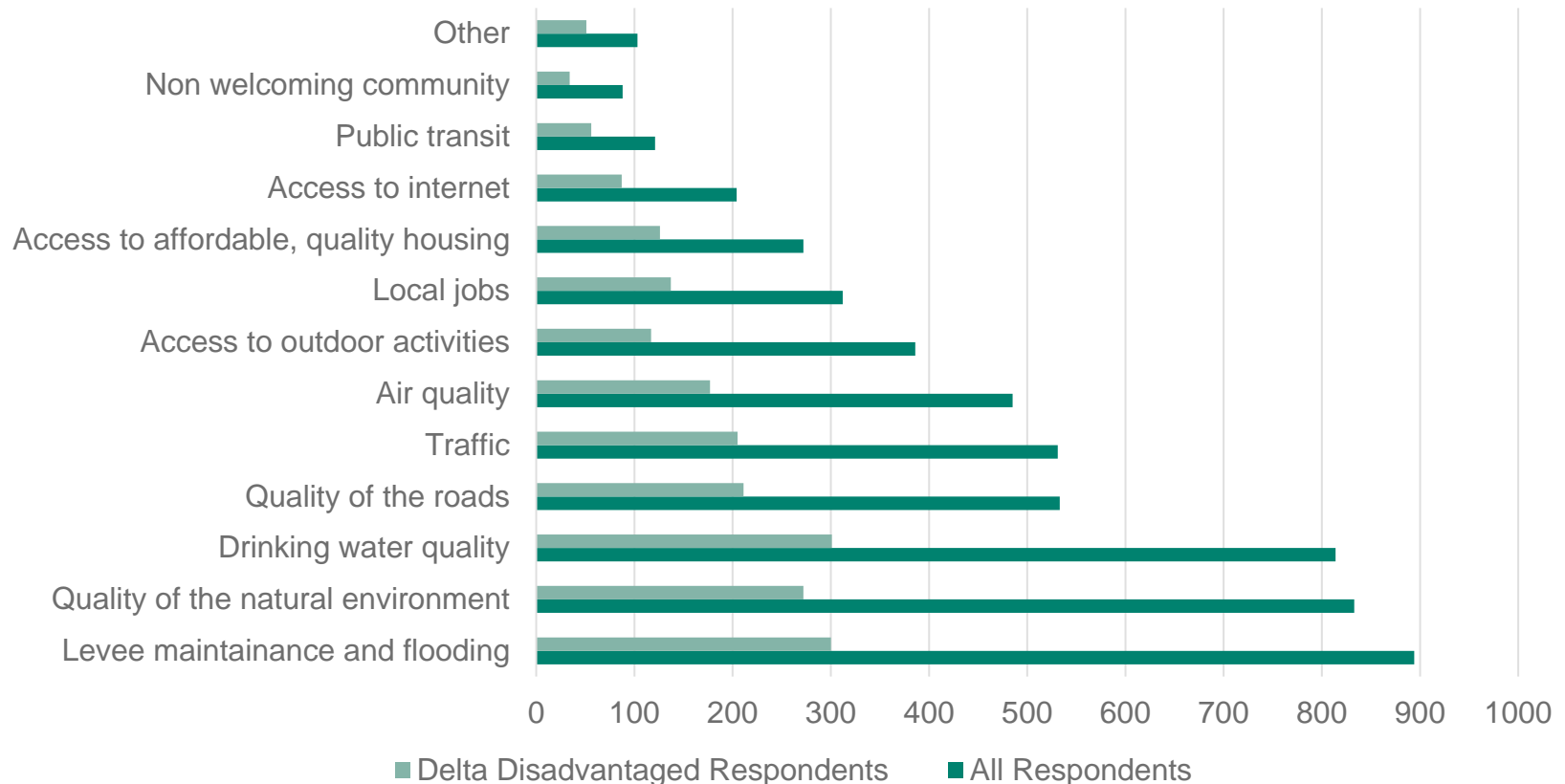
# Respondents Value Beautiful Rural Landscape, Natural Environment, Access to Outdoor Activities, Slower Lifestyle, and Small Town Feel

What do you like best about the Delta? All Respondents and Delta Disadvantaged Respondents Gave Same Top 5 Responses

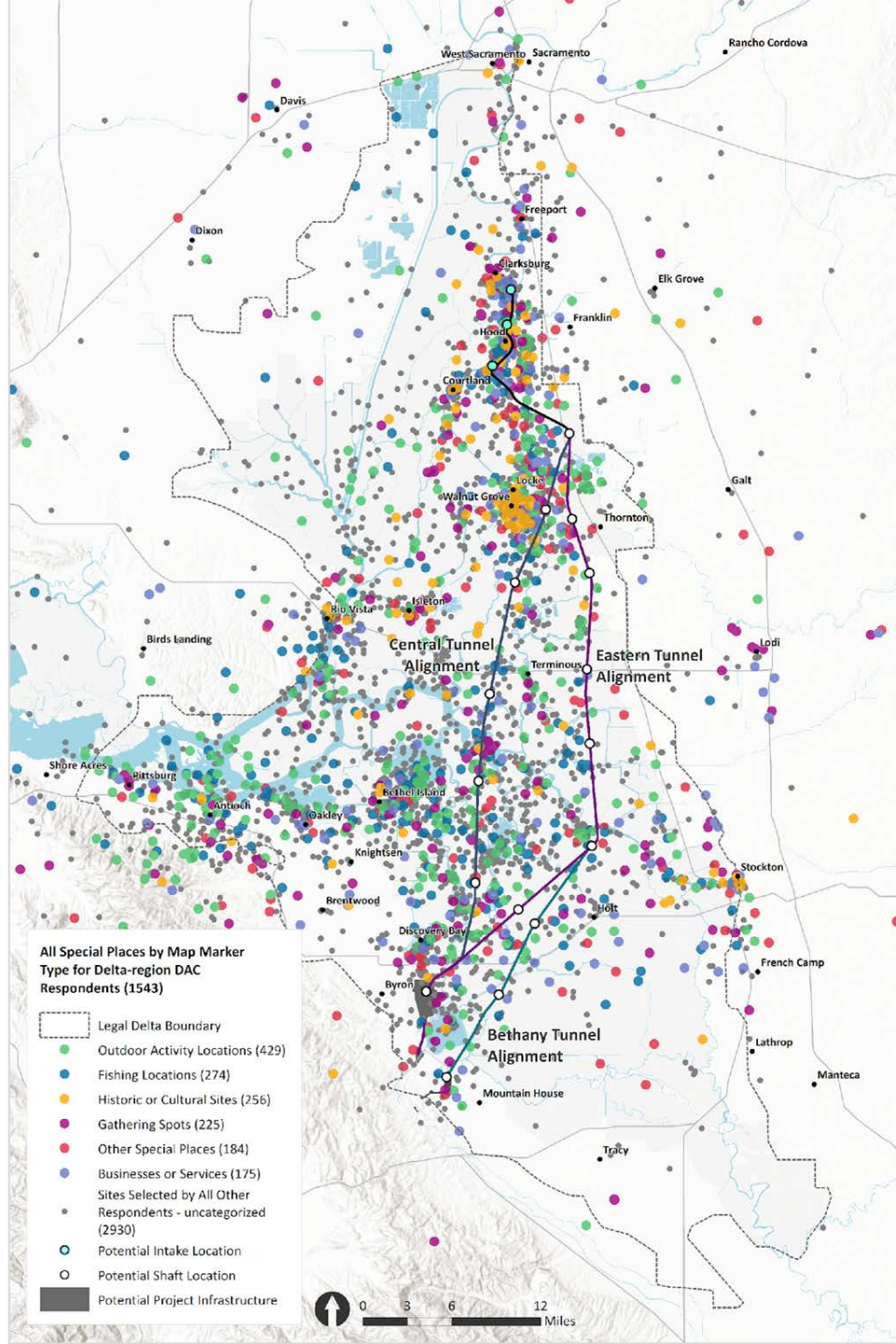


# Respondents Worry About Drinking Water Quality, Levee Maintenance and Flooding, and the Quality of the Natural Environment

1427 People Responded With Concerns, including 512 Delta Disadvantaged Respondents



# Map Markers of Special Places



# Respondents Identified Outdoor Activities, Fishing Spots, Historic and Cultural Sites As Special Places on Map

## Of all map markers:

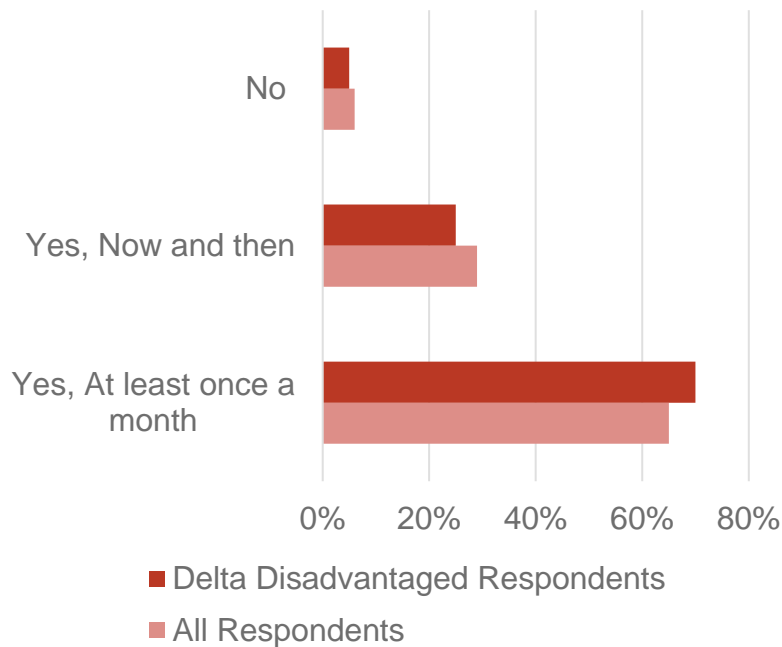
- Outdoor Activities: 28%
- Fishing Spots: 18%
- Historic & Cultural Sites: 17%
- Gathering Places: 15%
- Businesses & Services: 12%

*“Locke is an amazing historic town not like any other in the U.S. which was built by the Chinese for the Chinese.”*

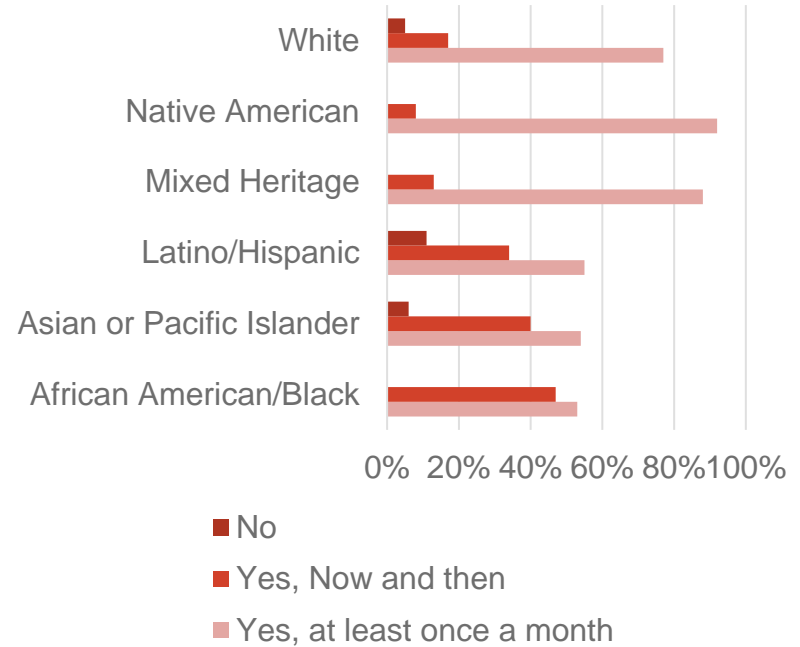
- ❖ 90% eat fish 4 or more times per week (of those who responded)
- ❖ **Locke was marked in 41% of Historic and cultural sites**
- ❖ 96% Delta Disadvantaged respondents marked Historic & Cultural sites which need improvement
- ❖ Combined marinas and restaurants – or restaurants otherwise on the water – were marked as popular destinations for gathering and marked as appreciated local businesses.

# Respondents Frequently Spend Time on Delta Waterways and Natural Areas

## All Respondents and Disadvantaged Respondents

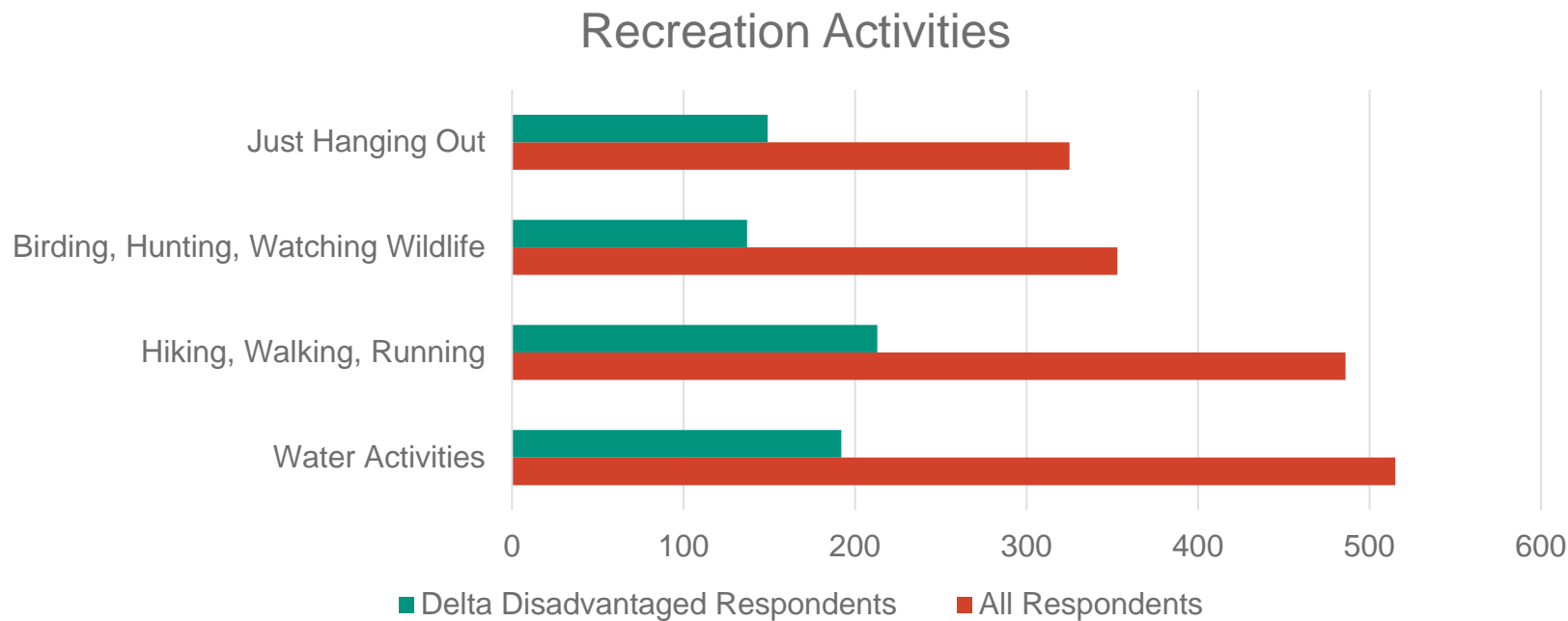


## Delta Disadvantaged Respondents By Ethnicity





# Respondents Spend Their Time in the Delta in Water Activities, Hiking, Walking, Running, Watching Wildlife, and Just Hanging Out





# Respondents Said the Delta Needs...

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- Social Services
- Homeless services
- Affordable quality housing
- Children and teen programs
- Outdoor recreation

# Respondents Say They Do Not Know Enough to Have a Strong Opinion About the Delta Conveyance Project

- 95% of Delta Disadvantaged Respondents said they did not know enough to have a strong opinion at this time.
- Throughout the survey, respondents expressed their opposition to the project, including 71% of Delta Disadvantaged Respondents who commented that there are no benefits from the project.
- 11% of Delta Disadvantaged Respondents who commented thought the Delta Conveyance Project might provide training opportunities and could improve the natural environment.

# We Learned Important EJ Outreach Lessons

- Translating Survey into Chinese and Spanish was helpful for survey participation. Many of these respondents had never participated in any Delta outreach.
- Developing relationships with community leaders and community organizations was crucial to outreach. We believe that community leaders increased response rate because their networks trusted their message that the survey was important.
- Thinking about where EJ respondents would be, and reaching out to them in those places also dramatically increased participation.
- Using a platform, Metroquest, that could be accessed on cell phones and on the internet increased participation.