

Initial Surveymonkey results as of July 27

13 complete responses, but not all respondents did every ranking question (0 to 1 skipped each question) – error in setting “required” status when creating the survey

12 voting members or alternates and 1 non-voting members (WG chair)

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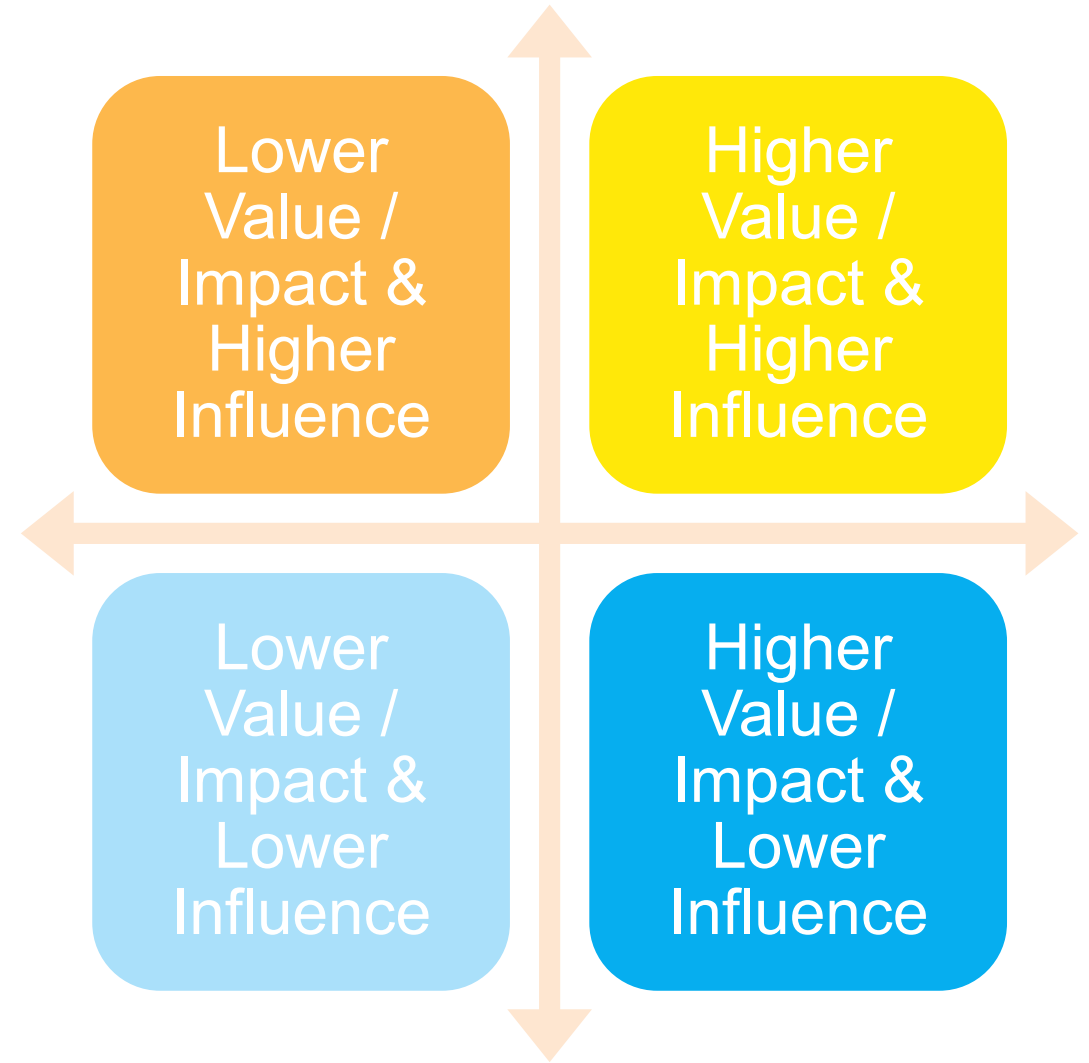
July 27, 2026 Clean Water Goal Team

Initial results

- Forced ranking exercise by CWGT members is ***ONLY*** a preliminary “gut check” to help sort our collective sense of priorities, influence, or urgency into 2x2 matrix or bins

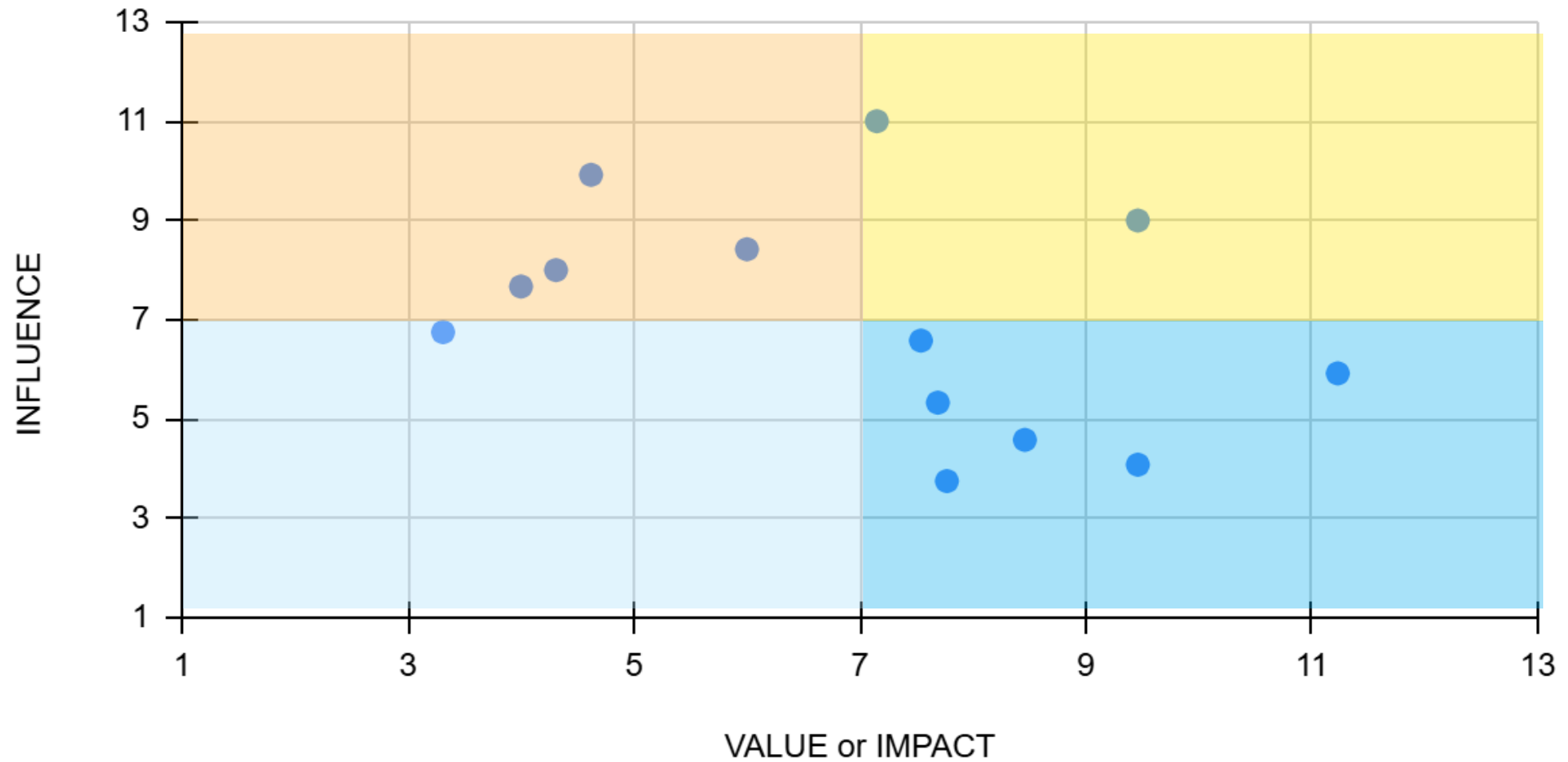
Challenges

- 13 listed for ranking
- Weighted score max 13.0, min 1.0



RENPS challenges

INFLUENCE vs. VALUE or IMPACT



Challenge (original order, not sorted)	VALUE or IMPACT score	INFLUENCE score
BMP implementation gaps	11.23	5.92
Physical constraints (e.g., CEC, landscape characteristics or ownership) or realities (e.g., aging infrastructure, completion of “low-hanging fruit”)	9.46	4.08
Tracking, reporting and verification of implemented BMPs	9.46	9
Adaptively managing by revising nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment targets with the latest science and the latest generation of modeling tools (Phase 7)	7.15	11
Funding and technical workforce capacity to provide technical assistance, plan, design, implement and accelerate BMP implementation	8.46	4.58
Funding and technical workforce capacity to maintain installed BMPs now and into the future	7.77	3.75
Administrative, programmatic or regulatory constraints or uncertainties that may slow or impede data-sharing, tracking, reporting, verification, innovation and/or implementation	7.54	6.58
Nutrient mass imbalances and complex systemic changes that impact our ability to meet goals, improve plans, or develop innovative strategies (e.g., fertilizer and agricultural markets; growth of developed footprint in less-regulated non-MS4 areas)	7.69	5.33
Gaps in information and analysis to better understand observed trends and response gaps to management actions and changing environmental conditions	6	8.42
Understanding and communication of the ability of BMPs or management actions to provide multiple benefits across varying audiences or scales	4.31	8
Communication and coordination (general)	3.31	6.75
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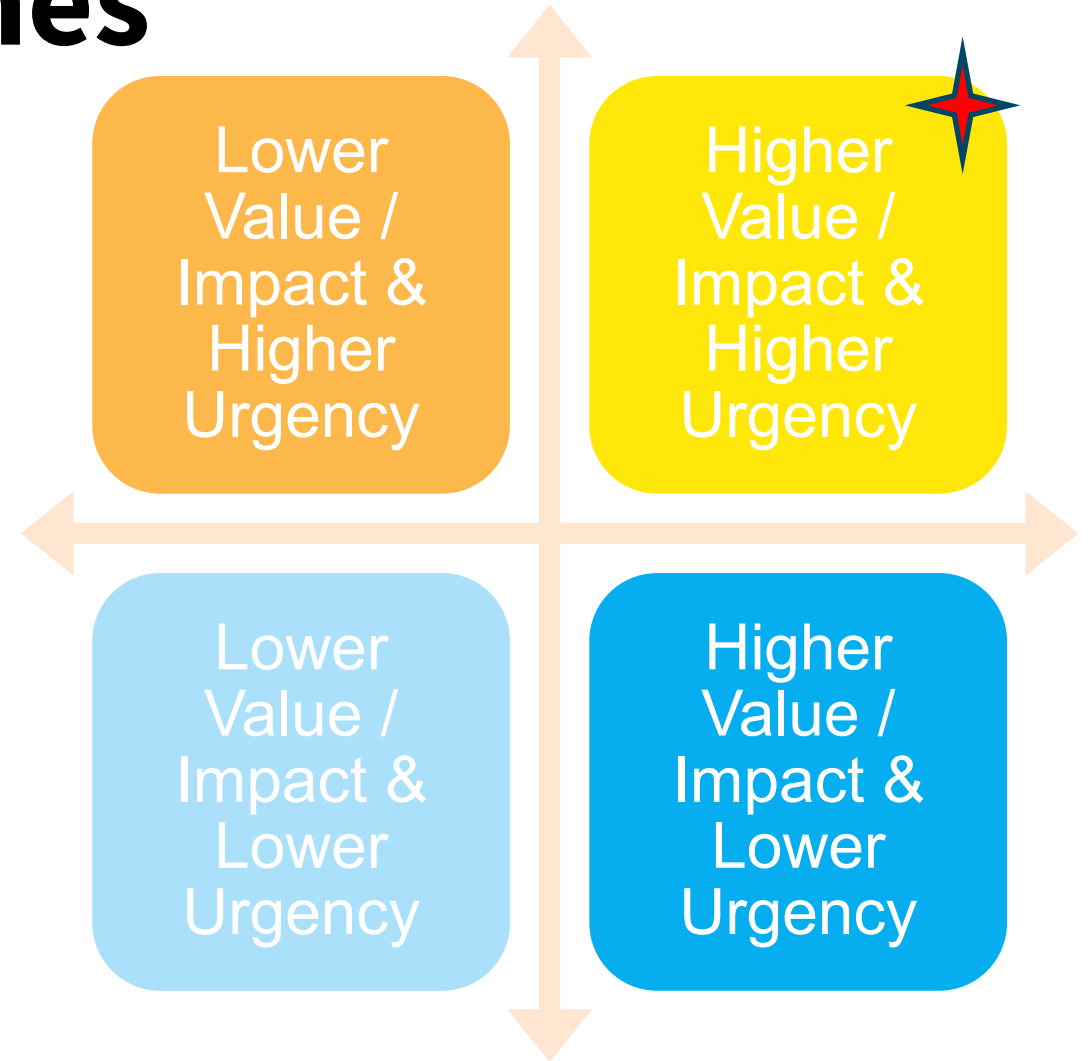
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- 7 listed for ranking
- Weighted score max 7.0, min 1.0

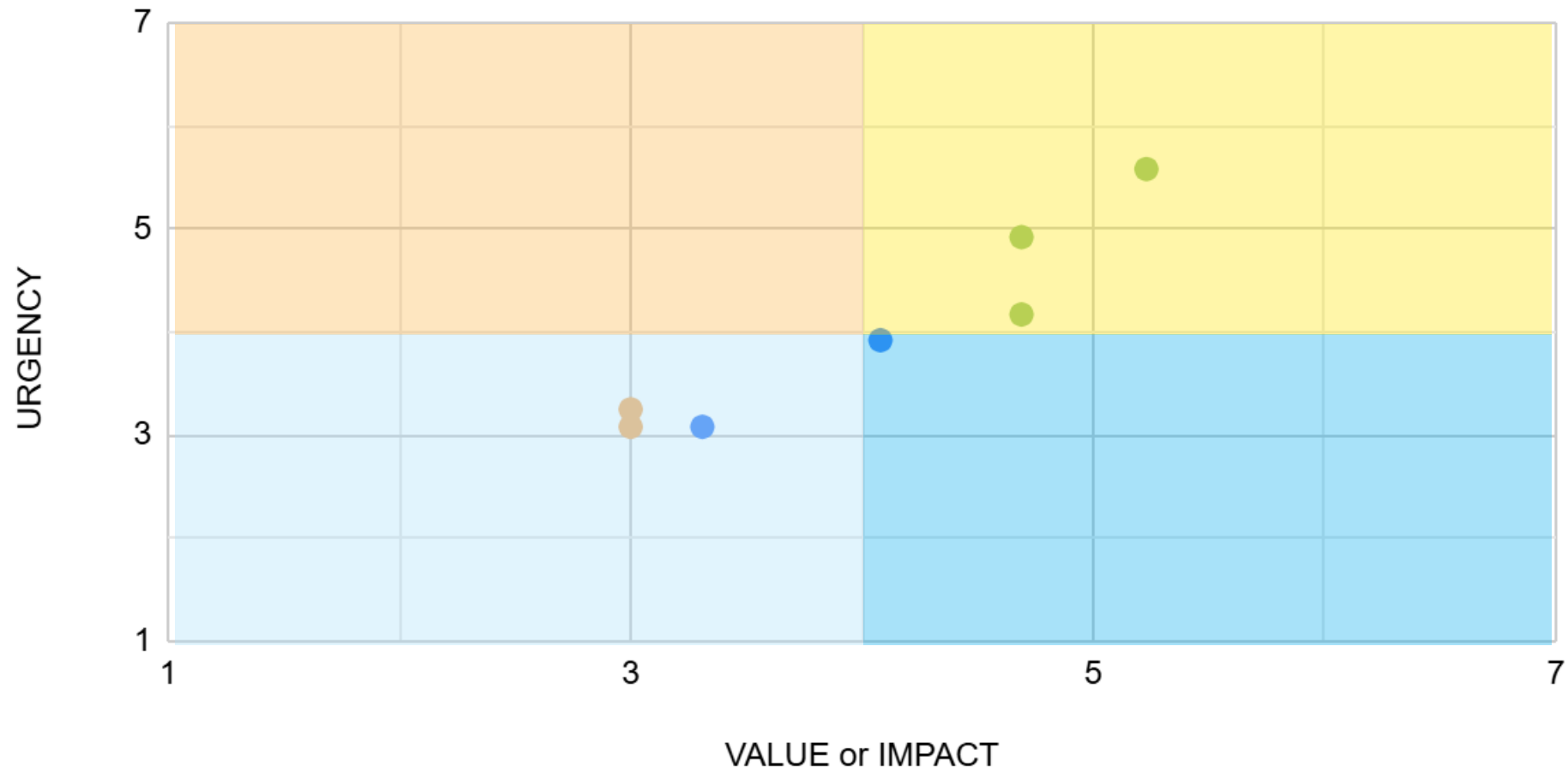


3 approaches related to RENPS target 2 excluded from exercise as known priorities (developing Phase 7 model; planning targets; new or revised WIPs)



Management Approaches

VALUE or IMPACT vs URGENCY



Management approach (original order)	VALUE or IMPACT score	URGENCY score
Incorporate additional lines of evidence into assessments of progress.	4.08	3.92
Explore a Tiered Implementation Structure for Achieving the Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sediment Reductions that are needed to meet Water Quality Standards	4.69	4.92
Assess Nutrient Mass Imbalances and Advance New or Emerging Nonpoint Source Best Management Practices (BMPs) or Innovations	4.69	4.17
Continue to increase implementation of Phase 3 WIPs through 2030 to achieve interim planning targets and share successful or emerging innovative strategies or opportunities to achieve greater nutrient and sediment reductions.	5.23	5.58
Expand Local Capacity and Technical Assistance through Strategic Cross-Partnership Collaboration, particularly the Workforce Outcome	3.31	3.08
Within our means and capacity, continue to improve effectiveness of the CWGT and its workgroups as they mutually coordinate and communicate, foster innovation, improve information exchange, adaptively manage and ultimately achieve Clean Water - and other - goals or outcomes.	3	3.25
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Reflections on initial results

- Draft management approaches all seem to have some value and urgency (all ~3 or higher out of composite rank from 1-7)

Discussion (general starting questions)

- How broad/specific should the Management Approaches be? Is it better to limit scope to what we know we'll focus on? Or be broad to ensure we can talk about or work on various new interests that come up in the workgroup?
- Do these management approaches limit the work of the workgroups in any way? If something isn't included in a Management Approach listed in the Clean Water Management Strategy, can the group still pursue work on that item?
- Questions or comments from the group? What's on your mind?

Specific questions for input

- Do the challenges rising to the top capture our key challenges? What's missing?
- Reflecting on how we want to tailor the management approaches, is there a range of how many Goal- or Outcome- level approaches we want to include?
- Do we include even the “less urgent” approaches since the Strategy is for 6 years and we'll have another set of workplans after 3 years?
- Do the included approaches adequately cover the key challenges we've identified?