

# Participant Evaluation Survey and Results

Given the time and resources invested in this event, we gathered information from participants about what worked and what could be improved in developing and delivering follow up events. Surveys also provided information on attendees-their backgrounds, professional roles, and interests. Below we summarize quantitative and qualitative survey results, followed by the full suite of survey questions.

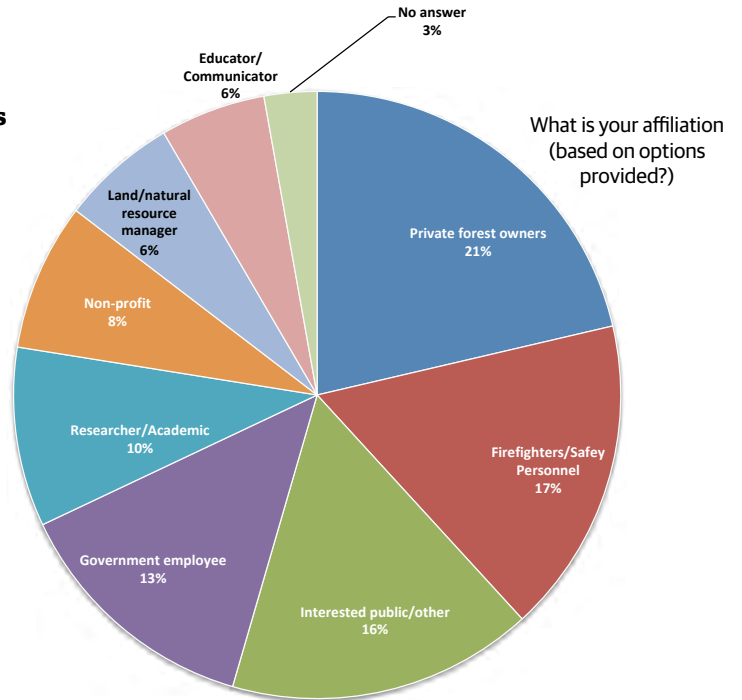
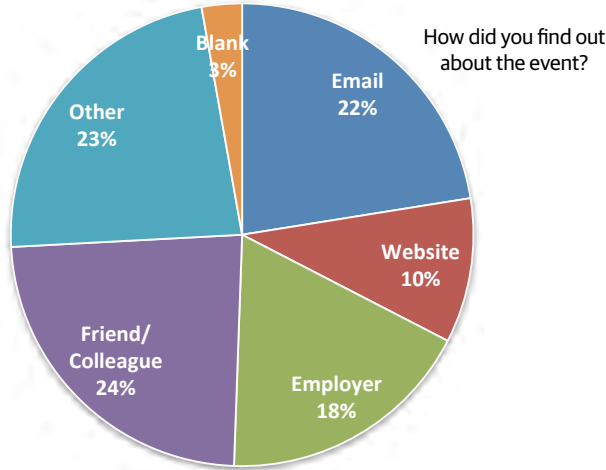
The first set of questions asked participants to rank their involvement or assesment of outcomes based on a set number

of criteria, with the response breakdown summarized based on percentage of responses in a chart format, as follows.

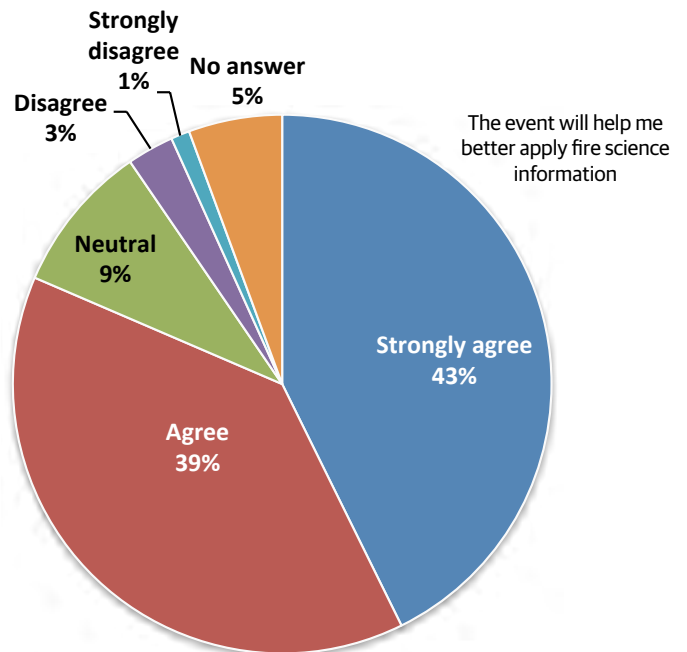
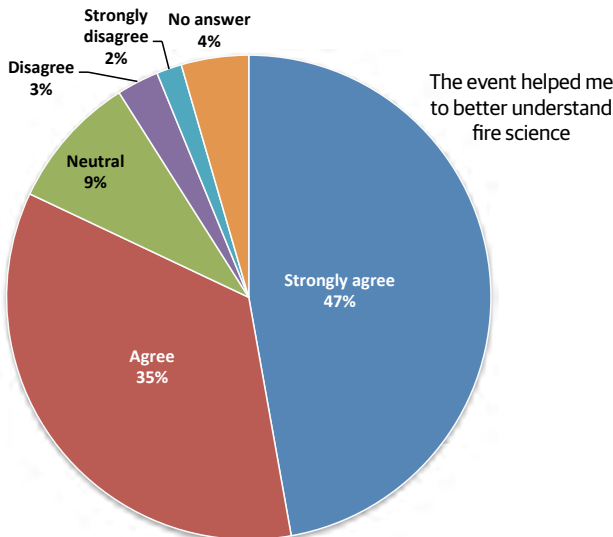
## Quantitative results

Out of a total number of 178 surveys returned, the following breakdown of responses was provided. Outreach effectiveness and engagement by key affiliations. Summary metrics include: 82% agreed that the event helped them better understand fire science and how to apply it.

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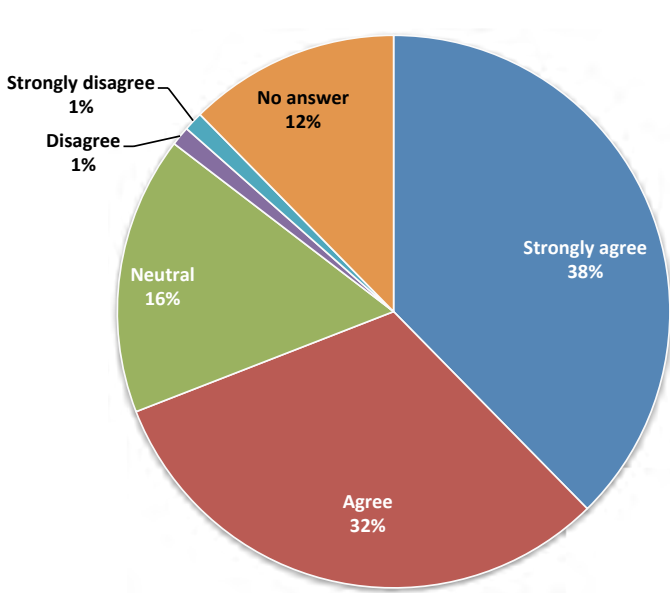


### Fulfilment of basic symposia goals

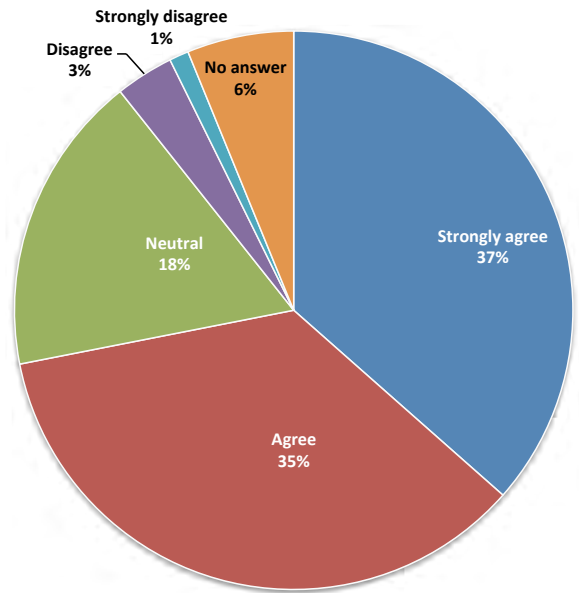


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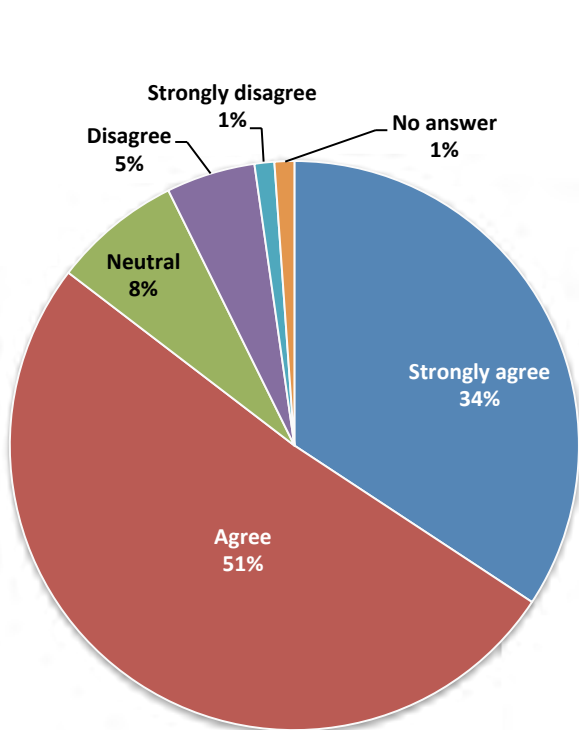
More than 70% of participants thought the event helped foster communications across disciplines and build partnerships.



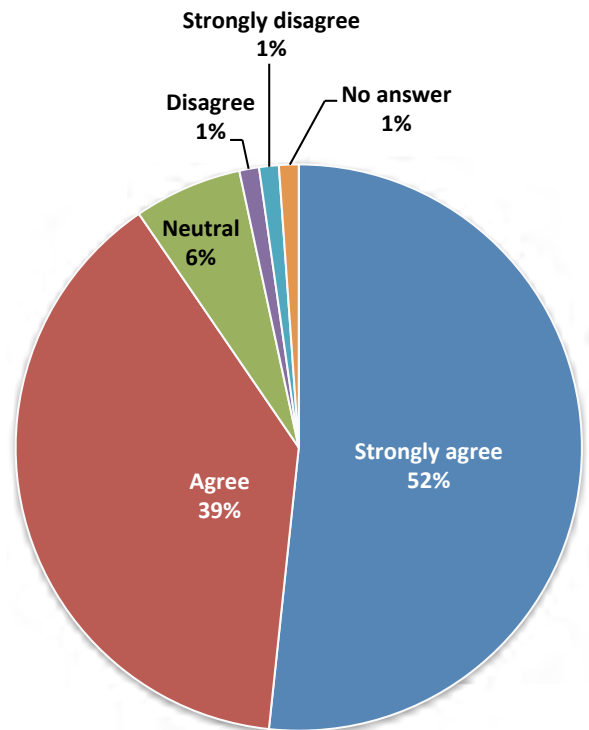
The event improved communication among fire scientists, fire managers and private forest owners



The event connected me to new potential partners and resources



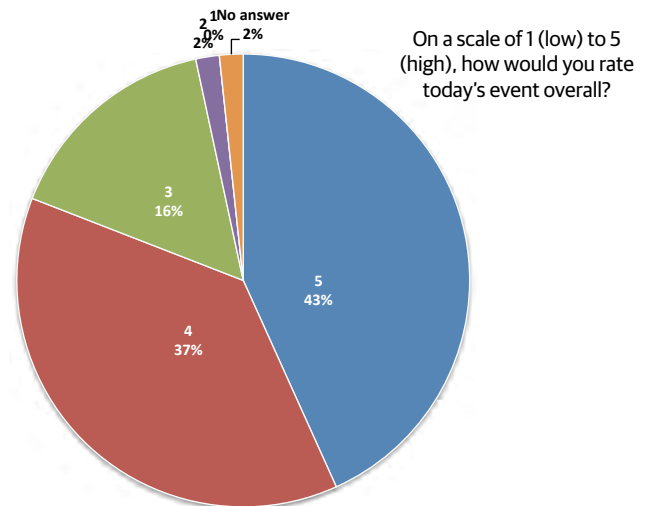
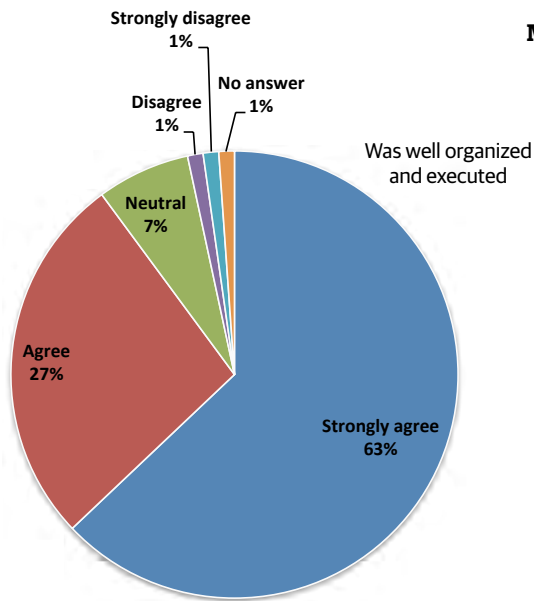
The event presented information that was easy to understand



The event presented information that is useful and relevant

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Accessibility, relevance, and quality of presentations and event overall  
**More than 85% of participants felt that the symposium met this criteria.**



## Qualitative comments

### Comments on symposium strengths/outcomes

- Comments speaking to symposium strengths/beneficial outcomes
- Talks were effective in translating science to practical problems facing regular people
- I learned more about fire weather in our Mediterranean climate
- I appreciated hearing CAL FIRE's perspective from the operational side
- It was beneficial to have all parties in one room-academics, first responders, agencies, and private landowners, and to have discussion sessions between presentations supplemented by information tables
- The event provided the opportunity to meet others with shared concerns
- Now I know I need to take action on my property, and have resources to move forward
- It was interesting to learn about the nuts and bolts of implementing prescribed fire

### Comments on symposium weaknesses, ways to improve, and suggested additions

- Lack of ethnic and gender diversity among speakers
- Lack of discussion of equality and disproportionate impacts on different social groups

- No tribal leadership speakers
- I needed more practical information
- It feels like we are putting "band aids on bullet holes"
- We need to better understand how our area is different from the rest of California
- No mention of physical effect of toxics from city fire or from forest fire or a comparison between them
- Consider adding in structured breakfast groups for networking with all these great people
- Get better screen lighting
- Would have been great to have had round table discussions/ small group breakouts
- Presentations somewhat repetitive and presenters needed more guidance to ensure relevancy and comprehensibility
- Add youth groups or information on curricula for youth
- This group needs to more effectively network with politicians
- We needed more discussion regarding the political causes of fire hazards
- Left some private landowners with the feeling they are "on their own"
- Would like more information on role of utilities, insurance, and banks in post fire recovery
- At registration table, ask if folks want to have their email addresses in a database for future contact