

Forestry Outcomes in the amended Watershed Agreement

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL: Update the two existing outcome (Forest Buffers and Tree Canopy)

- Received consensus at the March 27th MB meeting, with the agreement to consider what it would like to consolidate
- **Advantages of updating:**
 - Maintains a more focused approach on these two foundational, but different outcomes
 - Speaks to the differences in the communities, landscapes and people engaged in the work to meet these outcomes
 - Avoids significantly broadening the work of the Forestry Workgroup

POTENTIAL CONSOLIDATED “HEALTHY FORESTS AND TREES OUTCOME”

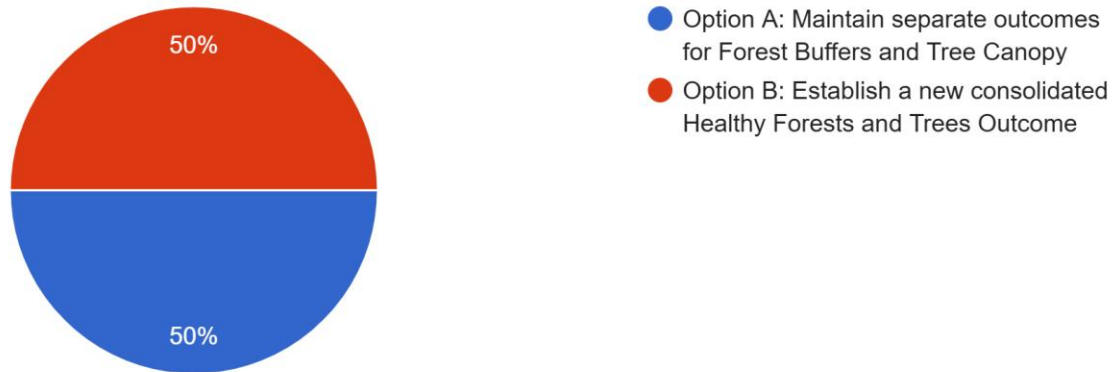
Draft language to consider: Conserve and restore healthy forests and tree cover to maximize benefits for water quality, habitat and people throughout the watershed, with a particular focus on riparian areas and communities. Working toward a net gain in canopy, plant and maintain ## new acres of community trees by 2035. Working toward having ##% of riparian areas forested throughout the watershed, plant and maintain ## acres of forest buffers and reduce the loss of existing forest buffers to achieve at least ##% of riparian areas forested by 2035.

- **Advantages of consolidating:**
 - Would help elevate the importance of forest management and stewardship in the watershed restoration effort
 - Would fill a gap in considering all the forests and trees in the watershed (outside of riparian areas and communities)
 - Could potentially reduce administrative burden by developing a single consolidated Management Strategy and Workplan (but may also require the development of additional outputs and indicators to evaluate progress towards a broader scope of work)

Forestry Outcomes in the amended Watershed Agreement: Workgroup Input

Which option do you prefer?

8 responses



- 8/14 voting members responded to a quick turn-around poll
- Workgroup is split on whether to consolidate
- No one had blocking concerns with either option (no “stops” or “holds”)

Considerations for the Management Board

- Would a consolidated (but broader) “Healthy Forests and Trees” outcome better drive the partnership to our watershed restoration goals?
- Could we achieve the intent of elevating forests/trees in the Agreement through the proposed new “Lands” goal to allow the outcomes to remain more focused?