



California VGI Working Group – Workshop 7

# Data analysis of Policy Recommendations Survey

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# Recap of Policy Recommendations survey



# Policy Recommendations in the VGI Working Group

- 109 policy recommendations, with detailed input
  - Description
  - How success looks like
  - Leading agency
  - Submitting party
  - Etc.
- Policy survey to answer three questions (assign 1-5 score)
  - **Q1 – Agree / disagree:** “Do you agree or disagree that this recommendation will advance VGI in California?”
  - **Q2 – Clarity:** “How clear, understandable, and policy ready is this recommendation?”
  - **Q3 – Relevance:** “Q3. How critical and relevant is this policy to meeting your organization's own VGI objectives?”

3000+ scoring entries on policy recommendations.  
How do we make sense of that?!



## Two methods for survey data analysis



# Three principles to analyze the responses from the survey

## Overview

1. Use average scoring (arithmetic mean)



Accounts for all opinions

2. Use standard deviation



Reflects divergence in opinions

3. Define 5 classes of policy recommendations



Distinguish between “*convergence*” and “*agreement*”

Strong Convergence,  
Agree

Strong convergence,  
Disagree

Broad convergence,  
Agree

Broad convergence,  
Disagree

Divergence / Unclear

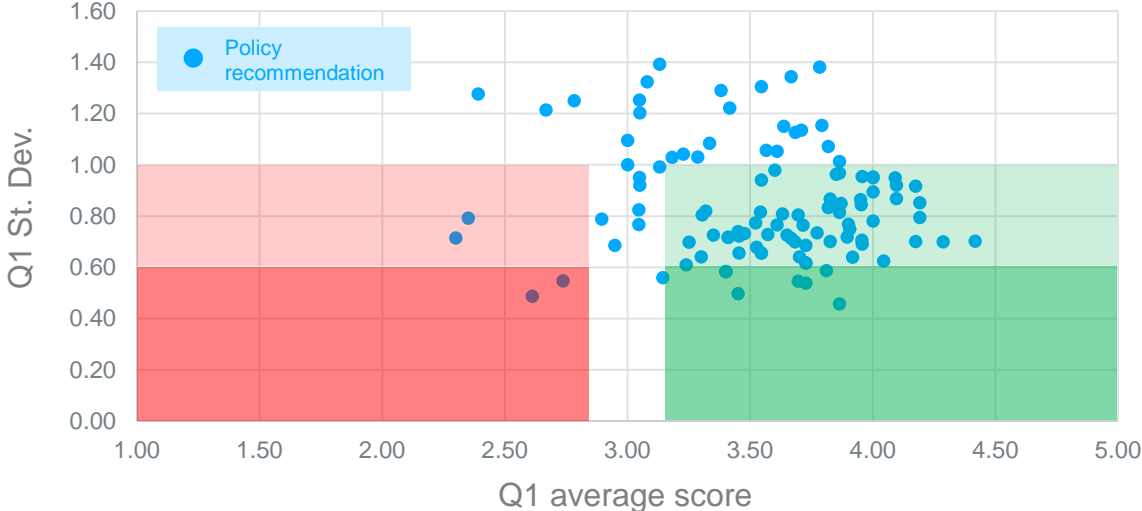
# Two methods to classify the responses from the survey

## Method 1: Focus on Q1 only

### For every policy recommendation

1. Use average (arithmetic mean) of scoring for Q1
2. Use standard deviation of scoring for Q1
3. Define 5 classes

Class	Q1 Average	Q1 St. Dev.
Strong convergence, Agree	> 3.2	< 0.6
Broad convergence, Agree	> 3.2	0.6 < X < 1
Strong convergence, Disagree	< 2.8	< 0.6
Strong convergence, Disagree	< 2.8	0.6 < X < 1
Divergence / Unclear	all other	all other

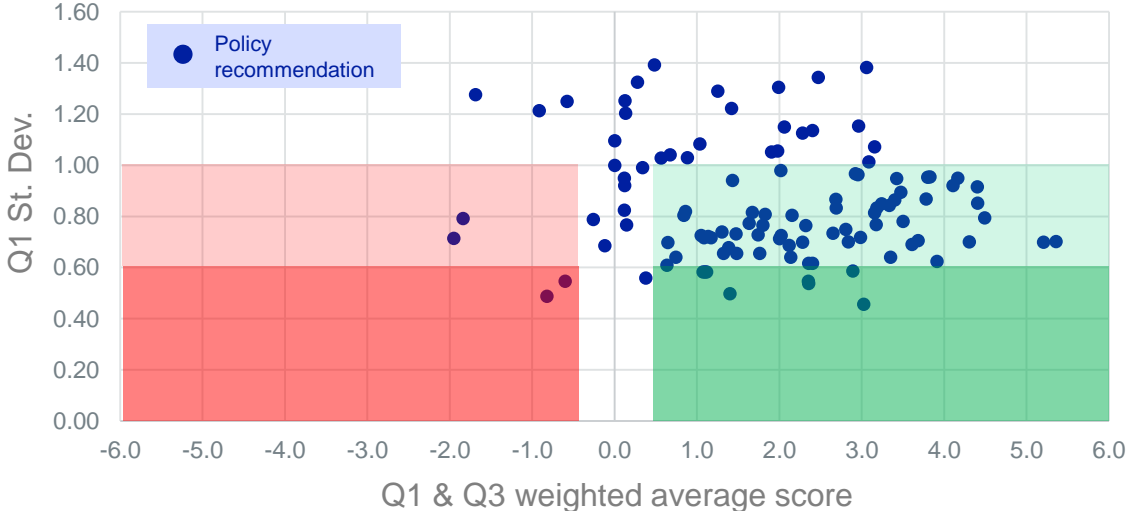


## Method 2: Focus on Q1 & Q3

### For every policy recommendation

1. Translate average (arithmetic mean) of scoring for Q1 [1, 5] to weights [-2,2]
2. Use average (arithmetic mean) of scoring for Q3
3. Multiple Q1 weight & Q3 scoring: Q1 weight [-2,2] x Q3 score [1,5] = [-10,10]
4. Use standard deviation of scoring for Q1
5. Define 5 classes

Class	Q1 & Q3 Weighted Average	Q1 St. Dev.
Strong convergence, Agree	> 0.5	< 0.6
Broad convergence, Agree	> 0.5	0.6 < X < 1
Strong convergence, Disagree	< -0.5	< 0.6
Strong convergence, Disagree	< -0.5	0.6 < X < 1
Divergence / Unclear	all other	all other



# Classification of Policy Recommendations

## Strong Convergence, Agree

Q1 Method	Q1 & Q3 Method
2.08	2.08
3.02	3.02
6.06	6.06
7.05	7.05
9.02	9.02
10.12	10.12
10.13	10.13
10.14	10.14

## Strong convergence, Disagree

Q1 Method	Q1 & Q3 Method
8.03	8.03
10.06	10.06

## Broad convergence, Agree

Q1 Method	Q1 & Q3 Method				
1.01	3.03	8.01	1.01	3.03	8.01
1.03	3.04	9.01	1.03	3.04	9.01
1.07	3.05	9.03	1.07	3.05	9.03
1.08	3.06	10.01	1.08	3.06	10.01
1.09	3.07	10.02	1.09	3.07	10.02
1.1	4.03	10.03	1.1	4.03	10.03
1.11	4.05	10.04	1.11	4.05	10.04
1.13	5.02	10.07	1.13	5.02	10.07
1.14	5.03	10.08	1.14	5.03	10.08
1.15	6.04	10.09	1.15	6.04	10.09
1.18	6.07	10.15	1.18	6.07	10.15
1.19	6.08	11.03	1.19	6.08	11.03
1.2	6.09	11.04	1.2	6.09	11.04
2.01	6.1	11.05	2.01	6.1	11.05
2.02	6.11		2.02	6.11	
2.04	7.03		2.04	7.03	
2.07	7.04		2.07	7.04	
2.09	7.06		2.09	7.06	
2.1	7.07		2.1	7.07	
2.11	7.08		2.11	7.08	
2.15	7.09		2.15	7.09	
2.17	7.1		2.17	7.1	
2.2	7.12		2.2	7.12	
2.21	7.13		2.21	7.13	
2.24			2.24		

## Broad convergence, Disagree

Q1 Method	Q1 & Q3 Method
10.1	10.1
10.11	10.11

## Divergence / Unclear

Q1 Method	Q1 & Q3 Method		
1.02	3.01	1.02	3.01
1.04	4.01	1.04	4.01
1.05	4.02	1.05	4.02
1.06	4.04	1.06	4.04
1.12	5.01	1.12	5.01
1.16	6.01	1.16	6.01
1.17	6.02	1.17	6.02
2.03	6.03	2.03	6.03
2.05	6.05	2.05	6.05
2.06	7.01	2.06	7.01
2.12	7.02	2.12	7.02
2.13	7.11	2.13	7.11
2.14	8.02	2.14	8.02
2.16	10.05	2.16	10.05
2.18	11.01	2.18	11.01
2.19	11.02	2.19	11.02
2.22		2.22	
2.23		2.23	

Participants **converged on agreeing** with 71 recommendations

Participants **converged on disagreeing** with 4 recommendations

Participants expressed **divergent opinions** on 34 recommendations



**Thank you**

