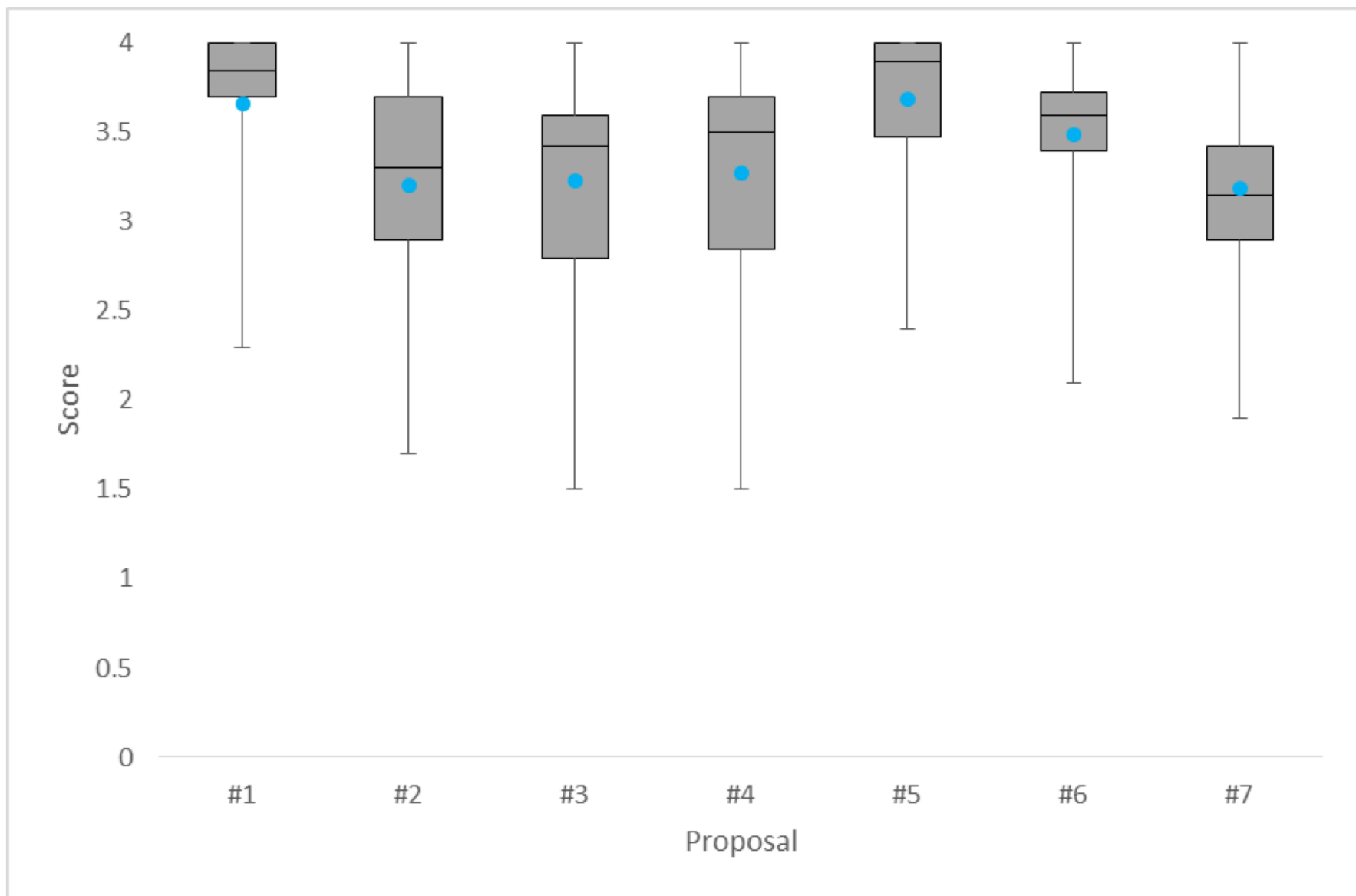


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Total Requested= \$59,500



Rankings based on mean total score: #5, #1, #6, #4, #3, #2, #7

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Total FY18 Workshop Budget= \$40,000*

Fund Top 5 Workshops = \$41,000

Possible funding increase:

- (Pending Executive Board approval), Increase total FY18 workshop budget to \$50,000
 - Fund top 6 workshops (add in #2)

Also need to consider:

- Proposed timing of workshops (Winter 2018-19)
- Staff time
- Other STAC activities – Reviews? Synthesis projects?

#3 Microplastics in the CB Watershed



- Good topic; prioritize wksp outcomes related to identifying recs for research to inform the Bay goals
- Interesting, important emerging issue with challenging science questions
- Important issue, esp. in urban areas; but are we limited by gaps in our knowledge of contaminants and impacts?
- Workshop that specifies a research agenda will be useful



- Building on 2016 STAC review:
 - Better as a lit review?
 - Value added?
 - How much new science is out there?
- Urgency?
- More detail needed on org and planning; how wksp will build on earlier report
- Absence of authors of 2016 review

#2 Multifunctional Riparian Barriers



- Important issue for meeting Program objectives, potentially linking multi-functionality with local targeting; largely mgmt oriented with science basis
- The topic is clearly important and if the wksp can help develop incentive strategies that will lead to increased implementation of riparian buffers in PA, then the payoff will be substantial
- Like the idea of engaging the farming community face to face to build relationships and understand their perspective



- Steering committee composition
 - Reps from local 'boots on the ground' organizations
 - No ag/land owner/business?
 - Economists?
 - Why graduate students?
- PA focus
- The input and participation of farmers and land managers is critical
- More planning needed to ensure executable outcomes and translate findings beyond PA
- Objectives are broad and vague
- Preliminary work required?

#7 Explaining Trends in Aquatic Conditions



- Relevance clearly laid out from the previous workshops and reports (May 2017 and Dec 2017) and support from WQGIT
- The pursuit of synergistic insights is an example of forward-thinking and a proactive approach that has been discussed as a priority for STAC
- Understanding factors affecting trends and exploring how to reduce uncertainty remains vitally important in the adaptive management process



- Proposal lacks clarity; broad goals; diverse topics; focus has wide range of interpretation; outcomes unclear; scope needs to be narrowed/focused
- Success of wksp will be heavily reliant on the background and expertise of participants; target focal areas for synthesis will be needed during planning
- Is there a clear path to accomplish goals? Right steering committee be successful?
- Several similar STAC/CBP workshops very close to this topic in the last year