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Chapter 1 : HydroSystems - State of Green

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In the first thought, the concern is the acceptance that water comprises an ecological system which is formed by a number of interdependent components. In the second one, the interactions between water, land and the environment, which involve both terrestrial and aquatic issues, are addressed. Finally, the concern is with the relationships between water and social and economic development, since availability or lack of water may be viewed as an opportunity for or a barrier against economic development. The provision of water resources management include: Jamieson and Fedra also indicate that river basin management includes all aspects such as water supply, land drainage, hydropower generation, effluent disposal, recreation and amenity. Each aspect of integrated hydrosystems management depends on and is affected by other aspects. Loucks points out "Integrated water resources systems planning and management focuses not only on the performance of individual components, but also on the performance of the entire system of components". Water policy issues, of which limited effort was made in the past to incorporate into hydrosystems models, are some of the major factors that affect integrated hydrosystems management. Grigg describes water policy as dealing with finding satisfactory ways to allocate resources to balance between diverse and competing objectives of society and the environment. He refers to "integrated water management" as blending together actions and objectives favored by different players to achieve the best total result. Mitchell states that integration in water management deals with "â€¦ problems that cut across elements of the hydrological cycle, that transcend the boundaries among water, land and environment, and that interrelate water with broader policy questions associated with regional economic development and environmental management". The policies that are needed for integrated water resources management require coordination and collaboration among governments and agencies engaged in water management Viessman, Jr. Grigg notes that improving coordination is the most promising route to the conceptual and perhaps utopian vision of integrated water management. This definition is also appealing to water resources which is just a component of the resources of a watershed. A basic principle of Total Water Management is that the supply is renewable, but limited, and should be managed on a sustainable use basis. Taking into consideration local and regional variations, Total Water Management: Encourages planning and management on a natural water systems basis through a dynamic process that adapts to changing conditions; Balances competing uses of water through efficient allocation that addresses social values, cost effectiveness, and environmental benefits and costs; Requires the participation of all units of government and stakeholders in decision-making through a process of coordination and conflict resolution; Promotes water conservation, reuse, source protection, and supply development to enhance water quality and quantity; and Fosters public health, safety, and community good will. He emphasized on what is implied by each of the important phrases used in the definition. These phrases which are apparently the central aspects of integrated hydrosystems management include society and environment, stakeholder, watershed and natural water systems, means of water management, time-wise, intergovernmental, water quality and quantity, local and regional concerns and competing uses. Integrated hydrosystems management is as much challenging as compromising between these different aspects in making decisions. The foregoing definitions and discussions indicate that integrated hydrosystems management is multi-objective. It is necessary both for economic efficiency which is measured in monetary units and for environmental quality which is measured in terms of pollutant concentration. Shortly, it balances between societal welfare and ecosystem sustainability. Types of coordination from total water management definition Grigg, Type of coordination Phrase from Total Water Management definition Discussion Effective-ness Ranking Society and environment The exercise of stewardship of water resources for the greatest good of society and the environment This statement provides a general organizing framework for balancing. It is adequately understood, but needs more explanation. A central issue of democratic government. Further progress will require more effort. A central planning and management issue. Many problems still require solution. It is not working too well. A very difficult arena. Jamieson and Fedra report

that the concept of integrated hydrosystems management has been recognized by practitioners since the early s. This perception was endorsed by the United Nations in the Dublin Statement in The history of integrated hydrosystems management on a regional basis is even less clear, because the definition of a region is often ambiguous. River basin boundaries usually differ from political boundaries. Groundwater flow has obviously never been dictated by political boundaries, and neither has the movement of atmospheric water. Furthermore, the question of the size of a region has been a challenge and will probably remain so in the near future. Vlachos poses a very important question: Defining a water resources region now appears to be driven more by the watershed approach than the other factors mentioned above. A national forum convened in January by the Conservation Fund and the National Geographic Society clearly recognized the critical need for the watershed approach for integrated hydrosystems management rather than political jurisdiction or boundaries. Furthermore, the US General Accounting Office listed the importance of the watershed approach for integrated management. Many water resources projects in the past lacked the integrated planning aspect. Hall states that throughout history, water management "systems" have been developed in a linear fashion, i. As a result, these systems have not been sufficient and effective enough. Because water has multiple and often competing uses, hydrosystems are interrelated with other physical and socio-economic systems. In some locations, when water supplies become extremely limited, its further use is based on the determination of which user has the oldest "right" to it, or on a judgment about which uses have the highest priority Hall, He also warns that unless dealt with appropriately, the forces of population growth, urbanization and increased water demands for home, industry and agriculture, coupled with an increasingly global economy and culture, will produce in the future spreading, perilous degradation of water quality everywhere, and a continuously widening gap between water needs and the availability of useful water in all too many locations. As a solution to this problem, he suggested a different approach which includes: Schultz brings into picture what the criteria for water resources management projects at present are and those criteria emerging as new ones in the future. Accordingly, the factors that have to be satisfied include: The approach which seems to become more and more dominant includes: It is evident from these comparisons that hydrosystems projects are geared towards integrated management. In a different argument, an integrated hydrosystems project needs to be evaluated on the following important factors: Technically, it must be feasible to build; economically, it must be reasonably affordable; financially, it must have source; environmentally, its effect must be mitigated with ease; and socio-politically, it must be acceptable to the public. The project can be successful if effective coordination prevails between the parties involved and if such parties are mandated to monitor clearly defined scope and regional coverage. Therefore integrated hydrosystems management is found to be a viable approach in planning efficient water resources projects. Integrated hydrosystems management makes it even easier and more efficient for such projects to succeed. In England and Wales, for example, regional water authorities whose boundaries were defined by the watersheds of the country enabled the replacement of separate water service entities with ten regional watersheds Bulkley, Computer Modeling Tools for Integrated Hydrosystems Management If the ideals of integrated hydrosystems management can be sought after, analytical tools become essential to simplify or assist in the balancing out process. Water policies need to be transformed into such forms that can be "understood" and "interpreted" using analytical tools such as computer models. Consequently, robust computer models that not only solve the problems that have analytical structure or mathematical formula but also capable of reducing and incorporating water policies into the analytical structure are required. Furthermore, these models may be required to interpret the result of the computations, give conclusions based on the result and make appropriate recommendations based on the conclusions reached. A review of the computer models for solving hydrosystems problems show that although tremendous work has been done in the past to develop such models, only a few models exist that address the overall framework of problems associated with integrated hydrosystems management. A few of the reasons may be attributable, among others, to: Most of the existing hydrosystems simulation models solve problems that can be readily expressed in a form of mathematical functions. Similarly, hydrosystems optimization models search for optimal solutions of problems defined by mathematical functions. To use such models for integrated hydrosystems problems, they must also have the capability of considering different water policies and

incorporating them into the solution. Computer modeling approaches that at least partly tried to address some of the concepts of integrated hydrosystems management are highly based on interfacing simple computer models programmed and used for the analysis of specific hydrosystems problems. At the core of some advanced computer models used for integrated hydrosystems management lie simple simulation modules, rule-based simulation modules also known sometimes as expert systems and optimization modules of hydrosystems problems. While many simulation and optimization modules have been developed and interfaced over the years by different institutions and agencies, the incorporation of rule-based simulation modules in computer models for integrated hydrosystems management appears to have emerged as a sound approach recently. By incorporating rule-based simulation modules, it has become easier to manage decisions that involve several factors and water policies. The following section discusses some of the computer models that emerged in the US over the past few decades for the simulation of various types of hydrosystems problems. Real time event hydrologic models are discussed in this Section and subsection 3. Development of Hydrosystems Simulation Models In the advancement of information technology, hydrosystems simulation models have generally gone through an evolutionary process. Figure 1 depicts the evolution of hydrosystems models as classified into five generations derived from the explanation given by Jamieson and Fedra, One may draw an analogy between the coming into being of these codes and the transition of computation methods from using the slide rule to scientific calculators. In both cases, similar jobs are done but the new method highly reduced the time required for numerical computations. The fifth generation of models are embodied with artificial intelligence that not only perform analytical computations but also draw some preliminary conclusions and recommend appropriate actions. Taxonomy of Hydrosystems Simulation Models Over the past few decades, water resources professionals have witnessed the development of quite a number of hydrosystems simulation models. Wurbs points out that a tremendous amount of work has been accomplished during the past three decades in developing computer models for use in water resources planning and management. The majority of these models, perhaps most of the earliest computer models to be developed for water resources problems, may be viewed as simulation models. A taxonomy of some of the popular hydrosystems simulation models in the US are summarized in Table 2. Taxonomy of some of the most popular hydrosystems simulation models in the US.

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