Optimization and Depletion Potential

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How do wells interact with streams?





Original System



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interception



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diversion



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induced infiltration



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interception diversion induced infiltration









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Calculating Depletion Potential





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Since both have units of flow, express as a ratio

 $\frac{\Delta Qstream}{\Delta Qwell} \times Qwell = \text{predicted depletion}$





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Using Depletion Potential to Evaluate Streamflow and Pumping Changes





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Constrained Optimization

Can we *minimize* reduction in pumping meeting the *constraint* of the public rights streamflow condition?





Use *k*-means clustering on location and depletion potential to define management groups: 20 Groups



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Scenario	Total Pumping Reduction
All wells equal reduction	30%
Maximum reduction per well 35%	26%
Maximum reduction per well 100%	20%

GWM Results:

20 Clusters with non-irrigation separated out





