

## ***Interactive comment on “The seven rules for hydrologists and other researchers wanting to contribute to the water management practice” by E. Mostert and G. T. Raadgever***

### **Anonymous Referee #4**

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The paper on (The seven rules for hydrologists and other researchers wanting to contribute to the water management practice) is well written, includes rich reference to the literature, and interesting to read.

The main point strikes a reader from the hydrology field is, what is the explicit link to hydrology as given in the title? The given rules are applicable to hydrology and equally well to other sciences; medical sciences or engineering. It could have been more interesting for the HESS (Hydrology and earth System Sciences) readers - as recommended in p857- to specifically test these rules against one or two case studies from hydrology, in particular, as the authors were already involved in such projects.

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This could be possible by shortening the general discussions and insert case specific results and discussions.

Hydrology as a science is to a large extent technical (or technological), i.e., includes measurements and computations to provide information and boundary conditions for other management type of sciences such as water management, hydraulic design, etc. So, the given rules might be more relevant to water resources managers, design engineers, and the like than to the hydrologists.

Section 3, p548-549; is unnecessary long including detailed description of how to do stakeholders mapping and analysis.

The structure of the paper differs from the (conventional) style of a research article. It looks more like a lecture note. It would have been easier for the review if structure reflects: research problem/question/hypothesis; methodology or research approach; discussions and conclusions.

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