

Interactive comment on “Proximate and underlying drivers of socio-hydrologic change in the upper Arkavathy watershed, India” by Veena Srinivasan et al.

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This manuscript synthesizes new conceptual thinking, extensive empirical data collection, socio-hydrologic model development, consideration of drivers of changes, and makes well-substantiated conclusions.

I am attaching an annotated version of the manuscript with detailed comments. My regrets for the delay beyond the requested date for referee comments.

What makes this paper unique in the emerging field of socio-hydrology is the rigorous testing of hypotheses using meticulously collected multi-methods data.

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I believe the governance and policy discussions could be strengthened; however, for HESS readership, I consider these sections to be appropriated.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<https://www.hydrol-earth-syst-sci-discuss.net/hess-2017-543/hess-2017-543-RC3-supplement.pdf>

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