

Interactive comment on “Values in water management” by Erik Mostert

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I found this article to be well written, interesting, with a clear structure and persuasive arguments. Much of the work discussed in this article was unknown to me and I expect to be unknown to most water readers - in this sense I think it could be a useful review type paper. However, most prominently it doesn't really talk all that much about water. I am persuaded that value theory and its methods might be useful, but very little of the article discusses how it has been/could be applied to water management. I think more needs to be done to link these ideas to water if this work could constitute a HESS review or research article. For example, I see in the references that many cited works are water-based studies, can the author discuss the water relevant specifics of these in more detail? Could water management inspired examples for Table 1 and 2 be given?

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