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Groundwater Management – It's not just about Overdraft

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Guiding Concept for our Water Work

Water Supply for Nature is Most Dependable if Needs of our Communities, Cities and Farms are Stable and Reliable

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Surface Water

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Groundwater and Surface Water Connected

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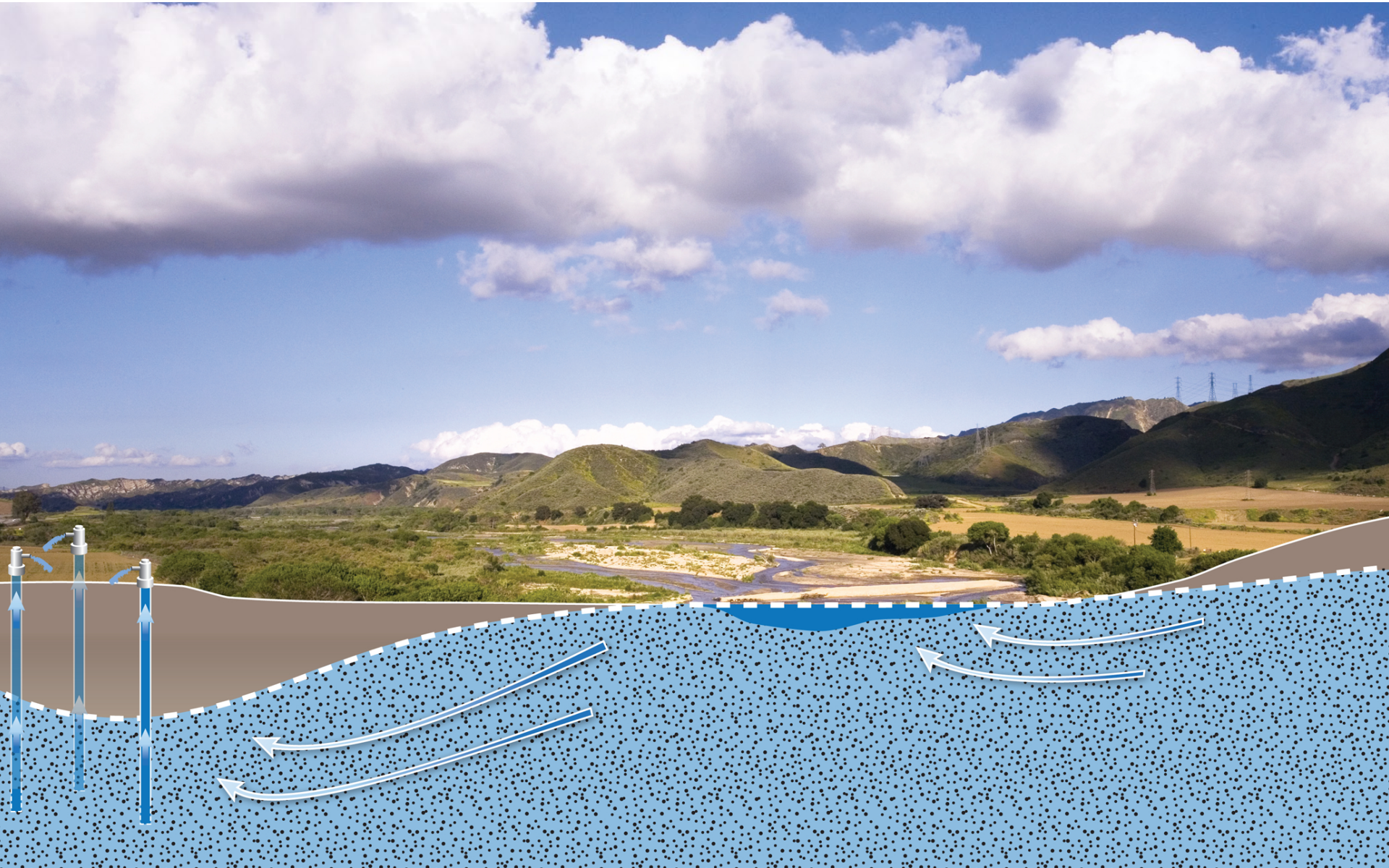
Pumping Eventually Means Less Stream Flow



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Overdraft
Avoid It Where We Can

Overdraft = Groundwater Levels Getting Lower

Pumping > Recharge

(Over an Extended Time)

<u>To Stop Overdraft</u>

1. Reduce Pumping
2. Increase Recharge

<u>To Avoid Overdraft</u>

- Proactively Manage
- Maintain:

  Pumping = Recharge

  (Over the long term)

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Not Just About Overdraft

We Need Proactive Groundwater Management to

- Halt or Avoid Overdraft and Subsidence
- Halt or Avoid Sea Water Intrusion
- **Protect Stream Flows for Fish**
- **Protect Surface Water Supplies**
- **Support Riparian Habitat**
- **Protect Drinking Water Quality**
- **Facilitate Conjunctive Use**
- **Support Groundwater Storage**
- **Allow True Integrated Water Management**

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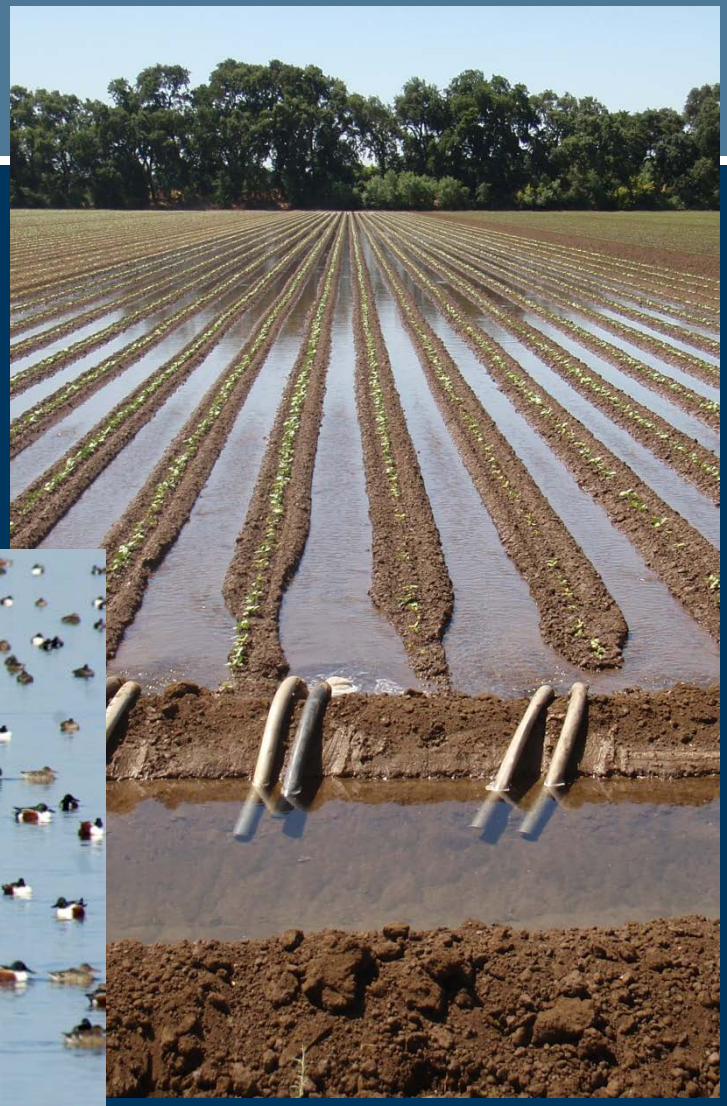
Sustainable Balance



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Stopping (or Avoiding) Overdraft

Either Way Requires Proactive Management

- Understanding the Whole Water Balance
  - Groundwater Level Monitoring
  - Understand and Manage the Pumping
  - Understand and Manage the Recharge
- Not Just Groundwater
- Groundwater AND Surface Water

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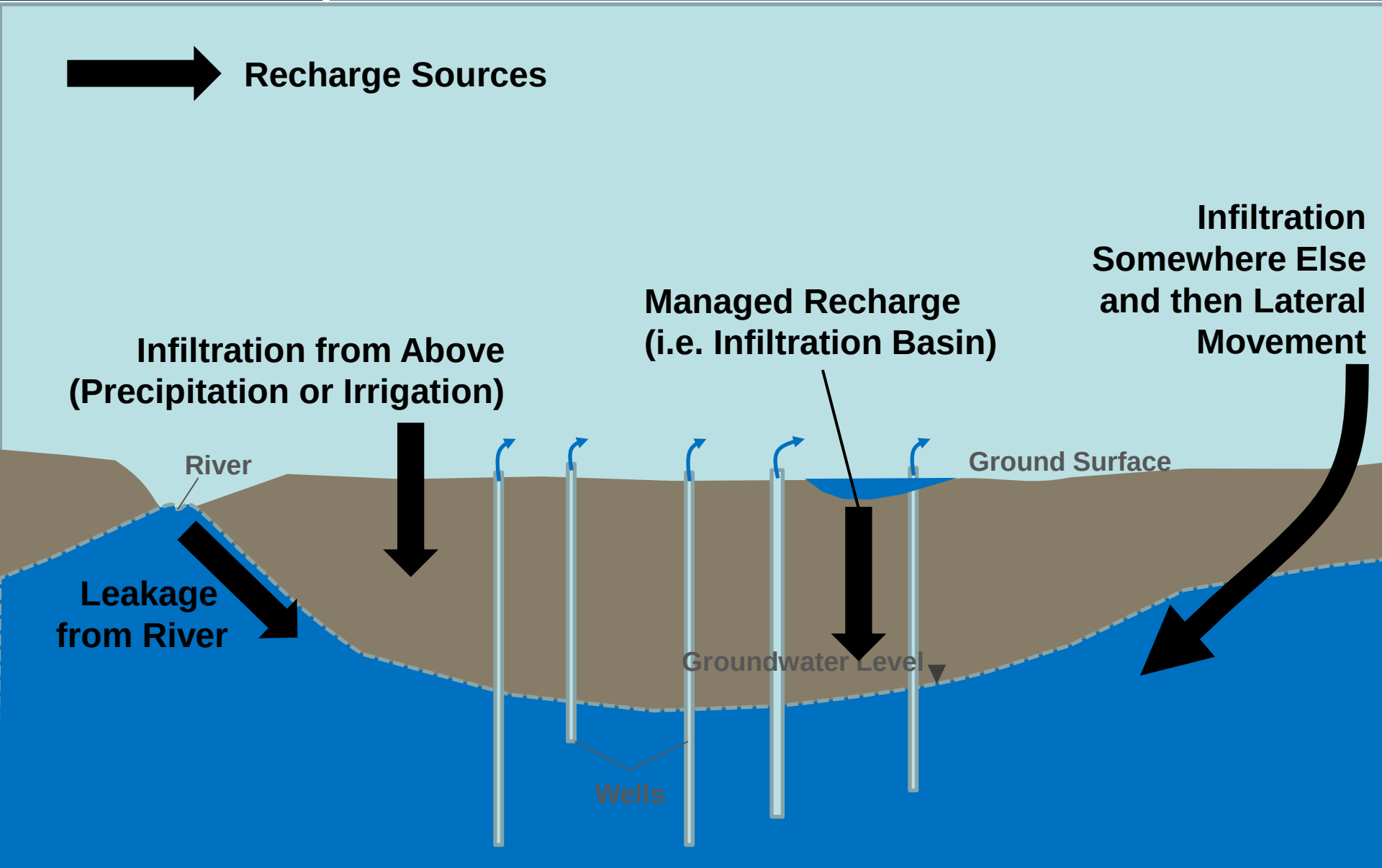
Sources of Recharge



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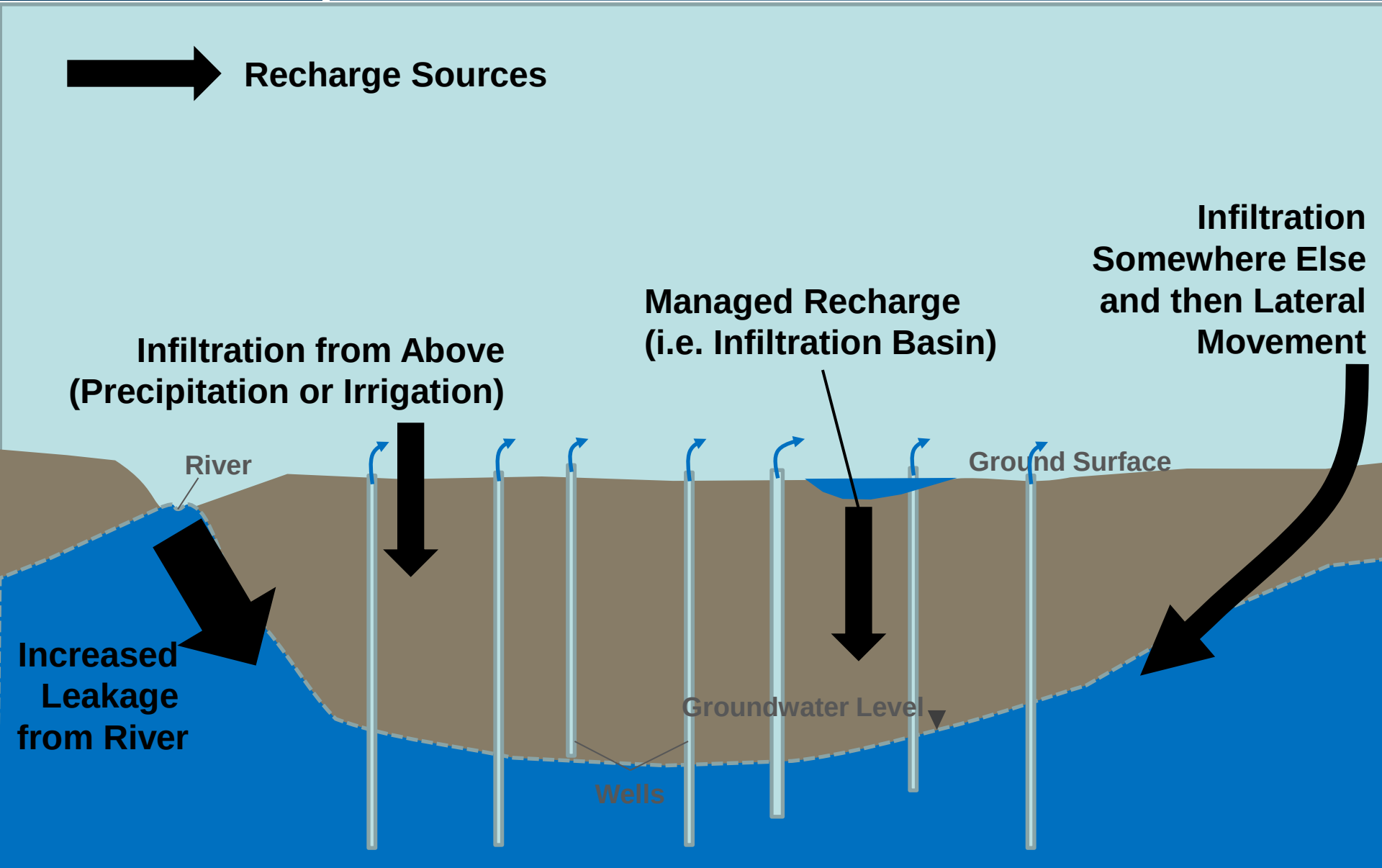

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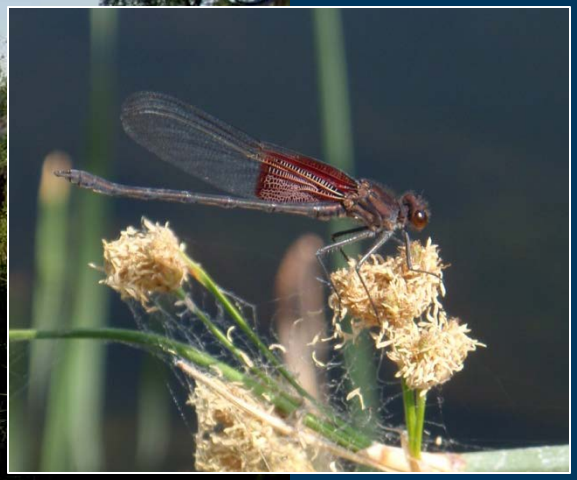

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The Nature Conservancy's Water Program
Sustainable Water for People and Nature

Solutions for
Ecosystems
Must work for People