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### Abstract

The accurate estimation of aquifer recharge is essential for the sustainable utilization of groundwater resources. This task is particularly challenging for large watersheds where the definition of the surface-subsurface system parameters is associated with high level of uncertainty. In this paper a water flow model, based on the coupling of the HYDRUS and MODFLOW computer programs, is developed for the Konya closed basin, one of the major agricultural regions of Turkey. Groundwater levels in the semiarid basin have experienced rapid decline in recent years due to excessive over exploitation. The problem is exacerbated by the large number of unregulated groundwater extraction wells, estimated to exceed 70,000 in number, rendering the estimation of actual groundwater extraction rates highly uncertain. The regional model, covering an area of about 62,000 km<sup>2</sup>, simulates unsaturated vertical flow through the vadose zone and groundwater flow through the underlying aquifer system. The model combines data collected at different scales including point groundwater level data, meteorological data and pumping test data, as well as land use, surface topography and water content (GRACE) satellite data. To better define the precipitation spatial distribution, cokriging of precipitation and topography data was used. Groundwater extraction data were estimated based on historical agricultural yields and crop water demands. Historical groundwater level data were used as the main calibration parameter. Results show that the model was able to reproduce the observed groundwater level trends of the past 2 decades. Recharge areas are mostly located in the higher elevation regions of the basin with water flowing towards the central portions of the plain where intensive irrigation is located. The modeling results underscore the impacts of the expansion of irrigated lands and the switch to more water-demanding crops on the basin's overall water deficits.

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