


Groundwater & Ecosystem Services

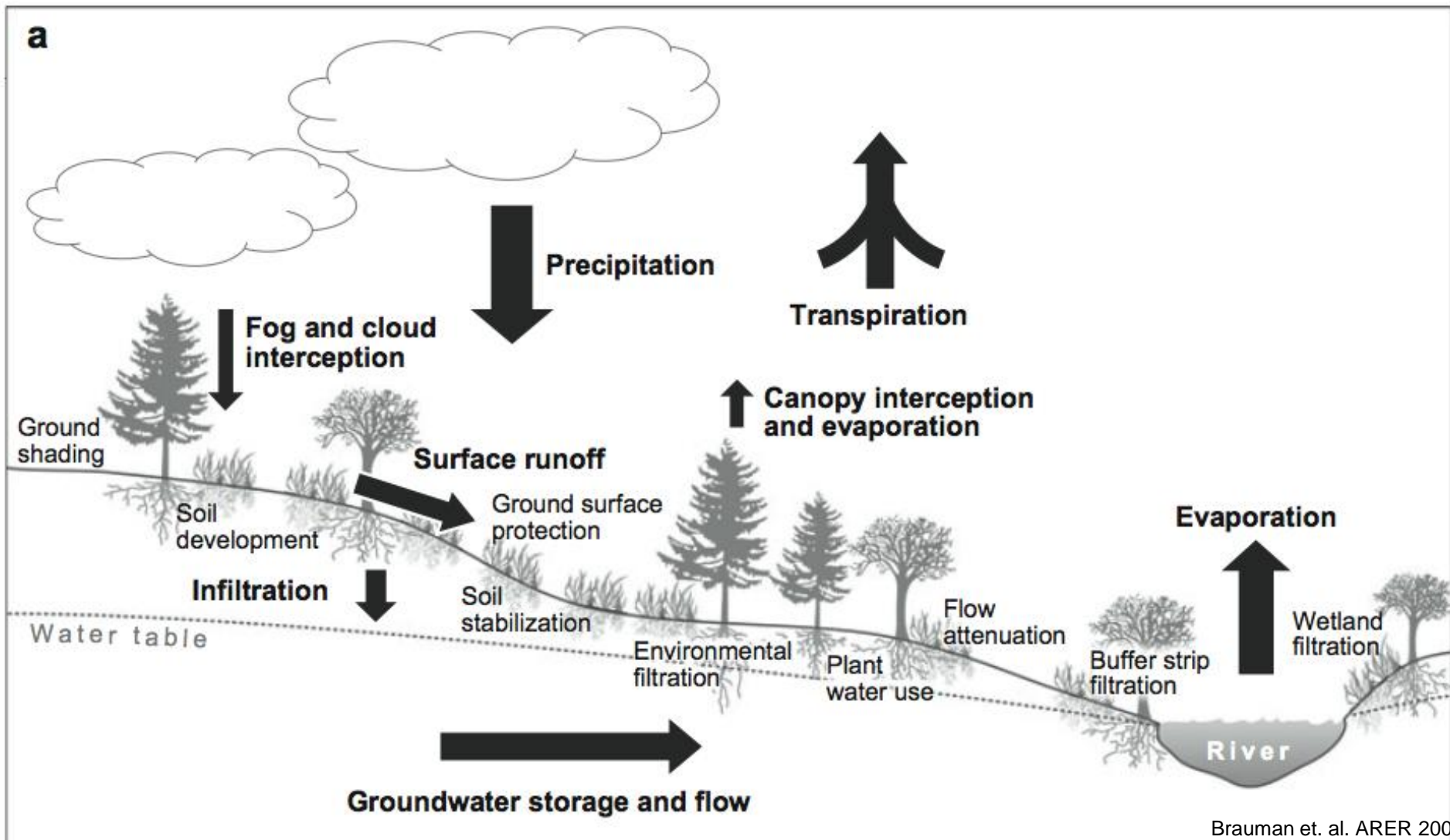


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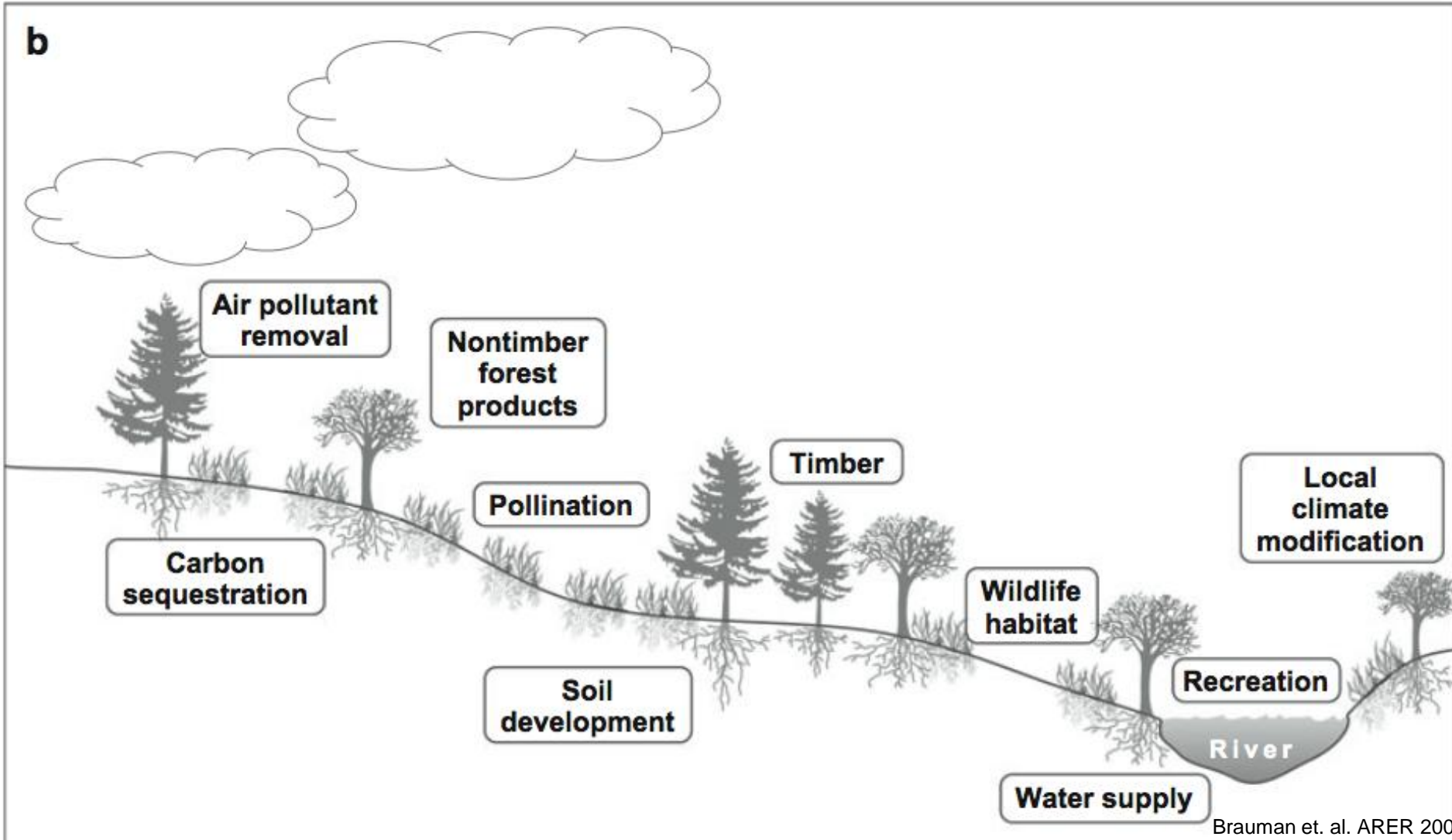
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Ecohydrologic Processes



Desired Outcomes = Watershed Ecosystem Services

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Ecosystem Services in Hawai'i



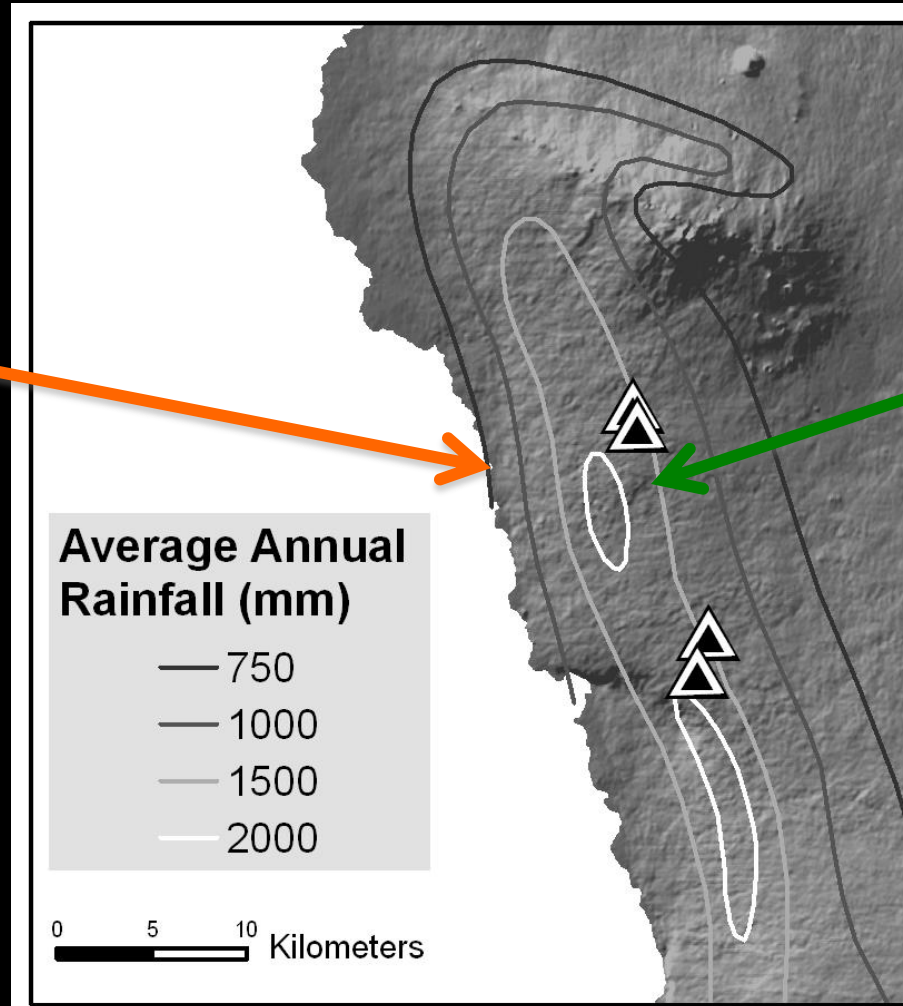
Water Flow in Kona



Coast:
Water Use



Upland:
Water Source



Plausible Land Use Transitions

Pasture to
Timber

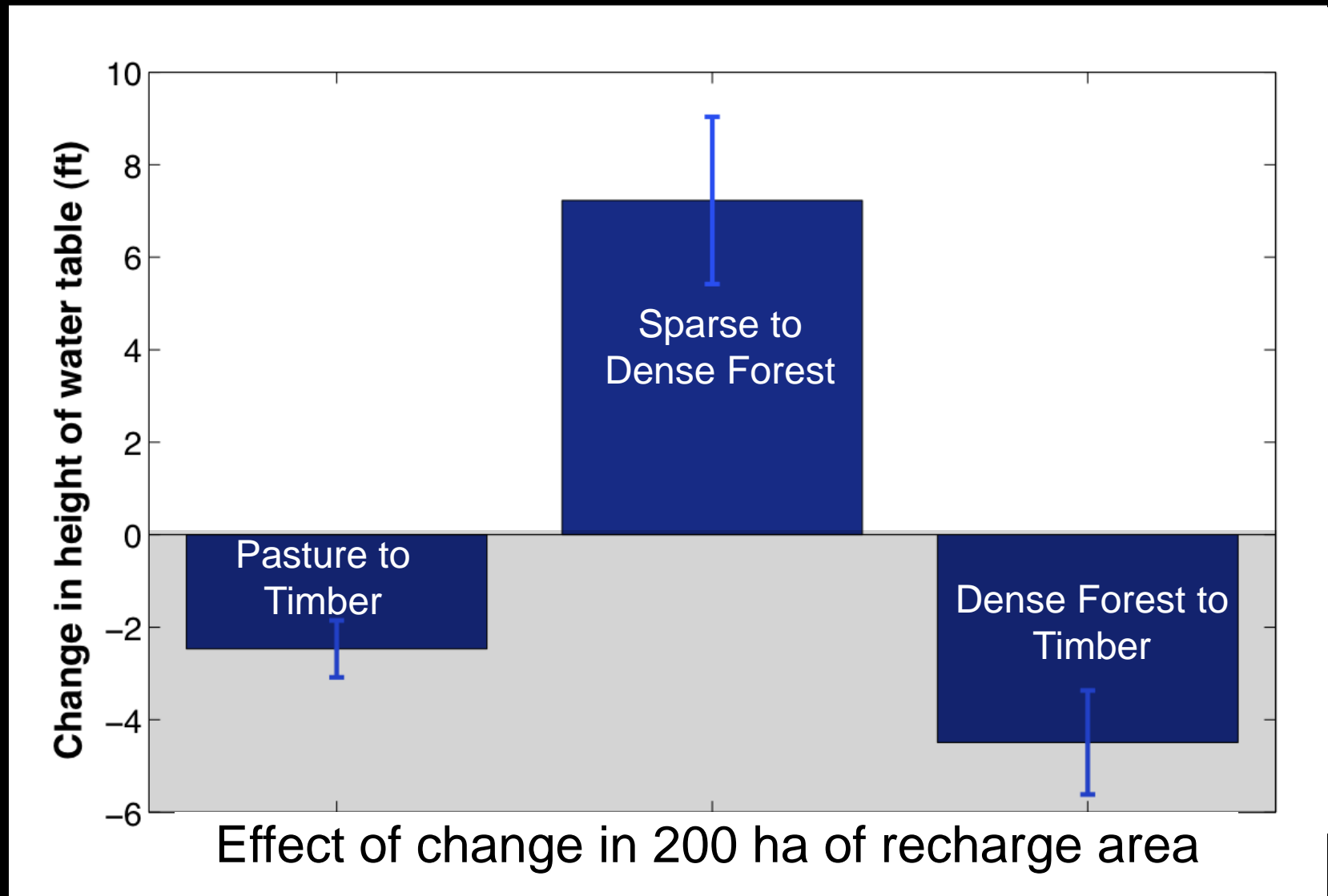
Sparse to Dense
Forest

Dense Forest to
Timber



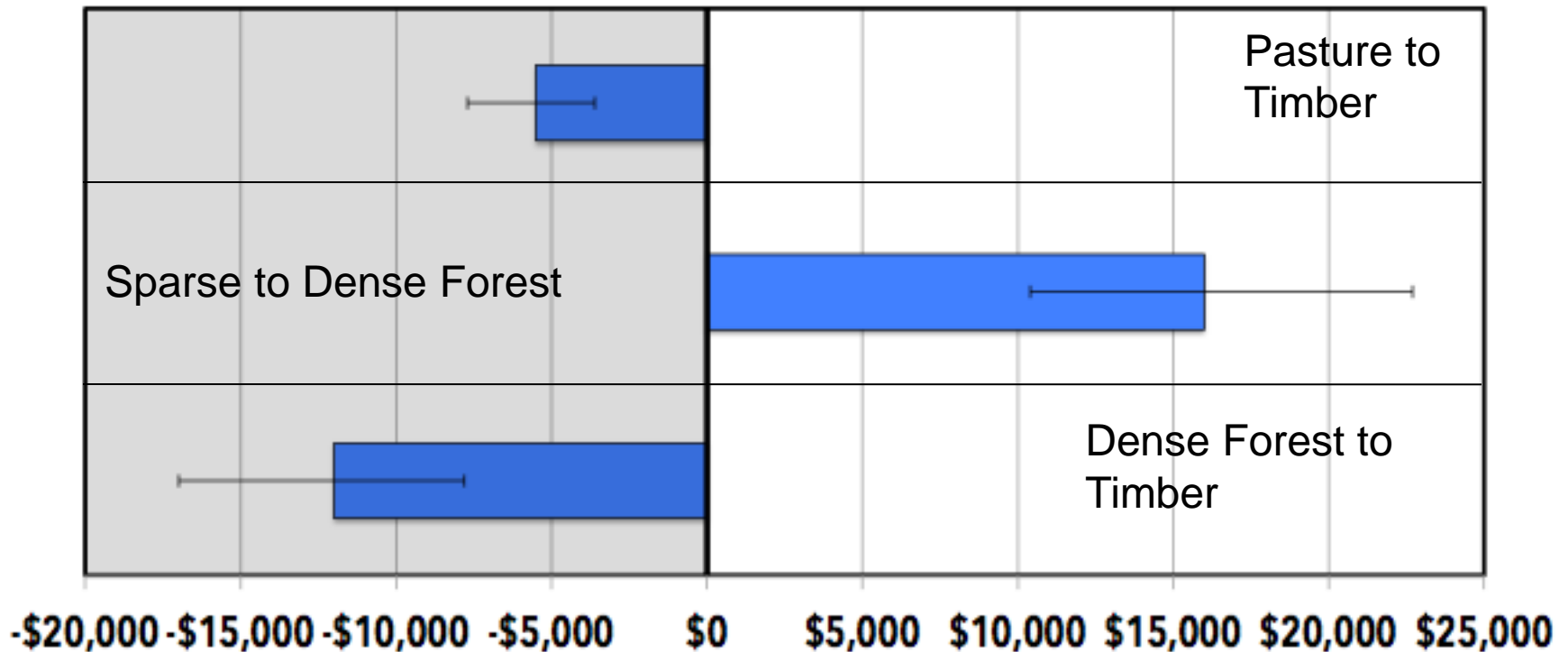
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Land Use Change Affects Aquifer Height



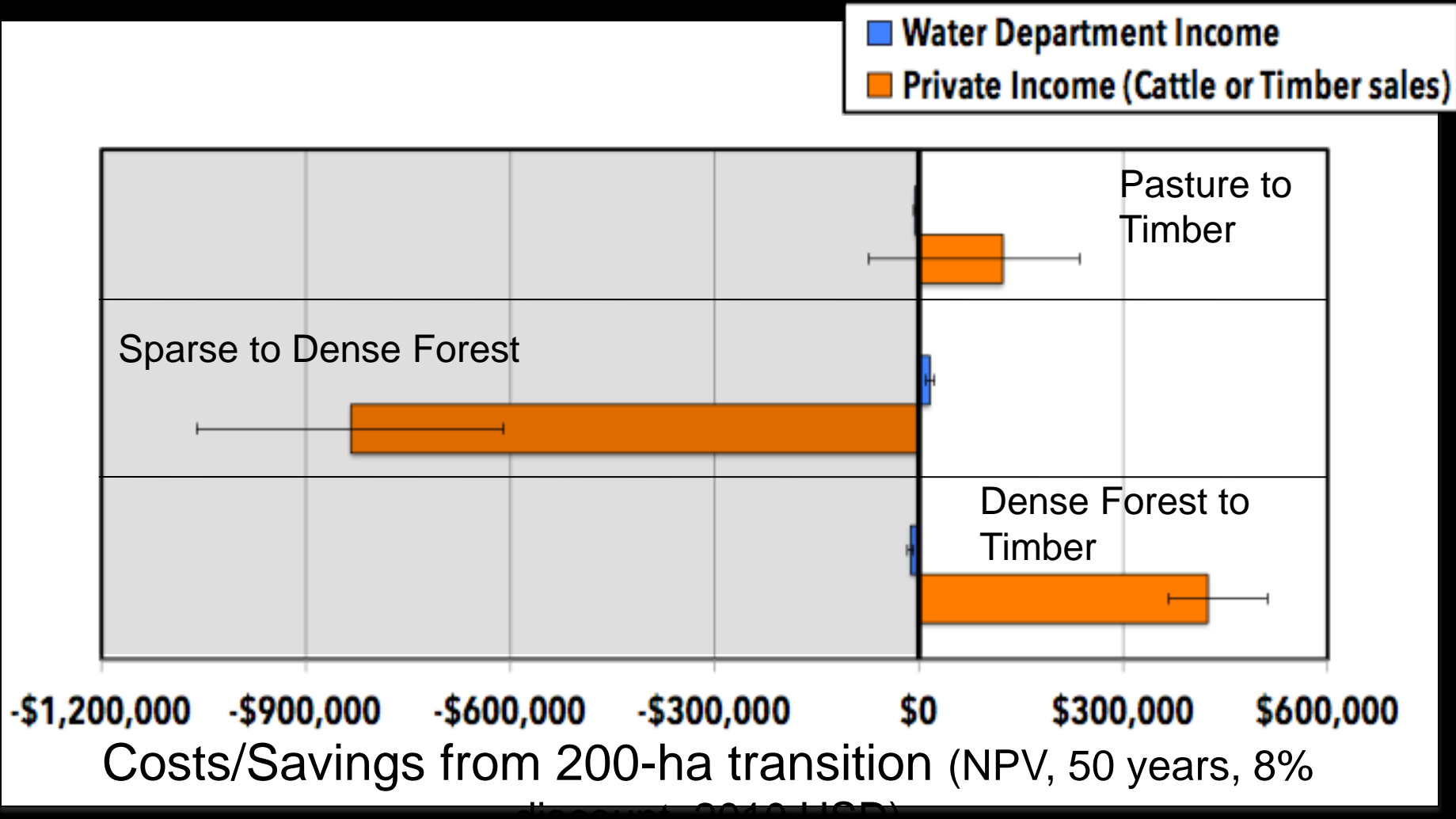
Δ Aquifer Height = Δ Pumping Cost

Change in Income to Water Department (one well, continued operations)

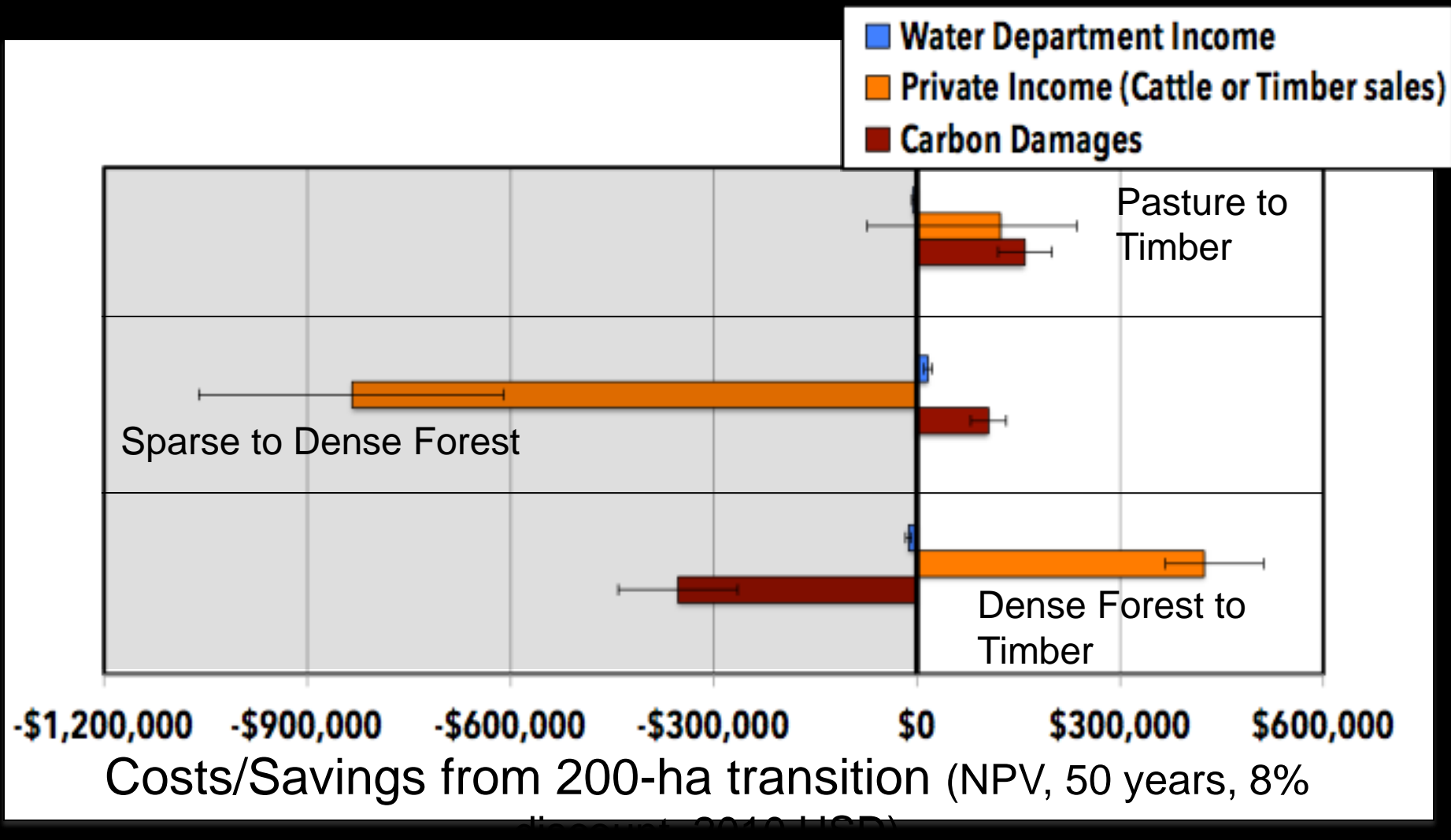


Costs/Savings from 200-ha transition (NPV, 50 years, 8% discount, 2010 USD)

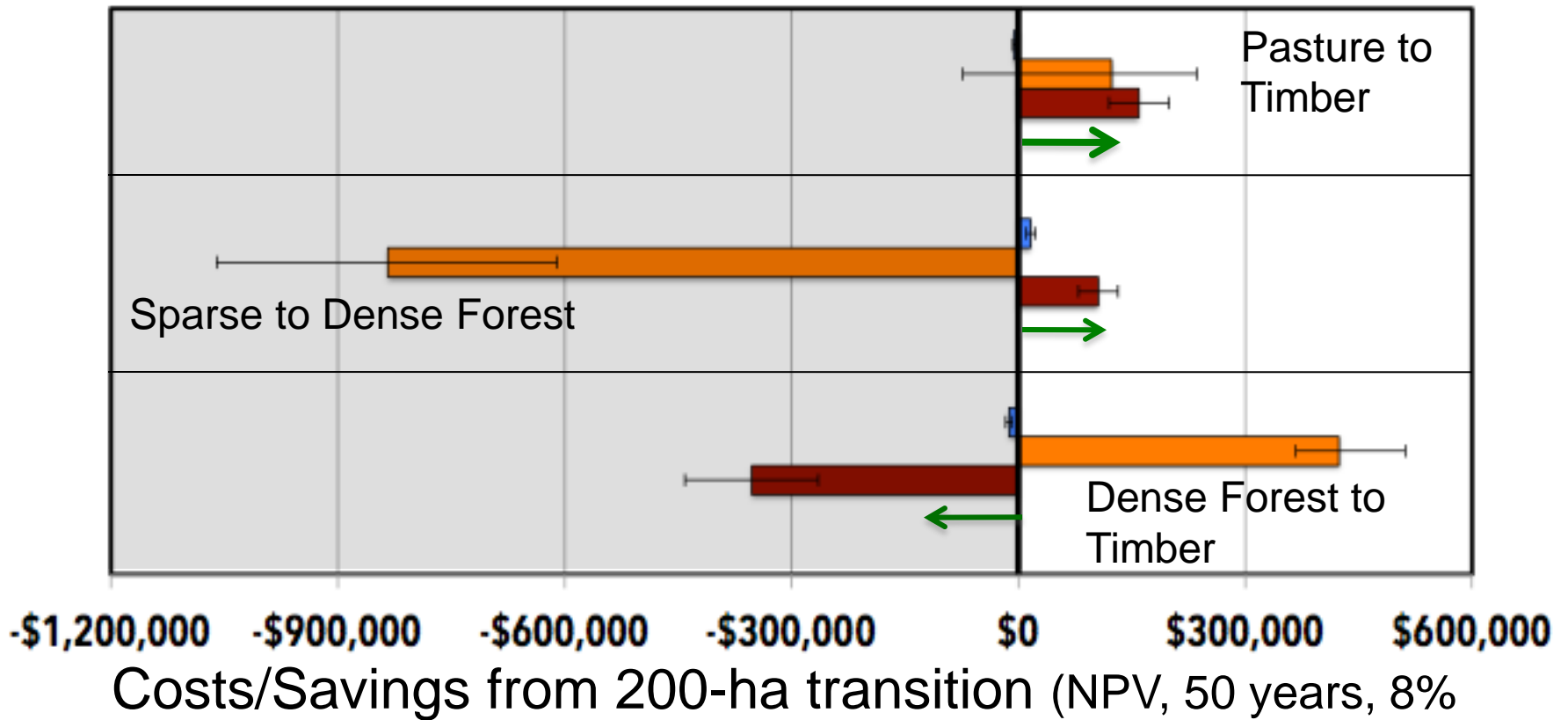
Private Costs/Benefits > Impact to Water



Many Services are Affected



- Water Department Income
- Private Income (Cattle or Timber sales)
- Carbon Damages
- Biodiversity



Framework for evaluating multi-dimensional water resource tradeoffs



- ecosystem services define question
- change ~ explicit baselines
- connect biophysical to value-able service