

# Review of: "Promoting Pro-Environmental Behavior for Sustainable Water Resource Management: A Social Exchange Perspective"

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This manuscript provides a comprehensive review on the social dilemma, and key factors contributing to the 'tragedy of the commons' in water resources management. Dominated by the natural-sciences focused and engineering-based approaches in water management, this is a timely and much needed research in highlighting the need for not only formal government regulations, but also the informal social institutions such as social value orientations, incentives, knowledge and education in contributing to sustainable water management. However, I believe that the manuscript will benefit from more critical analysis on the extent to which these informal social institutions have been incorporated in current water management practices by adding a few case studies, and a more detailed method section specify the sources of documents analyzed.