WATER USE AND BANKING IN THE TUCSON BASIN

October workshop: questions & knowledge gaps

Groundwater credit systems: impacts on present and future water use budget?

How changes and socioeconomic structure can affect water demand?

 Spatial information on groundwater level in relation to biodiversity hotspots

Overall research question

Which are main uncertainties and potential impacts of the water banking system on the present and future dynamics of water use and biodiversity in the Tucson Basin?

Expected results

 Water budget evolution and main socio-economic explaining factors: demography, economic sectors, water price

GW credits system operation as a water market –
an analysis in space and time

 Spatial analysis of wells inventory and biodiversity hotspots