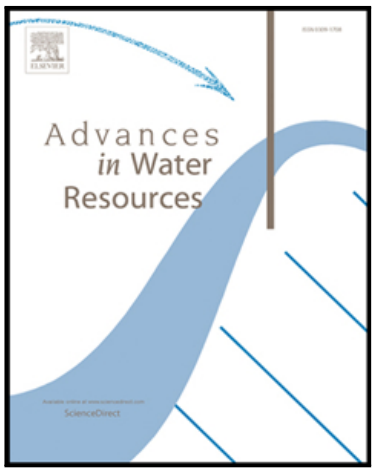

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Highlights

- An index to assess the environmental cost of surface water withdrawals is presented
- A method to examine the environmental cost of any consumption pattern is proposed
- The index highlights regions more environmentally vulnerable to water withdrawals