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Dear Editor Barreteau

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I am writing to submit the revised version of our manuscript entitled “Quantifying the Effects of Institutional Shifts on Water Governance in the Yellow River Basin: A Social-ecological System Perspective” originally submitted to Journal of Hydrology (#HYDROL52368). We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to revise our manuscript and for the constructive comments from the reviewers which have been instrumental in enhancing the quality of our paper.

Following the guidance provided, we have meticulously revised the manuscript, paying particular attention to the clarity of the methodological section as suggested. We have addressed all the concerns raised by Reviewer 1, including the accurate representation of mathematical equations and the logical sequence of our methodology.

Enclosed, please find the revised manuscript, marked-up copy highlighting the changes, and a detailed response to reviewers’ comments. We kindly request that you consider our manuscript for publication in Journal of Hydrology.

Thank you once again for considering our work. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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