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Transparency of Information on the Water Basin Committees Plenums in the Sao Paulo Macrometropolis, Brazil

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Abstract Text:

The Sao Paulo Macrometropolis (SPMM) is the most important urban agglomeration in Brazil and includes more than 170 municipalities (including the Sao Paulo Metropolitan Region) and more than 33,6 million inhabitants. Recently (2014-2015) the SPMM faced a severe water crisis. This region presents complexity of water resources management, and there are eight Water Resource Management Units (UGRH) completely or partially in the area of the SPMM. The National Water Law in Brazil was created in 1997, incorporating modern water resources management principles and creating the "Water basin committees", which incorporate civil society actors on decision making. The transparency of information on water resources management are one of the fundamental conditions for achieving good water governance, along with promoting participation, inclusion, accountability, predictability and responsiveness. Considering the importance of the transparency of information on water resources management, we aim to evaluate whether the plenum's minutes of the Water Basin Committees that are part of the SPMM are made available publicly on the Portal SigRH - Integrated System of Water Resources Management of the State of Sao Paulo. Considering the plenum's minutes encountered, we also aim to identify the most discussed subjects in plenary sessions using text mining methods.

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