

BACKGROUND

This project explores the human dimensions of agricultural water management, how it is managed and governed, and the conflicts that arise. The goal of this project is to identify opportunities to foster better collaboration, such that producers can pursue sustainable and secure livelihoods while also attending to environmental concerns.

To be successful, this project engages earnestly with stakeholders in all aspects of the topic, including producers, landowners, watershed associations and stewardship groups, provincial authorities, and numerous interested NGOs.

OBJECTIVES

Develop new knowledge on how people govern agricultural water management by:

- Investigating the different human dimensions of agricultural water management in the prairies.
- Exploring how conflict and collaboration influence people's ability to govern resources differently.

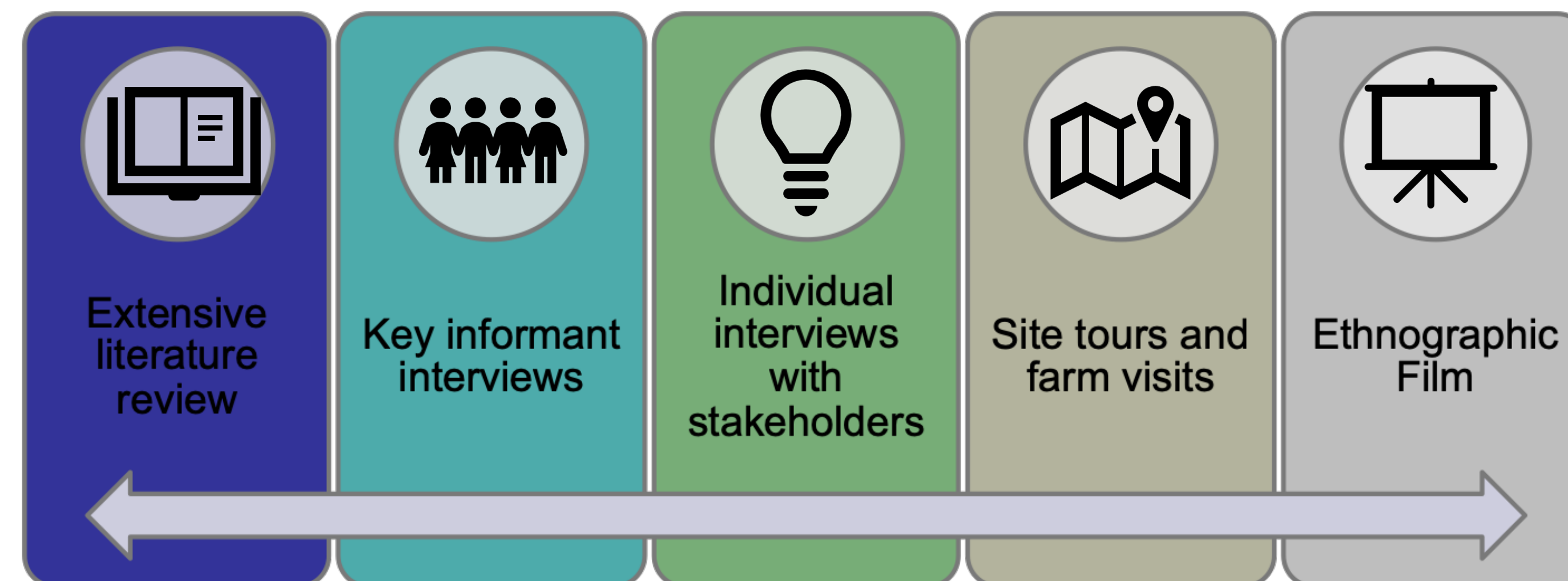
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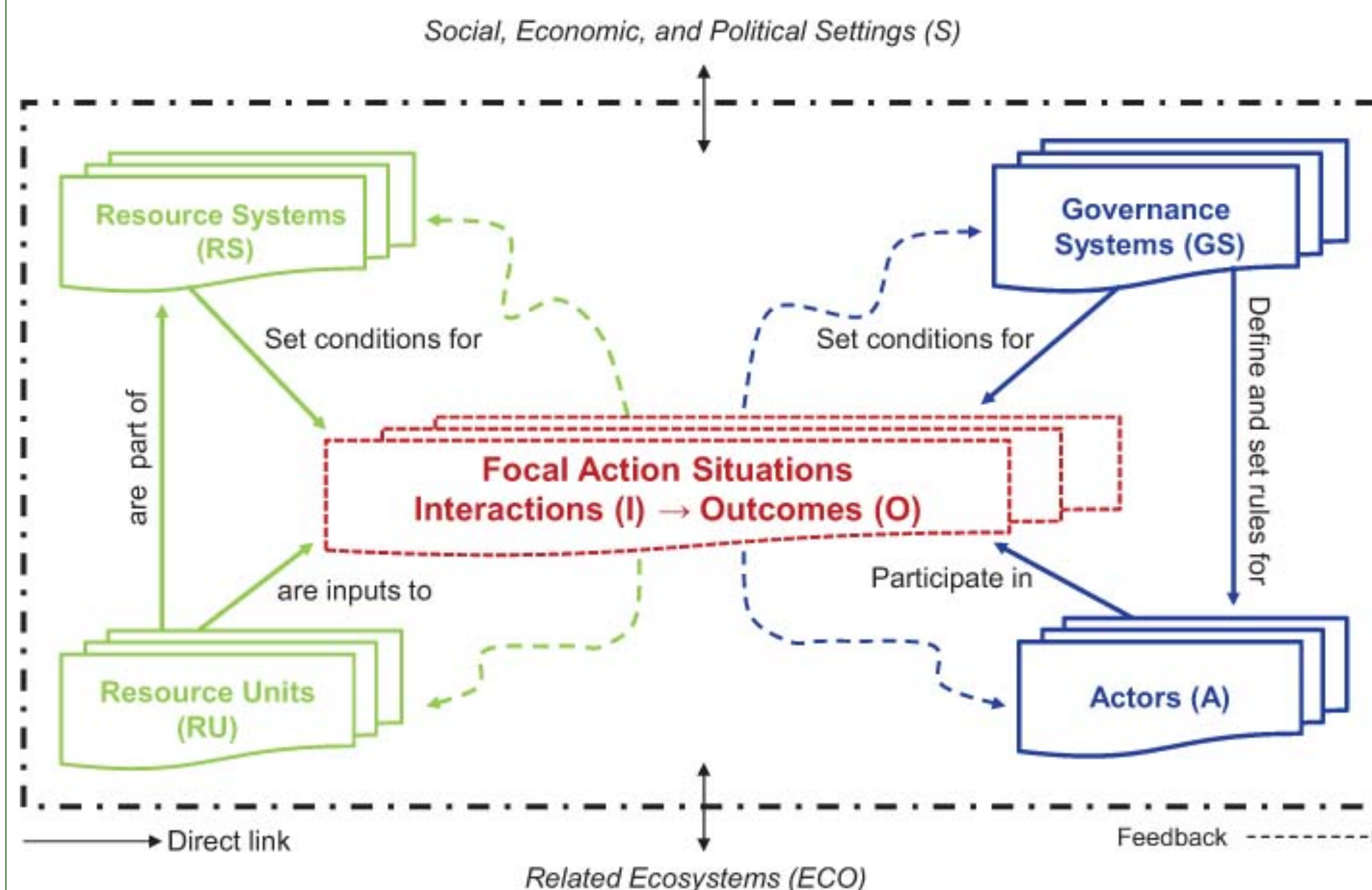
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METHODS



CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



The Social-Ecological Systems Framework (Ostrom, 2009; Epstein et al., 2013)

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PROGRESS TO DATE

- Literature Review
- Field work
 - Since summer 2018 we have interviewed 34 diverse stakeholders.
 - Interviews have focused on context setting and 3 case studies (Atwater-Kaposvar, Dry Lake, and Black Bird Creek).
- Publications
 - Knowledge Brief: *Agricultural Drainage* (Norris, 2018).
 - Academic article: *When a Water Problem Is More Than a Water Problem: Fragmentation, Framing, and the Case of Agricultural Wetland Drainage* (Breen, Loring & Baulch, 2018).
 - Op-Ed: *Stoking conflict between farming and conservation hurts everyone* (Loring, Gaspard & Minnes, 2019).

