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The impact of climate change in meeting water demands in the Chira-Piura basins, Peru

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The attention of water demands in the Chira-Piura's basins has been affected as a consequence of water scarcity problems and variability of water resources that characterize to this region. The Poechos reservoir located in the central area of the Chira's basin has increased the water supply in order to meet both basins demands. In the long term, these problems may be intensified under climate change scenarios. In this context, the present study evaluates the impact of climate change in meeting water demands for consumptive uses in the system Chira-Piura. The results show a slight increase of water availability in the Piura's basin and a reduction of water availability in the Chira's basin. Taking into consideration the connection between these basins through the reservoir, the current water scarcity problems in both basins can be intensified under climate change scenarios, in spite of the water resources increase in Piura's basin.

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