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This research project aims to develop a methodology for integrated hydraulic works and water resources management by coupling mathematical modeling hydrological, hydro operation, climate change and economic models of environmental and social costs, in order to suggest ways making balanced decisions. The methodology takes into account both the requirements of the criteria governing an investment plan, and social welfare and rational management practices in a watershed.