

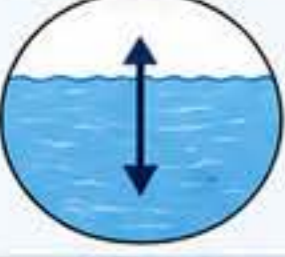




Why Governance Matters as Much as Geology

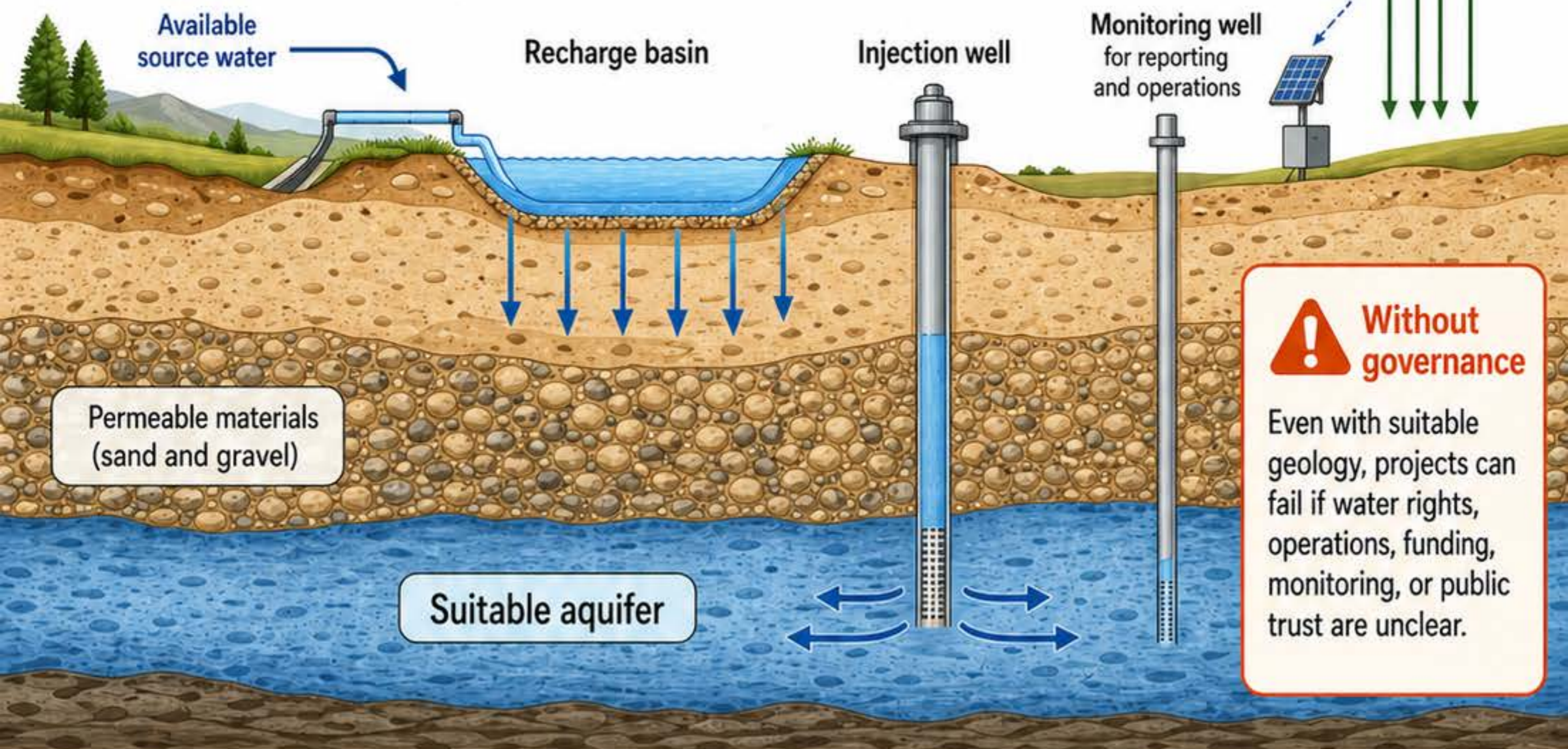
Managed aquifer recharge (MAR) depends on both subsurface conditions and human systems: rules, funding, water rights, monitoring, operations, accountability, and public trust.

Geology makes recharge possible

-  Suitable aquifer
-  Permeable materials
-  Storage capacity
-  Recoverable water
-  Available source water

Governance makes recharge workable

-  Water rights
-  Operating rules
-  Funding and maintenance
-  Monitoring and reporting
-  Public trust
-  Agency coordination



Policy takeaway: Geology determines whether recharge can work; governance determines whether it will work over time.