

Table 1. Soil water terminology.

Type	Source	Destination
Osmotic	Pool of pure water at specified elevation and atmospheric pressure	Pool identical to the source pool but containing soil solution
Gravitational	Pool of soil solution at specified elevation and atmospheric pressure	Pool identical to the source pool but at the elevation of the point under consideration
Matric (above water table)	Pool of soil solution at the elevation and external air pressure of the point under consideration	Soil water at the point under consideration (above water table)
Hydrostatic (below water table)		Soil water at the point under consideration (below water table)
Air	External air pressure (atmospheric) at the elevation of the point under consideration	Soil air at the point under consideration.