## Identifying a Transition Climate Zone in an Arid River Basin using a Hydrological Drought Index 2

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Table S1. Mann-Kendall trends from 1980 to 2010 of simulated temperature (*T*), precipitation (*P*), and actual evapotranspiration (*AET*) and observed temperature ( $T_{obs}$ ), precipitation ( $P_{obs}$ ). The bold and italic numbers are significant at p<0.01 and p<0.05, respectively.

Variable	Upper	Middle	Lower
T(°C)	0.4	0.4	0.4
P (%)	53.0	63.7	47.9
AET (%)	21.4	16.6	27.1
T <sub>obs</sub> (oC)	1.9	2.0	0.7
$P_{obs}$ (%)	-10.7	74.6	62.5



Figure S1. Spatial distributions of simulated air temperature (T,  $^{\circ}$ C) averaged over 1980-2010.





Figure S2. Spatial distributions of simulated precipitation (*P*, mm/d) averaged over 19802010.





Figure S3. Spatial distributions of simulated actual evapotranspiration (*AET*, mm/d) averaged
over 1980-2010.

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Figure S4. Seasonal variations of simulated air temperature (T,  $^{\circ}$ C), precipitation (P, mm/d), and actual evapotranspiration (*AET*, mm/d) in three basin reaches averaged over 1980-2010.



Figure S5. Inter-annual variations of simulated air temperature (T,  $^{\circ}C$ ), precipitation (P,

mm/d), and actual evapotranspiration (*AET*, mm/d) in three basin reaches over 1980-2010.





Figure S6. Inter-annual variations of observed air temperature ( $T_{obs}$ ,  $^{o}C$ ) and precipitation ( $P_{obs}$ , mm/d) in three basin reaches over 1980-2010.



Figure S7. Seasonal variations of simulated aridity index (*AI*), and evaporative stress index (*ESI*) using the Penman-Monteith and Hamon methods (left to right) for the dry years of 1982, 1990, 2001, and 2008 (from top to bottom).

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Figure S8. Seasonal variations of simulated aridity index (*AI*), and evaporative stress index (*ESI*) using the Penman-Monteith and Hamon methods (left to right) for the wet years of 1981, 1989, 2002, and 2007 (from top to bottom).

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