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**RE: COMMENT LETTER 2/16/10 BOARD MEETING ITEM:  
ORDER - KERN RIVER"**

**FAX: (916) 341-5620**

February 6, 2010

Dear Ms. Townsend,

I am writing to express support for the finding that unappropriated water remains in the Kern River. I wholeheartedly support Bakersfield City's application to run available water through the riverbed. The Kern River is a natural resource that rightfully should run through Bakersfield. Throughout history, people have formed towns and settlements around existing rivers, and the resulting aesthetics are what make a hot valley town liveable and functional. What would Sacramento be like without the Sacramento River running through it? The people of Bakersfield support and deserve the potential wildlife habitat, opportunities for local recreation and refreshment, and the natural replenishing of the aquifer that a running Kern River will provide.

Please include this letter of support with any documents being presented at the board meeting.

Sincerely,

Carol Onsum-Pierce

Hard copy with original signature has been sent through U.S. Postal Service

