

February 2, 2010

State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Attention: Jeanine Towensen, Clerk of the Board

I have lived in Bakersfield almost all of my life. I was born here. I am 67 years old and am old enough to remember what Bakersfield was like when we had water in the river all of the time. Which was the case until the early 60's. As a teenager, I went to "Beach Park" and lay in the sand by the river. As an adult and now parent I took my oldest child to the river to play at the "beach" and waded in the shallow water. We had picnics by the river.

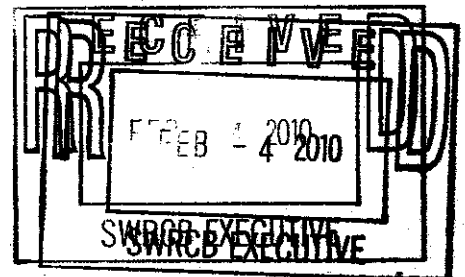
When and how it was decided that our river water was "owned" by other people and organizations and that it should be divided among them remains a mystery to me. That said, please give us back our river...it makes people happy, it provides recreation, it is cooling to look at, it is calming. It Was beautiful!!

Sincerely,

*Charlene Battles*

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# Tired of seeing a parched riverbed running through town?

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