

## commentletters - Water in the Kern

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I've lived in Bakersfield for 20 years. I like being outside and I use our beautiful bike path. The times when the Kern was wet, which were all too seldom, were truly special. Having water in our river promotes health and well being. It promotes civic pride and adds vibrancy to the community. The effect water has on a community is most evident from watching the use of the pond at our new park on Stockdale Highway. Last, but not least, water in the Kern will recharge a badly depleted aquifer, an aquifer that serves the farming and domestic water users of the South Valley.

Please let the Kern River flow through Bakersfield again. Thanks for your consideration.

