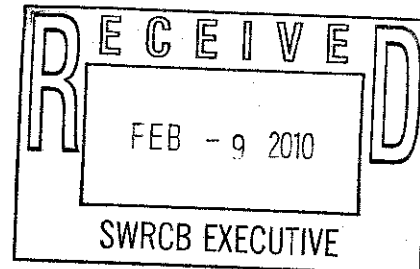


2/16/10 Bd. Mtg.  
Kern River  
Deadline: 2/9/10 by 12 noon

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Faxed and mailed

Subject: Comment Letter – 2/16/10 Board Meeting Item: Order Kern River

Dear Ms Townsend,

My purpose of this communication is to register my support for allocating any available water from the Kern River to the river as it runs through Bakersfield. I agree with the finding that there is water available on the Kern River. From the information printed in the Bakersfield Californian, I know the City of Bakersfield has applied to run any available water down the river bed. I agree with this request.

Running water in the riverbed will help replenish the aquifer and restore the natural environment. I live one block from the river bed and I can vouch for the potential improvements in the wildlife as well as appreciate the replenishment of the aquifer. Sixty years ago the water table in this end of the valley was less than 10 feet in some places. I would guess that level has changed by hundreds and maybe thousands of feet presently. I hope you understand the importance of allowing this unappropriated water to be used in our dry river bed which would end up in the aquifer for the benefit of the residents and the farmers.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter

Dean and Fredda Carpenter