

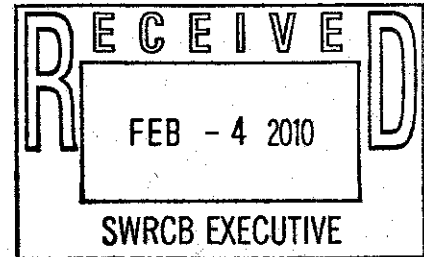
**commentletters - COMMENT LETTER - 2/16/10 BOARD MEETING ITEM: ORDER - KERN RIVER**

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To:  
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My family and I have resided in Bakersfield, Kern County, CA, for over 21 years.

As I understand, we have a right to our own public waterways through the public trust doctrine. I want to let you know that as a registered voter, living in Bakersfield, CA, I agree with the staff's finding that there is water available on the Kern River in quantities that should allow the water to run down the Kern riverbed. And, I support the City of Bakersfield's application to run available water down the riverbed. Running water in the riverbed will help replenish the aquifer, and hopefully, restore the natural environment. I have watched the plant life and animal life disappear over the past few years while there has been no water in the Bakersfield sections of the Kern River...the landscape is barren and most of the trees have died and broken apart; and we no longer see the endangered San Joaquin Kit Foxes in this area, (since the water has been absent from the Kern River in our area of Bakersfield). And, in fact, many species of plant, animal, and bird life, have disappeared from this area altogether.

Thank you.

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