

To the State Water Resources Control Board:

Please consider adopting whatever measures necessary to allow the citizens of Bakersfield to once again have water in our river. It is depressing to know my adult children have never seen the river full of running water, after I enjoyed it during my childhood over 60 years ago. I would like them and my grandchildren to be able to see what should be here naturally, since the Sierra snowpack melts into the Kern every year, only to be sucked away by agriculture and private water companies. I could never understand how any person or organization could "own" something like all of the water in a river, that should belong to the people of the area.

Having a real river would benefit us in many ways - tourism, recreation, wildlife habitat and beauty.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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