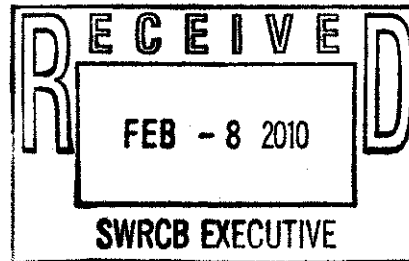


February 3, 2010



Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Ms. Townsend,

I was born and raised here in Bakersfield since 1952. In spite of the jokes and digs that my hometown has received over the years, I cannot fathom living in any other town. I will admit proudly, I love Bakersfield and the people in it.

In my early years here, the Kern River was the focal point of Bakersfield. The easy access to the river through a few of our parks was always a source of relaxation and enjoyment, not to mention that a full running river was a sign of a rich agricultural industry, which the County of Kern touted as being some of the best farmland around.

It saddens me to see over the years how this area has been literally "drying" up. Not only from the lack of river water, but the numerous wells being tapped into the groundwater due to the lack of river water. Groundwater that eventually will be completely depleted if this practice continues. Bakersfield needs the Kern River to survive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Ann Enns".

Lee Ann Enns
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