

commentletters - Kern River in Bakersfield

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I want to express my support of the City of Bakersfield's application to run available water down the Kern River riverbed.

My family and I moved to Bakersfield a couple of years ago from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City has the Oklahoma River running through it, and several years ago, they restored an entire downtown area where the river runs through it. OKC has turned this area into a vibrant community with shopping, dining, and recreational facilities. It has turned what was an eyesore into a bustling part of the city that attracts visitors to OKC nationwide.

I was astonished when we moved to Bakersfield, and noticed the dry riverbed of the Kern River. How can there possibly be no water in a natural resource like a river?

After reading up on it a bit, I get the gist that it is because of water districts, and lawsuits between water districts.

I was very encouraged to hear recently that there is a possibility water will once again flow in the river through Bakersfield.

I think the river flowing through Bakersfield could be just as revitalizing to this city as what the Oklahoma River was to OKC.

My children should not have to ask me why, every time we cross a pass over the river, there is no water in our river.

Bring the water back to the community and let this natural resource flow through the city as it should.

Regards,

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