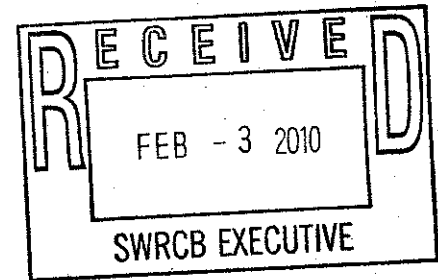


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Ms. Jeanine Townsend :
Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board



Dear Ms Townsend:

If you could please pass my letter along so as it could be read at the board meeting scheduled for February 16, 2010.

I have lived in Bakersfield all my life (since1943) and have very fond memories of the Kern River when there was water running through it all year around. It provided recreation and beauty to the area and also it was very pleasing aesthetically. The past years it has been nothing but an eye sore except once or twice each year when they run water through it for 10-14 days at a time.

Now you have a chance to not only return year around water to the citizens of Bakersfield, but do something good for the environment. As a city with the metro area population of 335,000 and water table sinking each year we are forced to use a lot more electricity to serve our citizens with fresh water. This could be one way to help the environment and cut down on green house gases by raising the water levels in our aquifer there by using less electricity. As one of the poorer larger cities in California it could be an inexpensive form of recreation for the citizens.

Please take these thoughts into consideration as a decision is made by your board on the application to run unappropriated water down the Kern River.

Sincerely,

Loren Stroope