

January 28, 2010

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

Dear Jeanine Townsend,

I am writing to you today about the Kern River and Lake Isabella Dam.

In Bakersfield we live under the threat of a flood if the Dam should break. The Lake Isabella dam has been rated by the US Army Corps of Engineers, who owns and operates the dam, as one of the highest risk dams in the United States. There is an active earthquake fault running under the dam. Strong earthquakes or other faults in the Kern County area may trigger dam failure and other damages.

If the dam should break most of the Bakersfield will be destroyed. Most of the downtown area as well as residential areas would be under approximately 20 feet of water.

I would like to see the water being released to keep the lake at a safe level for many reasons.

1. To replenish the aquifer
2. Restore the natural flora
3. Create more recreation
4. To add beauty to our city

Thank You,

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