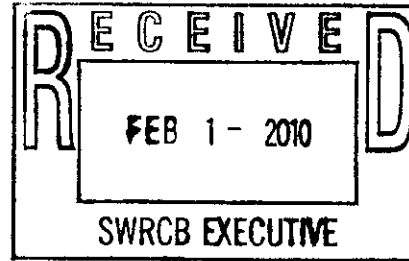


January 24, 2010



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

Re: 2/16/10 BOARD MEETING ITEM: ORDER - KERN RIVER

Dear Ms. Townsend,

Please accept this letter of support of the order finding unappropriated water on the Kern River and my support that the water be allowed to flow down the Kern River's natural and historical path through Bakersfield.

This would have many positive results:

1. Replenish the aquifer.
2. Restore the natural flora and fauna.
3. Create more recreation.
4. Restore the beauty that once was the Kern River

I was born in Bakersfield 54 years ago and have lived here most of my life. I feel this newly "discovered" water will best used by returning it where it belongs. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Hurst".

Rick Hurst  
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