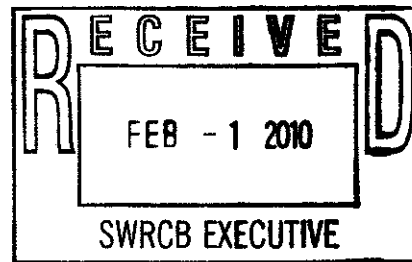


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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Dear Madam:

Re: Comment Letter - 2/16/10 Board Meeting Item: Order - Kern River

With the good news that the Board has ruled on unappropriated water, my wife and I would like to voice our support for "awarding" that portion of water to the City of Bakersfield. With the riverbed running through the width of the city, we assert that Bakersfield is logically first in line to water rights. An investment has been made in the Kern River with a 30+ miles-long uninterrupted bike path following the river's path. From the mouth of the Kern Canyon in the east through Hart Park and city parks, all the way to Interstate 5 in the west, the Kern River Parkway represents the city's commitment to the river. Having water in the Kern River would be a perfect complement to the community's investment.

Even more importantly, though, is the investment in water storage. The aquifer in Bakersfield served by the Kern River is an invaluable resource. Water levels in aquifers across the state, particularly in the central valley, have been dropping due to the increase in well drilling. Replenishing our aquifer by extending the Kern River through Bakersfield would seem to be a very wise decision. We urge the State Water Resources Control Board to grant to the City of Bakersfield the opportunity to bank water. We would love to applaud a smart vote for water conservation.

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Sincerely,  
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