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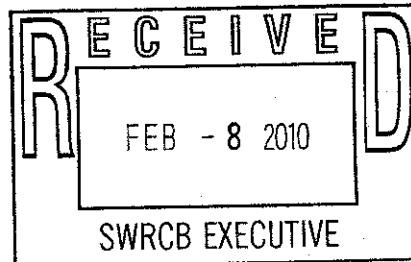
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Re: Comment Letter - 2/16/2010
Board Meeting Item
Order - Kern Rive



Dear Sir or Madam

Please be advised that I support the staff's finding that there is water available on the Kern River, and that I further support the application by the City of Bakersfield to run available water down the riverbed. The running of water in the riverbed will replenish the aquifer for the benefit of everyone (city residents and farmers), restore the natural environment, and provide recreation.

As a former planning commissioner for the City of Bakersfield, I also believe that such action is simply good planning for two reasons. First, it will make the urban area more attractive, which will help the urban to be more productive economically. Second, the recharge of the aquifer provides a reliable source of groundwater for agriculture, which makes agriculture more productive (and decreases the desire to convert valuable farmland into residential property).

I am sending the original letter to the Board by mail.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.H. Boyle".

Stephen H. Boyle