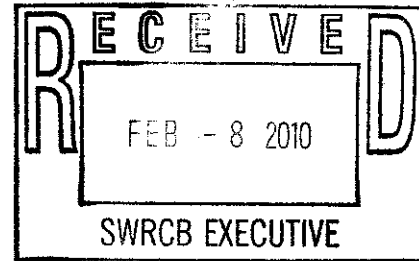


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February 4, 2010

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State Water Resources Control Board
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RE: COMMENT LETTER- 2/16/10, BOARD MTG ITEM: ORDER- KERN RIVER

Dear Ms. Townsend:

I wish to express my full support of Staff's finding that there is unappropriated water available in the Kern River. There is no higher or better use for this water than to benefit the citizens of Bakersfield.

I am one of thousands of residents in the City that support the City of Bakersfield's application to run available flows down the riverbed. This is especially needed in this City through the urban, occupied section of the riverbed. This section of the river coincides with and runs along the Kern River Parkway, the Kern River Bike path, and numerous County and City parks and park facilities. The only thing missing is the water.

Having water run down the riverbed will help replenish the underground aquifer, restore the riparian habitat, provide a more serene environment, and provide recreation for our citizens and beyond.

I urge the Board to move forward on the decision to approve the City of Bakersfield's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart J Patteson".

Stuart J Patteson