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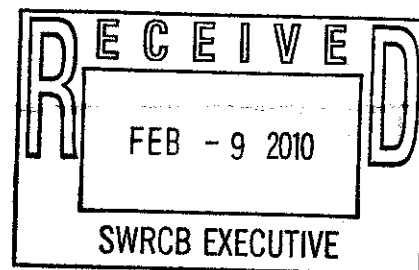
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Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812



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

Dear Ms. Townsend and Board Members,

I want to comment on the issue before the Board regarding the City of Bakersfield's application for water that would be available to flow in the Kern River.

I am in agreement with the staff research that has determined there is water available within existing Kern River allocations. As a resident of Bakersfield, I support the efforts of the City and its application for this water.

The Kern River is a well documented recharge channel for the extensive underground aquifer that provides water for multiple users. These include agricultural, municipal, and recreational groups. All will benefit from additional water flow in the Kern River channel.

As a taxpayer, Bakersfield resident, member of a farming family, and outdoor recreation enthusiast, I encourage the Water Resources Control Board to take advantage of this opportunity to allow additional water in the Kern River.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Tom Armstrong", with a long, sweeping underline.

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