

2/16/10 Bd Mtg.
Kern River
Deadline: 2/9/10 by 12 noon

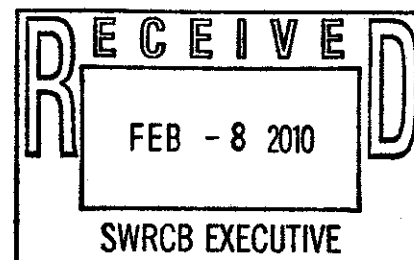
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Re: Kern River Water Rights



I am writing this letter to express my concerns regarding the project by the city of Bakersfield to take Kern River water from ag users. I am an ag user and holder of 2nd point water rights of Kern River Water in the Buena Vista Water Storage District. That water has been used for more than 100 years for ag purposes. Losing that water would have devastating effects on an already struggling ag economy and the jobs and businesses that it supports. I believe the city of Bakersfield has good intentions with this project, but taking badly needed water from ag is not the way to accomplish their goal. The current water rights held by the by city supply approximately 120,000 acre feet per year, a more than ample amount to accomplish their goal.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Toretta".

Donald Toretta
Partner, Toretta Farms