

commentletters - Bakersfield's "Take Back Our River"

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State Water Resources Control Board:

Please do not take any water now used or dedicated to domestic *or* agricultural use and put it to cosmetic use.

To my friends who say "It's just water that's not dedicated." I ask "Well, where is it now?" I hope your understanding of that is better than theirs, or mine.

The argument that it will percolate to the aquifer does not consider the enormous evaporation rate in the summertime San Joaquin Valley. That water will not be seen again until it comes back as rain, probably someplace other than here.

We live within a block of the river and running water would be a nice amenity in the summer; but these are perilous times for water users. Which means everybody.

Thank you for your consideration, a great deal depends on it.

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