

**commentletters - Kern River Water**

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As a landowner and farmer in the Buena Vista Water Storage District in western Kern County, I must object to the City of Bakersfield's plan to take water from sources other than theirs to restore the flow of water in the Kern River through Bakersfield.

Those of us who hold second point water rights from the Kern River, have conscientiously used these supplies to support our businesses and provide cash flow into our local communities. Local farms are currently looking at a State Water Project supply of approximately 5% of our contracted amount. Unemployment in the local farming communities is in excess of 30% and taking more of our water will only make this worse. I have no objections to seeing water run in the river channel in Bakersfield, but feel very strongly that the water should come from the city of Bakersfield's supply, which consists of approximately 120,000 acre feet of water each year, and not from mine or any other farmer's.

Therefore, I recommend that the State Water Board NOT adopt this proposal.

Sincerely,

John C. Blair

