

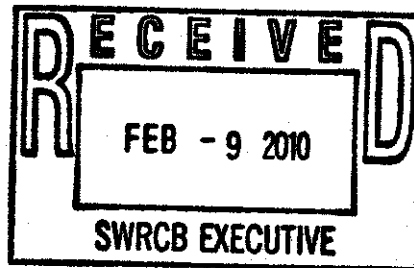
2/16/10 Bd. Mtg.
Kern River
Deadline: 2/9/10 by 12 noon

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COMMENT LETTER - 2/16/10 Board Meeting Item: Order- Kern River

Bakersfield needs a river for everyone to enjoy.

There is a dry emptiness through the middle of this town. Run some water in the river and you will bring back life that has been taken away. Trees and plants live again, birds and other animals return. People will come to the river. Businesses will cluster around the needs of people drawn to water in a hot, dry town. The depleted aquifer will benefit from the recharge. If there is "unappropriated" water, I cannot think of a better use.

Water will typically flow to the deepest pockets. We will see a parade of high priced lawyers and special interests touting dollar denominated returns. However, you cannot put a price on the effect of water in a river. Quality of life cannot be adequately expressed in economic terms. Please do something that will benefit everyone living in the area and not just a select few. Please give some water back to the dry Kern riverbed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Meyer". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jonathan Meyer