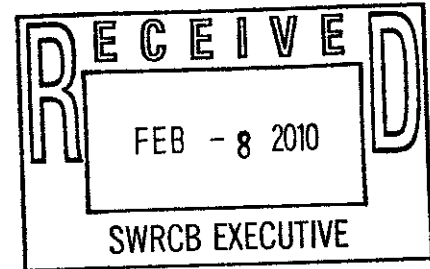


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Jeanine Townsend
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Comment Letter 2/16/10 Board Meeting Item Order Kern River

Dear Ms. Townsend

I am writing to support the City of Bakersfield's application to run available water down the Kern river riverbed. I feel it is imperative to help replenish the aquifer under the riverbed that will ensure water for present and future generations that rely on the underground aquifer for all water needs, for drinking water and Ag uses as well. The prosperity of the California agriculture and the future of California growth and prosperity depend on adequate water for all. Restoring the natural environment of the Kern river that runs through Bakersfield will also provide a natural riparian for wildlife. The return of the water to the Kern riverbed in Bakersfield will also provide recreation to the people who live and visit Bakersfield.

I urge the State Water Resources Control Board to approve the draft recommendation to find that the Kern river is not fully appropriated and to support the City of Bakersfield is the request for the unappropriated water to run down the Kern river Channel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Schiller".

SANDY SCHILLER



City of Bakersfield
Water Resources Department
Water Treatment Plant

Water Treatment Plant Supervisor

Bakersfield's application to run the unappropriated water down the historic Kern River channel.

Running water in the riverbed will:

- Restore our aquifer, which has been dangerously depleted during the recent drought.
- Restore the riparian habitat area along the river.
- Provide recreation to the citizens.
- Create a more inviting, aesthetically pleasing city.

Signature:

Date:

2-3-10