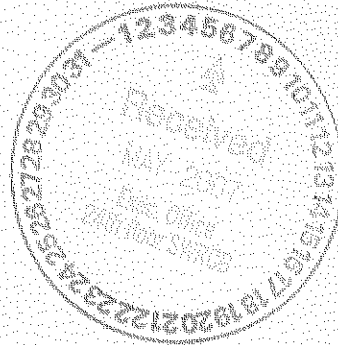




# THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY



April 30, 2007

Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.  
State Water Resources Control Board  
PO Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Subject: The Santa Ana River Needs Water!

Dear Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.,

Please do not allow further appropriations of water to be made from the Santa Ana River. Less water would have devastating effects on all the species that rely on the Santa Ana River for survival. The river is home to numerous rare plants, animals and habitats, including species that are protected under state and federal endangered species laws. Several species that relied on the Santa Ana River have already gone locally extinct in the watershed, and they need water and habitat in order to be re-established and recover in their home range.

The Santa Ana River is a ribbon of green that provides respite and recreation to millions of southern Californians who enjoy connecting to nature through the experience of one of the rarest natural features in southern California - a flowing river. Less water will eliminate the opportunity for people to recreate and enjoy the natural beauty and serenity of the Santa Ana River in the areas that are most accessible to more than 4 million people in southern California.

Please carefully consider these issues during the upcoming State Water Quality Control Board hearings, and don't sacrifice the plants, animals, and human quality of life by allowing zealous water districts to dry up the Santa Ana River.

Sincerely,

David Myers  
Executive Director

