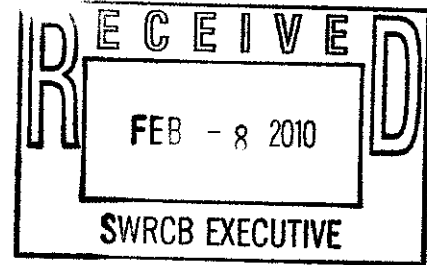


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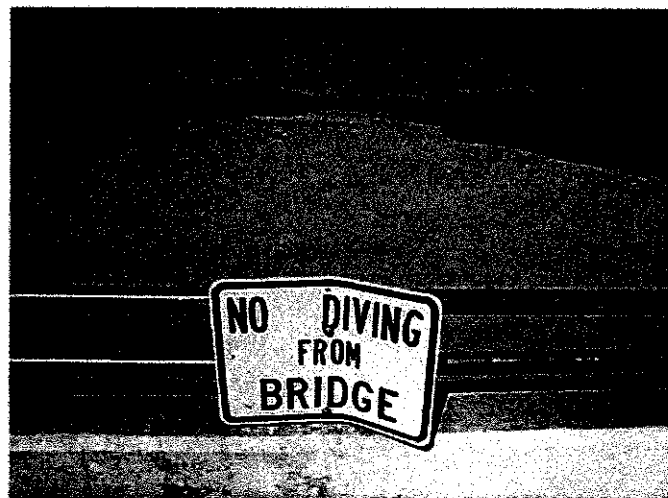
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Dear Board Members:

RE: COMMENT LETTER - 2/16/10 BOARD MEETING ITEM: ORDER - KERN RIVER

I agree with the staff's finding that there is unappropriated water on the Kern River, and I wholeheartedly support the City of Bakersfield's application to run this available water down our riverbed.



Returning water to a riverbed replenishes the aquifer as it restores the natural environment. Additionally, citizens benefit by the natural recreation area that is thus restored – as it should be.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann M. Gallon".

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