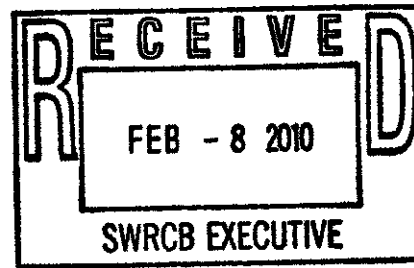


February 3, 2010

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100



Dear Ms. Townsend:

Enclosed is my signed petition requesting that non appropriated water from the Kern River be allowed to run into the Kern River channel. I would also like to enclose a personal plea for this non appropriated water to be channeled into the lower Kern River area.

My husband and I moved to Bakersfield 8 years ago. We live close to the dry river bed and on occasion we have even seen water in the river bed. I can honestly state that when water is flowing in the river there is excitement amongst Bakersfield residents. Even the local newspaper marks the event with a picture or two of the flowing river. With water in the river it is as if the whole of Bakersfield perks up.

Even more importantly is the fact that The Kern River feeds our aquifer, but because of the dry river bed, and a three year drought the aquifer is being depleted. Because this aquifer serves both the cities and farms of this area it needs to be replenished. The three inches of rain we have received this winter season are helpful but according to state government reports our drought is not over.

In short, water flowing in the Kern would benefit many. Farmers would be able to continue to pump ground water, and the parks, walking paths, bike trails, baseball fields, and homes by the river bed could once, again, have the wonderful sounds and sights of flowing water. It would be nothing short of a renewal for the city of Bakersfield.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Greenwood Tupper".

Judy Greenwood Tupper
10510 Redbridge Way
Bakersfield, CA 93311

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

Running water in the river bed will:

- Restore our aquifer, which has been dangerously depleted during the recent drought
- Restore the natural flora and fauna along the river
- Provide recreation to the city
- Create a more inviting, desheer, and pleasing city

Signature:

Paul Drennon

Date:

2/3/10