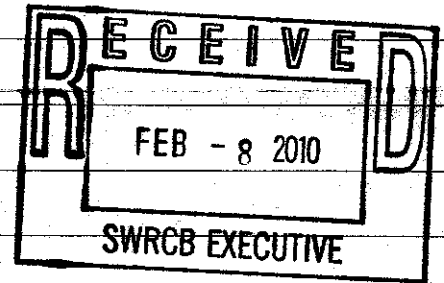


3131 La Cresta Drive
Bakersfield CA 93305

Feb 5, 2010.

Dear Mrs Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
PO Box 100
Sacramento CA 95812-0100



Dear Mrs Townsend:

I am enthusiastically joining in the campaign to run available water down the river bed. I have been lucky to ride the bike path in Fort Collins, Colo along its river and that beautiful experience has remained with me for over 30 years. How wonderful it would be to have our bike path along a river with actual water in it! The benefits to the aquifer would be a blessing to all, human, animal and plant life. The addition of water will restore riparian habitat quickly - as witnessed along the Owens River where, once restored, a healthy green environment is now flourishing. Please help in this matter.

Sincerely,
Maria M Polite

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 riverbed 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 citizens.
- Create a more inviting, aesthetically pleasing city.

Signature

Maria M. Polite

Date

March 1, 1990