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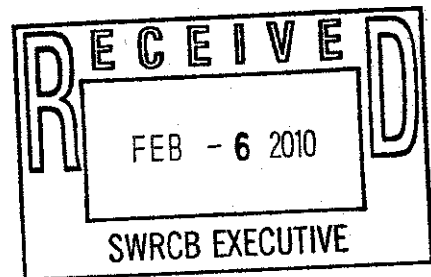
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

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

FAX: (916) 341-5620

February 6, 2010

Dear Ms. Townsend,



I support the finding that unappropriated water remains in the Kern River! I also wholeheartedly support Bakersfield City's application to run available water through the riverbed. The Kern River is a natural resource that should run through Bakersfield. A Kern River running through Bakersfield will make this valley town liveable and functional. We need and deserve the opportunities for local recreation and refreshment, the habitat for wildlife, and the natural replenishing of the aquifer.

One suggestion is to cut a smaller channel down the middle of the river so that when the water availability is lower, we could still have running water--just through a smaller portion of the river.

Please include this letter of support with any documents being presented at the board meeting.

Sincerely,

Ron Pierce

Hard copy with original signature has been sent.