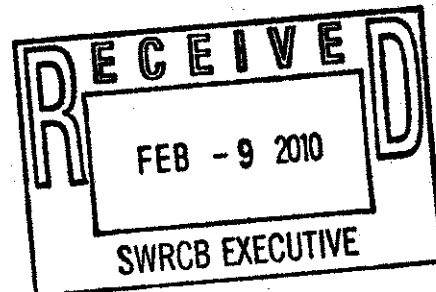


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RE: State Water Resources Control Board Kern River Hearings

I want to request that the State Board not adopt the current draft order. My concerns are due to the following:

1. As the 2nd Point Kern River right holders, for more than 100 years, we have beneficially used and invested in the Pre-1914 water supplies to build and support the businesses that fuel the local economy.
2. The local agricultural communities are currently facing State Water Project restrictions that have created unemployment far exceeding state averages and taking away the local water supplies will further aggravate this economic crisis.
3. Bakersfield is seeking to do a good thing by restoring the Kern River Channel through its community. Bakersfield's existing Kern River rights provide an average of 120,000 AF of water each year which is more than sufficient to accomplish this goal, without taking the water rights of others.

Again, I appreciate the efforts being made, but taking water historically used for agricultural purposes to restore the river channel through the city for aesthetic purposes, isn't in the best interest of agriculture and the local economy.

I urge you NOT to adopt the current draft order.

Sincerely

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