

**commentletters - Comment Letter 2/16/10 Board Meeting Item: Order- Kern River**

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The Honorable Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk of the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board

I am encouraging the SWRCB to not adopt the current draft order. We, the 2nd Point Kern River right holders, for more than a 100 years, have beneficially used and invested in our Pre-1914 water supplies to build and support our businesses that fuel the local economy. We, the local agricultural communities, are currently facing State Water Project restrictions that have created unemployment of 30-40% and taking away our local water supplies will further exacerbate this economic crisis. 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. Thank you for your consideration of my appeal.

Sincerely,  
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member Buena Vista Water Storage District

