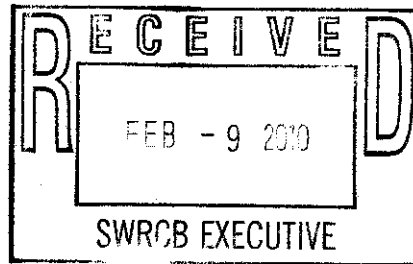


TO: State Water Resources Control Board

Subject: COMMENT LETTER – 2/16/2010 BOARD MEETING ITEM: ORDER – KERN RIVER

Members of the Board,



I fully support the recommendation of staff to declare the Kern River "not fully appropriated". I also support the City of Bakersfield's application to run water down the Kern River.

As a child and teen in the 50's and a young man in the 60's I remember the times spent with family fishing and recreating along the Kern River here in Bakersfield. I served the City of Moorpark as Park Commissioner for 5 years and the Parks and Harbor Commission of Ventura County for 4 years. I know firsthand how a waterway can generate and add both environmental and recreational growth to a region. We need this water to replenish the aquifer, restore the natural environment that once thrived along the Kern River and to restore the recreational values that this River can provide to this and future generations.

I urge each one of you to offer your support to the Kern River and the City of Bakersfield and "Let a River Run Through It".

Sincerely,

*Lynn W. Crockatt 2-8-2010*

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