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Kern River  
Deadline: 2/9/10 by 12 noon

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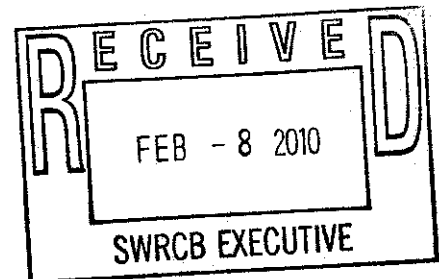
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Re: Kern River Water



I am writing this letter to express my concerns regarding the take back of Kern River water by the city of Bakersfield. I am an ag user and holder of 2nd point water rights of that water in the Buena Vista Water Storage District. That water has been used for more than 100 years for ag purposes. Losing that water could have a devastating effect on an already struggling ag economy and the jobs and businesses that it supports. I believe the city of Bakersfield has good intentions with this project, but taking badly needed water from ag is not the way to accomplish their goal.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Toretta".

Tom Toretta  
Partner, Toretta Farms