

No. S290840

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

BRING BACK THE KERN, et al.

Plaintiffs and Respondents,

v.

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

Defendant and Respondent.

NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, et al.

Real Parties in Interest and Appellants.

After a Decision by the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District
Case No. F087487 (and consolidated cases)

Appeals from Orders Granting a Preliminary Injunction
in Favor of Plaintiffs

Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-103220

The Honorable Gregory A. Pulskamp, Judge Presiding

**WATER AUDIT CALIFORNIA JOINDER REPLY TO
ANSWER TO PETITION FOR REVIEW**

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Plaintiff and Respondent Water Audit California (“Water Audit”) incorporates by reference and joins under rule 8.200(a)(5) of the California Rules of Court in the Reply to Answer to Petition for Review filed by Plaintiffs and Respondents Bring Back the Kern, Kern River Parkway Foundation, Kern Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and Center for Biological Diversity (collectively “Plaintiffs”) on June 11, 2025. Plaintiffs petitioned the Court for review of the published opinion of the Court of Appeal, Fifth District, in *Bring Back the Kern, et al. v. City of Bakersfield* (2025) 110 Cal.App.5th 322.

This joinder is filed under California Rules of Court, rule 8.200(a)(5) to avoid duplication and to protect Water Audit’s interests.

By this joinder, Water Audit joins in and incorporates by reference the Reply to Answer to Petition for Review.

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