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Comments: To whom it may concern,
The Piru between Pyramid Dam and Lake Piru is a really special place. I whitewater kayak and fly fish. I've fished between the dam to the early part of the gorge many times. This section would be greatly improved with regular releases. From a whitewater perspective: the MF Piru river down to Lake Piru is an epic wilderness stretch with some incredible white water surrounded by pristine cliffs and peaks.....and it is right next to LA! Literally by LA standards: 30 minutes from my house to the put-in. 30 minutes!! The next closest true wilderness whitewater run is the Forks of the Kern (also a wonderful place) which is 4.5 hours to the put in. The only other one is the Sespe, but that is a very serious Class 5 run that very few people are capable of paddling safely. In contrast, there are thousands of Southern California boaters who could safely paddle the Class IV MF Piru and get to see an extraordinary landscape while doing so. All it needs is regular water flows.
Thanks for listening. I hope you consider providing the water to make this available to Southern California boaters (lots would come from San Diego as well, not just the greater LA area). There is nothing else like it in this region.
Best regards,
Larry Wade