Access/Observation Site: UP Rail Kern River Crossing (KER-340) Page 1 of 2 Latitude: 35.39742 **Driving Directions** Longitude: -119.02964 Highway Post Mile: N/A From the North: Take Highway 99 South to Olive Drive. Exit Olive Drive and turn left. Turn right on Roberts Lane, then right onto Chester Avenue. Turn right onto the Kern River Parkway Bike Path (after river crossing on right hand side). Follow the bike path until the Railroad Milepost: UPRR 310.35 first river crossing (dirt road). Turn right and cross the first bridge, then take an immediate left. Follow this dirt path to the railroad crossing. Nearest Address and Thomas Guide #: N/A From the South: Take Highway 99 North to Airport Drive. Exit Airport Drive toward Oildale, then turn right onto Roberts Lane. Turn right onto Chester Avenue, and turn right onto the Kern River Parkway Bike Path (after river crossing on right hand side). Follow the bike path Cell Service: Yes, Verizon until the first river crossing (dirt road). Turn right and cross the first bridge, then take an immediate left. Follow this dirt path to the railroad crossing. River Right Access: Refer to above directions, but instead of crossing the river at the dirt road, continue along the bike path to the railroad crossing. **Overview Street Map**



- Railroad bridge crosses river
- Trip and fall hazards, slippery when wet
- Homeless encampment under railroad crossing and adjacent freeway overpass
- Biological hazards (e.g., poison oak, rattlesnakes)

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Site Description and Field Notes

Site Location/Segment: KER-KN-J-005

This is a high-risk location due to Union Pacific Railroad crossing over the Kern River. It is also a high public use area due to its location near public parks, residential areas, and the Kern River Parkway Bike Trail. Multiple user created trails parallel the river, but serious caution should be taken if performing surveys along the shorelines for safety reasons.

Site Images

Site Contact/s: City of Bakersfield Water Resources (661) 326-3716, UPPR 1-888-UPRRCOP (877-7267)





Upstream

Downstream



Straight Across

RR = River Right RL = River Left

Photo Date: 07/11/2017

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