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**6/12/07 Workshop**  
Suction Dredge Mining  
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon

Dear Mr. Her,

I am writing to you regarding the Workshop on Suction Dredge Mining that will take place on Tues. June 12. I would urge you to support those of us who do use suction dredges to recover gold. In the process of finding the gold we also find and remove harmful items like lead, mercury, & other debris. The holes made by suction dredges make the water cooler which attracts more fish. Also when the material goes up the hose & into the sluice it is oxygenated which another good thing. Prospectors also clean up any litter that is found on the banks of & in the rivers. Prospecting is part of our heritage & California wouldn't be the awesome state that it is if it weren't for our 49'er prospectors.  
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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