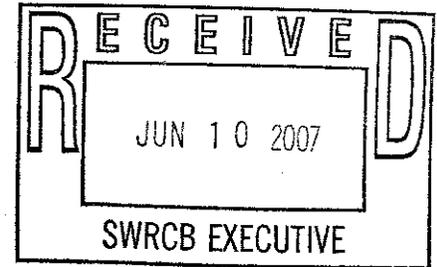


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6/12/07 Workshop
Suction Dredge Mining
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Please do not take away a part of California history and recreation. There is no conclusive proof that recreation dredging causes any harm, and everyone that I am aware of is a good steward of public lands. This state was founded and excelled during the Gold Rush era. With the studies that are on record with regards to gold prospecting, and how they show no harm to the environment or wild life, why would we change the law? From the research that I have seen, it would appear that a few self-serving citizens want to restrict public lands from everyone, and they claim that prospecting is harmful to fish. However, there is no conclusive evidence of such. If large scale commercial dredging cannot be safe, then move to restrict or ban that, but leave the mom and pop dredgers to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Please govern with facts as your basis for making a decision.



Respectfully,

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