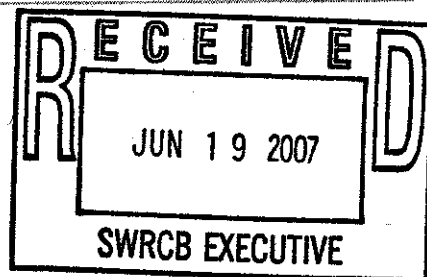


**commentletters - SUCTION DREDGE MINING AND WATER QUALITY**

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Suction Dredge Mining  
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon



Dear Distinguished\*MEMBERS

AND CONCERNED PARTIES

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My name is David DeCosta from Paradise California and I am a Gold Dredger and a Miner for 20 years

The Modern Gold Miner is your Front Line at your streams and rivers--Not the Great disturber of habitats OR WATER QUALITY

nor is dredging the cause of it.

\*\*\*\*\* GOLD SUCTION DREDGES\*CLEAN THE WATER\*BY REMOVING HEAVY METALS AND DEBRIS PLUS\*\*OXEGENATING THE WATERS AND AERATING THE GRAVELS.\*It is

also One of the best ways to Create spawning beds for fish and other inhabitants as it spreads soft and even gravel beds behind the dredge as it moves forward.

GOLD SUCTION DRDEGES CLEAN OUT POLLUTANTS\*in\*the\*WATER SYSTEM\*in this great state\*such as\*Lead, Mercury,fish hooks,plastic and general and

Garbage left behind by Non miners and Non dredgers. We are only moving material from the front\*of\*the dredge\*to the back

\*\*\*\*\* Last Year alone\*I pulled an estimated\*9 pounds of lead and 1/8 pound of Mercury out of California's river system

by Dredging for Gold( not to mention the other metals\*I have pulled from the Rivers that shouldn't be there.) This year, \*further reclamation will\* done in the river systems Free of charge to the\*state\*\*\*\*\*

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\*\*\*\*\* Suction Dredging is a Great way to Clean Water

Thank you

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