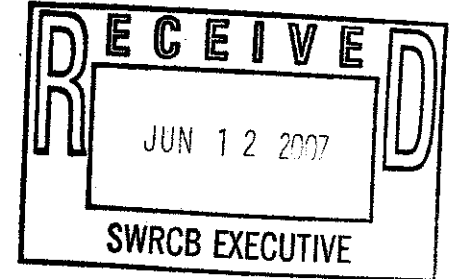


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6/12/07 Workshop
Suction Dredge Mining
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon

My son and I spend 3 or 4 weekends a season dredging on the Merced River. We don't do this just for the gold it's an experience to be underwater and watch fish mostly small bass come right up to where we are dredging and feed off of some of the sediment. We have seen bass, trout, catfish and carp on our trips. The experience of sharing these times with my son is far greater than any amount of gold we would ever find in this area. We missed the entire season last year because the water was too high. After a water year like last year the gravel beds from any small tailing pile will have been spread all over the river bottom making ideal breeding grounds for the fish to spawn in. This is one of the few outdoor activities where you don't see piles of trash gun shells tore up roads and just a general mess that people leave behind in our forests. I only hope I will be able to share this hobby and history in the future with grand kids.



Please help us protect our rights to the waterways.

Thank you

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