

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

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Subject: Dredge Mining In The Mariposa Creek

I must bring to the attention of the board the activity of suction dredge gold mining in the Mariposa Creek within fifty feet of my home. The activity is noxious on all levels. Gas cans are used directly over the water, and are placed on the rocks in the creek, and on the banks. Not only does the dredger tear-up the fragile riparian habitat, the noise is positively deafening. It appears that many animals have gone or are dead. The hour after hour, day after day assault has also left me, and my eighty year old parents "shell-shocked." I am told by the sheriff there is no stopping it. The operators have a permit from Fish and Game good for a year

I have begged for help from state and local Fish and Game, BLM, the County Health Department, Environmental Health, Building and Planning, and the Sheriff. I have filed complaints with all, and I have had to engage an attorney. The animals couldn't complain to anyone. They have no voice but I do. Please prohibit dredge mining now before we are faced with costly ecosystems restoration projects.

WATER IS GOLD. It is criminally negligent for anyone to foul the water, destroy the riparian habitat, and drive me, and the animals out of our home. Any government entity that permits this activity shares equally in the deed and the consequences.

The "New 49ers" are here. "In the water" gold mining with 1850's era logic, and modern destructive dredgers. It is contemptible that the board, and other agencies have not acted swiftly to prohibit this lunacy.

I and my friends intend to contact every major network, and newspaper, and use every Internet venue to expose this abomination.

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