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**5/12/07 Workshop**  
Suction Dredge Mining  
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon

As Suction Dredge Miners we create habitat for fish spawning called gabions (not sure of the spelling). We take two things from the river, Gold which helps create wealth for the national economy. We don't send money out side the U.S. to import gold and we remove large amounts of mercury that is in the water. We help clean the water of one of the greatest dangers to fish in fresh water that goes into the ocean and becomes a hazard to salt water fish. Not only do we remove large quantities of mercury we also remove huge amounts of lead in the form of round BB's from shot guns. Gold and California are one in the same and the spirit of the Gold Prospector runs in the soul of California. We help NOT hurt the river.

