

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS**

**DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY  
FROM SUCTION DREDGE MINING DISCHARGES**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
The Falls Event Center  
4105 W Figarden Drive  
Fresno, CA 93722**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2017  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Elks Lodge  
2055 Elks Drive  
San Bernardino, CA 92404**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Redding City Chambers  
747 Auditorium Drive  
Redding, CA 96001**

**Monday, February 6, 2017  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA  
Headquarters Bldg.  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (1:00-1:30 pm) - Gita Kapahi, Director of Public Participation, State Water Resources Control Board
2. **Suction Dredge Mining Program Overview & History** (1:30-2:30 pm) – State Water Resources Control Board staff and Department of Fish and Wildlife staff will provide a one-hour presentation.
3. **Public Comment Solicitation** (2:30 – 4:30 pm) – Gita Kapahi will facilitate a two-hour public comment solicitation session.
4. **Meeting Wrap-Up and Next Steps** (4:30–5:00 pm) – Gita Kapahi

(Refer to attached list of sample questions generated by staff to initiate discussions.)

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### Sample Questions for Stakeholder Workshop

State Water Board staff is seeking public comment on potential regulatory actions which the Water Boards may take to protect water quality from suction dredge mining impacts. Comments are anticipated on equipment, practices, monitoring requirements, and targeted prohibitions. State Water Board staff has prepared sample questions to initiate discussions on suction dredge mining and water quality protection. Participating stakeholders and Tribal interests will have the opportunity to comment on issues brought up during the discussions and to present any additional issues at the public meetings.

- Should the State Water Board issue a permit?
- What types of equipment should be permitted for use?
- Should certain protective practices be required? If so, what kind?
- Should monitoring be required? If so, what kind??
- What prohibitions, if any, should apply? For example, should the State Water Board:
  - Prohibit the use of, or method of using, certain types of equipment?
  - Prohibit dredging where existing high concentrations or measures of mercury, sediment, turbidity, and/or trace metals impair the water body and impact its beneficial uses, such as:
    - no dredging at all in such a water body or the impaired segment of the water body; or
    - no dredging within a specified distance upstream of such water a body or a water body segment;
  - Prohibit dredging a specified distance upstream of drinking water system water intakes;
  - Prohibit dredging a specified distance from California Native American Tribal land boundaries; and/or
  - Prohibit dredging in waters with elevated fish or aquatic invertebrate tissue mercury levels.