

From the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment of SB 637

SEC. 2. Section 5653 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

(2) The department may adjust the base fees for a permit described in this subdivision to an amount sufficient to cover all reasonable costs of the department in regulating suction dredging activities.

~~(d)~~ (e) It is unlawful to possess a vacuum or suction dredge in areas, or in or within 100 yards of waters, that are closed to the use of vacuum or suction dredges.

(f) For purposes of this section and Section 5653.1, a suction dredge is equipment used for mining operations that contains **any** of the following:

(1) A hose that vacuums sediment from the bed or bank of a river, stream, or lake.

(2) A motorized pump.

(3) A motorized sluice box.

(4) Related small-scale mechanized mining equipment.

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Why add these NON suction devices to a suction dredge bill? This could easily be interpreted as, even though you are not dredging, you can't have a power sluice, blue bowl, gold cube, shovel, pry bar etc. when you are at your claim. **How is this not an attack on small scale mining?**