



California Department of Fish and Game
Suction Dredge Permitting Program
Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report
Public Scoping Meetings

5:00 OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP

- Opportunity for one-on-one discussion with staff
- Review and discussion of materials at various stations

6:00 WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Mark Stopher, Environmental Program Manager, DFG

- Welcome and Overview of Need for Suction Dredge Permitting Program
- Explanation of Current Moratorium on Dredge Mining

PURPOSE OF MEETING, AGENDA REVIEW & MEETING GROUND RULES

Austin McNerny, Center for Collaborative Policy - Facilitator

6:20 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUCTION DREDGE INITIAL STUDY & HOW TO COMMENT DURING SCOPING PERIOD

Michael Stevenson, Horizon Water & Environment, Project Leader

- Background & Overview of the Subsequent EIR Process
- Overview of Initial Study Findings
- How to Comment on Initial Study and Use of Scoping Comments
- Summary of Next Steps

6:45 PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION

Austin McNerny, Center for Collaborative Policy - Facilitator

- Review of suggestions and questions presented on index cards

7:15 OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP

- Opportunity for one-on-one discussion with staff
- Review and discussion of materials at various stations with opportunity for further questions and clarification

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FOR MORE INFO, VISIT:

[HTTP://WWW.DFG.CA.GOV/SUCTIONDREDGE/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/suctiondredge/)

WRITTEN SCOPING COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL DECEMBER 3, 2009

Meeting Ground Rules

The purpose of this meeting is to solicit input from the public and interested public agencies regarding the nature and scope of environmental impacts to be addressed in the draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and regulation amendments. Additionally, the workshop provides an opportunity for the Department of Fish and Game to share information regarding the SEIR that is being prepared for the Suction Dredge Permitting Program. Staff are present to answer relevant questions and to help the public become better informed in order to provide constructive comments to help frame the environmental analysis. Toward that end:

- Please make sure that all cell phones and pagers are on silent.
- Focus your attention on the presentation or response to questions – having side conversations distracts others in the group.
- Do not interrupt the presenter; there will be plenty of time for discussion.
- Try to focus your index card questions on those for which the response will be beneficial to the whole group. Try to make your questions clear and succinct. For site specific questions that are of personal interest to you, please talk to Department staff during the workshop time.
- Be respectful of each other and of differing points of view, especially during workshop conversations.
- Take personal responsibility for observing these ground rules, and honor our time together by keeping the meeting moving forward positively.
- Please understand that not all index cards may be responded to due to lack of time. However, staff are present following presentation for additional conversations.
- This is a workshop, not a formal hearing. No public testimony or oral comments are being recorded. Written comments are desired and will be included in the Scoping Report and used to structure the SEIR.
- Demonstration posters/signs are allowable, but must not interfere with presentation and/or present a safety concern.
- The facilitator may ask individuals who do not abide by these rules to leave the workshop.