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Honorable John A. Pérez, Speaker of the California Assembly  
State Capitol Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President Pro Tem of the Senate  
State Capitol Room 204  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Speaker Pérez and President Pro Tem Steinberg,

El Dorado County is in opposition to an additional five-year moratorium on the issuance of suction dredge permits as proposed in the Trailer Bill for the 2011/2012 California State Budget. We are requesting the moratorium be lifted, allow the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) to move forward and to promulgate the regulations.

The reference in the Trailer Bill, page 40, as to the DSEIR identifying a number of significant and unmitigated environmental impacts, is contrary to the scientific facts provided, but ignored in the study and does not justify an additional five-year moratorium. The current ban on suction dredging in the State of California and more specifically El Dorado County where gold was discovered and mining still provides a prosperous living, in conjunction with the declined economy has affected our local economy immensely.

We strongly urge you to reconsider the additional five-year moratorium and remove it from the 2011/2012 California State Budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Nutting, Chair  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors