

Legislation Text

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Supervisor Nutting recommending the Board authorize Chair to sign a letter of support of SB 657 (Gaines), allowing the reissue of suction dredging permits, and reimbursement of fees to suction dredgers for the unused portion of their revoked permits.

Supervisor Nutting recommending the Board authorize Chair to sign a letter of support of SB 657 (Gaines), allowing the reissue of suction dredging permits until the final Environmental Impact Report or January 1, 2014, which ever comes first. And, will reimburse dredgers for a portion of the permit fee paid which was revoked in August 2009 with SB 670, California's ban of suction dredging. On October 6, 2009, our Board issued Resolution #223-2009 requesting Governor Schwarzenegger to immediately suspend SB 670. The ban on suction dredging in California and its trickle down effect, has been detrimental to our economy and to those thousands of individuals who's only or main source of income is dependent upon this vocation.

SB 657 is in the Natural Resource and Water Committee and is set for hearing on April 12, 2011.