



DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

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Next General Meeting:

June 27, 2020, 12 noon

To be held at the Miner's Folly Claim

With Social Distancing and Outdoors, if claim access is allowed

Dear Valued Valley Prospector Members:

Well, California is still under rather strict restrictions due to Covid-19. I was able to discuss some options with the VP Executive Board and Board members. We tried an online meeting. For those able to attend, we decided the following for the upcoming meetings and events:

- Knights of Columbus Hall is still Closed - no ETA on when it will open
- Cancel the May Meetings
- Cancel the May Outing - nothing had been finalized for May. It was listed as TBA
- Cancel the June Meetings, including School event
- Cancel the June Member Appreciation Picnic - not sure the Park will be open and we are still under a limit on how many people can congregate.
- Plan on going to Big Bear for the June Outing and hold a meeting on Saturday, June 27th, at 12 noon, provided the area is open. Maintain social distancing during our outing to protect members.
- August outing up North is still on hold until we hear if they will open the campgrounds. They are still closed at this time.

Some members have been visiting the claims and getting a bit of gold. Certainly being outside and active while maintaining social distancing seems to be a reasonable approach to this crisis. I've also been following the update on California Dredging status. Please review the information at AMRA and PLP. We have some work to do to make sure our access to dredging is not overly restricted. Unfortunately, some of the recommendations are outrageous.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/suction_dredge_mining.html

A public Board hearing has been scheduled on June 17, 2020. Interested parties will have the opportunity to provide oral comments to the State Water Board at the Board hearing, and submit written comments by the end of the public comment period of 12:00 p.m. (noon) Monday, June 29, 2020.

<https://www.icmj.com/magazine/article/plp-update-regulatory-relief-on-the-way-4231/>

The only way to restore suction gold dredging, in our opinion (PLP), is to use federal preemption and change the regulatory scheme at the federal level.

May you always find a glimmer of Gold in the bottom of your pan,

Lorraine M. Frost

Lorraine M. Frost President, Valley Prospectors, 2020

May 28	CANCELLED VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
May TBA	CANCELLED – NO EVENT PLANNED
Jun 5	CANCELLED - Lakewood School Program
Jun 13	CANCELLED - Membership Appreciation Picnic – Yucaipa Park Yucaipa Park – Shelter 2 – 11 am – 2 pm The Club will provide the meat, potluck for side dishes
Jun 25	CANCELLED - VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Jun 26-28	Big Bear Claims (Miner's Folly) – VP Meeting on Jun 27th at Noon