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Dear Senator

From: Eben Ray 4/16/2013 Public comment

During the hearing several people cited the fact that California has put a Moratorium, ban on Suction Dredging.

Has anyone noticed that California is Bankrupt? How are things working out for them? Do we really think we should follow their example?

How is their water quality compared to ours?

I added some news comments below.

Pollution Threatens Tap Water Quality

According to a report by the EWG, the top 10 states with the most contaminants in their drinking water were California, Wisconsin, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, Texas, New York, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Illinois—in that order. EWG said the biggest sources of contaminants were agriculture, industry and pollution from sprawl and urban runoff.

California Bankrupt?

 By Michael, on June 21st, 2010



Is the state of California bankrupt? Well, an increasing number of politicians and economic analysts are answering that question in the affirmative. The truth is that California is a complete and total economic disaster area. The state government of California is projected to have a budget deficit of at least 19 billion dollars this year, and next year the budget gap is projected to grow to 37 billion dollars. To put that in perspective, the entire budget for the government of California is only about \$125 billion per year. Already, California's credit rating is the lowest of all 50 states, and there are persistent rumors that it is about to go lower. If California's credit rating is slashed, it will be very expensive for them to borrow the money that they desperately need. Once upon a time, the state of California was the poster child for the American Dream, but now it is on the leading edge of America's rapidly unfolding economic nightmare. Leaders from both major political parties in California have been increasingly using the word "bankruptcy" in recent weeks. In fact, California Attorney General Jerry Brown was very open about California's horrific finances when he recently told a group of young Democrats the following....
"California is deeply in debt. You could say that it's bankrupt."

Right now businesses are shutting down in California at an alarming rate. In the region around Sacramento there is now one closed business for every six that are still open. Not only that, but unemployment in California has reached unprecedented levels. There are now 8 counties in the state that have unemployment rates of over 20 percent. To put that in perspective, consider the following. The number of people now unemployed in the state of California is equal to the populations of Nevada, New Hampshire and Vermont **combined**.

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