

Statements of Richard Robertson

I opened with numbers, the numbers of gallons that the canal, not including the proposed pipe line would be NOT entering the Delta.

We had an engineer help do the math, but our calculator would not go any higher than one trillion gallons PER YEAR....that translates to 178,000,000 MILLION swimming pools PER DAY going to the south. That amount of water just IS NOT AVAILABLE....that amount of water would not reach our system, south Delta, and would not flush out contaminants, silt, or any other invasive species.

Our entire system would crash just as had been predicted when the fourth pump was turned on. It only took less than three years at the PRESENT rate of pumping to impact every species in the water. Add the horrible amount that they will take, IN ADDITION, and it boggles the mind. There just is not enough water in the system to take that volume and have ANYTHING SURVIVE. There is no water entering the Delta now, due to mismanagement of the past three years.

The salmon and striper runs were such that you could catch them all day and in some parts of the river they were thick enough that you could almost walk across their backs. No more...now it was lucky to catch one a day.

All of our native birds, animals, plants would be gone and never recover. Our sloughs would silt up and close up. The gates proposed would push salt water even farther into our system.

The people of Clarksburg were telling the same stories as the people of Stockton had at that meeting. Farms and homes of families that had been there for generations cut up destroyed so those families had no income, just the same as Clarksburg. I told of the 60 lawsuits that were already filed from the farmers of Stockton.