

TESTIMONY AND CASE IN CHIEF

NORTH DELTA CARES – BARBARA DALY

I, Barbara Daly, on behalf of the public group, North Delta CARES, have lived in the Delta since 1992. I finished out my career at Pacific Bell in 1992, and my husband and I purchased a marina in Rio Vista and acreage in Clarksburg. We had five young children who went through the schools in Clarksburg and are now out on their own.

During this time of raising the children, I had the opportunity to spend a lot of time driving them to and from friend's homes, and school activities.

In April, 2009, I received a notification in my mail box that my property in Clarksburg was under potential threat of being taken over by the State of California and I was invited to a BDCP meeting that was scheduled to be held in Clarksburg.

I attended this meeting and then became involved in order to give back and to serve my community.

My Community is the Delta.

Because I have five children who have all gone through grade school, middle school and high school in Clarksburg and were extremely active in sports, FFA, and school leadership programs, I was fortunate to visit the many schools in the Delta to participate in their activities with them. This took me to football and basketball games in Rio Vista, English speeches at the historic Alex Brown Bank in Courtland, the baseball diamond behind the grade school in Walnut Grove, down Steamboat Slough where my youngest daughter kept her FFA pig to show at the Sacramento County Fair, and to probably hundreds of different soccer, baseball, basketball, volleyball, football games, science fairs, and etc. at the local Delta schools. After all, as I said, 5 very active children. There are grade schools and middle schools in 6 of the 9 Legacy towns – Clarksburg, Hood, Courtland, Walnut Grove, Isleton and Rio Vista and a high school in both Clarksburg and Rio Vista.

My family and I have attended several of the Catholic Churches in the Delta including St. Joseph's in Clarksburg, St. Anthony's in Walnut Grove, and St. Theresa's in Isleton. The North Delta Water Agency holds its meetings in many of the historic buildings in the Delta including the Presbyterian Church Hall in Walnut Grove, Jean Harvey School in Walnut Grove, and the Ryde Hotel in Ryde. Peter's Steakhouse in Isleton also has a well used social hall for Delta water- related meetings.

In 2014, I created a map of the Legacy Towns in the Delta, as I needed help in negotiating my way up and down the Sacramento River and over all of its historic bridges and around its islands, by car. There was no good road map for this. I have since started Delta HeartBeat Tours that takes people by bus around the Delta to learn about the critical role the Delta played in the formation of the great State of California as well as the beginning of California agriculture dating back to the 1850's.

California's history is rooted in the Delta. Clarksburg, where I live, and Walnut Grove where I have my business, were both established in 1850, the year California became a State. The Delta has always drawn visitors. More recently, however, people also enjoy visiting the many wine tasting venues in the new Clarksburg Wine Appellation and the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg boasts 11 tasting rooms alone! Some of the family wineries housed there are 5th and 6th generation farmers.

In 2009 I began attending every meeting I could possibly attend: the Delta Blue Ribbon Task Force, Legislative Committee Hearings, BDCP scoping meetings, Delta Protection Commission, Delta Conservancy, Delta Levee Investment Strategy, Central Valley Flood Protection, North Delta Water Agency, Restore the Delta, Delta Stewardship Council, California Water Commission and North Delta CARES, to name some that I've attended the most often.

I began attending North Delta CARES meetings held at the Clarksburg Community Church in 2009 and started organizing North Delta CARES meetings with Anna Swenson in 2013 arranging meetings held every Thursday night at Husick's Restaurant in Clarksburg and inviting all members of the North Delta communities: Rio Vista, Isleton, Ryde, Walnut Grove, Locke, Hood, Courtland, Clarksburg and Freeport. We invited speakers such California State Senator Lois Wolk, Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas, Delta Stewardship Council Director Phil Isenberg, Jason Peltier – Westlands Water District, Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli, Roger Patterson – Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District, and many others. This also gave us the opportunity to inform Delta neighbors and answer their questions about meetings we've attended. This is why I represent my interests and those interests of the general public at large in the Delta at the State Water Resources Control Board Hearings.

As an important addition to North Delta CARES meetings, we have had representatives of various water solution alternatives outside of the CA WaterFix speak to our group such as Michael Reagan - SolAgra; Steve Haze - Delta Tulare-Water Plan; Joseph Rizzi - ocean desalinization using wave action; Debra Hamilton – Primary Water, and more.

All of this has given me a broad knowledge of the Delta, the people there, the water issues, and the challenges the Delta has been faced with.

The effects of the California WaterFix on myself and my family have the potential to be severe. (Note: Reminder – The California WaterFix is only 10% designed.)

I am personally a legal user of water in the Delta for the last 25 years and myself and my family are likely to be damaged by disintegration in the water quality caused by seepage or a potential breach in our water well due to the construction of the California WaterFix.

I live on property which is on the west side of the Sacramento River directly across from where Intake #2 is currently designed to be built. I believe that water quality of the well through which we obtain potable water for drinking, showering and daily needs will be seriously compromised during at least the construction phase and most probably the operational phase of the California WaterFix.

The property I live on may also be jeopardized through the construction of the coffer dam because the flow in the river will increase in velocity and scour the levee in front of our house causing serious erosion and potential flooding. This would make conditions in my residence unfit for continued habitation due to water contamination potentials and the risk of flood damage. Poor air quality and ongoing excessive noise pollution are also serious issues. The strong vibrations from pile driving would have the potential of causing liquifaction of the levee and/or misalignment of our water well in addition to compromising the foundational structure of our home. These factors would cause injury to myself and my family and result in the loss of our home, while making much of the North Delta virtually uninhabitable and cause injury to the legal users of water who live and work there.

In addition to myself, North Delta CARES witness panel includes:

Nicky Suard will be speaking about her experience as a 4th generation boater in California, owner of Snug Harbor Resort on Steamboat Slough, and her witness to the changes to flows, water quality, water levels and the terrestrial environment of the North Delta from a waterside perspective. She has also managed drinking wells in the Delta since 1987 and public drinking water wells and treatment systems at her Resort since 1997. She focuses on the impacts to drinking water quality of wells and surface water quality on the waterways in the Delta due to low inflows and the harm this causes animals and humans; harm to irrigation and drinking water. Nicky believes that the SWRCB should immediately reduce the amount of water allowed to be diverted from the Sacramento River in the Delta by at least 35% until surface water quality and groundwater quality increase and stabilize.

Mark Pruner is the Chair of the Clarksburg Fire Protection District. Mark testifies that should the CA WaterFix proceed as proposed, the District will experience an additional 100 calls per year and will acquire additional costs and impacts in the amount of \$1,675,000 annually. He also testifies that State and Federal entities have a cumulative amount of plans that seriously disrupt or even prevent the District from accomplishing its mission and purpose to provide emergency services within the District boundaries.

Richard Marshall is a past District Manager of Reclamation District #999, former Chief of DWR's Division of Flood Management, previous Executive Director/Manager of the North Delta Water Agency and long-term multi-generational farmer of the North Delta. He testifies that the current California WaterFix proposal will cause damage to legal users of water and there will not be sufficient water available to feed the tunnels in most years without diverting water from senior and riparian water rights holders. If the tunnels divert more water out of the Sacramento River in the North Delta, this will move the salinity further into the North Delta and lower water levels. As the ability of farmers to effectively farm in the North Delta greatly diminishes through increased salinity and decreased water availability, it will create a domino effect ultimately resulting in loss of jobs, loss of businesses and ultimate deterioration of the currently vibrant Delta communities.

Steve Haze testifies that he has worked with the CA Department of Water Resources Local Groundwater Assistance Program, and that the California Water Fix will have potentially significant impacts to surface and ground water in the North Delta during the construction and operation phases of the CA WaterFix. He has CALFED Bay-Delta experience for 9 years as it relates to the San Joaquin River Watershed/Basin with CALSIM I and II experience. He has attended and also presented at North Delta CARES meetings over the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

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