

1039 Chestnut St.
Paso Robles, Calif.
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To Art Youngberg, Editor
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Dear Art:

Thank you for printing the gist of some of the article on increased cost to some county taxpayers in the event the Collier Carbon & Chemical Corporation finally pulls out of the Port San Luis Harbor usage.....which article was sent to you by Fred Eissler of Santa Barbara and myself.

My appreciation to you always for using material I submit to you. (And I owe you much for help and direction and understanding -- and for forbearance, too.)

But may I ask even more -- may I cry on your shoulder just a little until I can get hold of myself and re-gird for the continuing fray? And my tears are over the headline attached to this article: "Sierra Club Opposing Coke Conveyor Across Nipomo Dunes". And the opening paragraph focuses on the "opposition of area Sierra Club members".

I had hoped the headline and the focus in the whole item would be on what would likely happen to up the tax burden of some county taxpayers if Collier Carbon pulls out of the Port San Luis picture. And I was not quoting my own ideas or Fred Eissler's, but was quoting right out of the horse's mouth: the top Calif. State authority on Small Craft Harbor Development. I had hoped for focusing more sharply on the fact that one of the State expert boys was letting us know what to expect if Collier pulls out of the Harbor.

I believe I have learned during the last three years never, never, never to suggest a headline to an editor -- so I leave the pure white space at the top of any item I submit.

The Sierra Club is unjustly accused of opposing a great deal. Actually, the Club is supporting far more. In working for preservation of the Dunes, we are supporting a far higher longer-range and better quality economy from park recreation (look at the statistics they are ascribing to the potential of Lopez Reservoir! The Dunes will surpass these figures, I bet.) and are supporting a "highest land use" -- rather than merely opposing this industry or that. I would rather see publicity go out that the Sierra Club supports the integrity of the Grand Canyon, than that we oppose Marble Canyon and Bridge Canyon dams.

The crying is over. Thank you for your steady shoulder. On with the battle: hopefully, on to victory.

Ever gratefully yours,

Kathy Jackson