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Dear Renie:

That program which you and Al Ulm and Cliff Wade did last night for the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club in San Luis Obispo was just great. It was smooth, informal, clear and factual, and was tactful. It was a good job of public relations and I'm going to send a copy of this letter to your boss.

Something that you could not possibly know is that this meeting was extremely refreshnig to me because it was a "good old fashioned Sierra Club meeting". By that I mean that some of the material dealt with had an element of controversy - such as the dune stabilization program, using the introduced exotic (European Beach Grass). But, in typical good Sierra Club meetings of some time ago, the discussion and argument offered a good back and forth bounce of differing opinions, but no tansions, no bitterness, no personality thing. Cliff Wade handled this part of the talk with no trace of a cocksure attitude that that the planting program could not be questioned. It was the way he put it; it was tactful. Nowadays there has come such tension and bitterness in some Sierra Club meetings, too few wholesome arguments. And the good audience participation that you three stimulated was factual, not emotional. And I, for one, came out of the meeting with better understanding and the willingness to follow Cliff Wade's suggestion to wait some years until the trees grow and then see whether the plan needs to be altered, or whether this development plan has proven to be a good one. We all need to be more patient...

Anyway, just a member off on the sidelines says thanks for giving us a good evening. And I know how busy you are - this letter needs no acknowledgment.

Sincerely,

Kathy

cc Lloyd Lively
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