

SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL

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'Message' On Trestle Draws Rio Complaint

There is a long-standing king-size graffito: "Valley Bug Out" on an overhead railroad trestle leading into Aptos Village.

The Aptos Chamber of Commerce at its Wednesday meeting got a letter of complaint about the unfriendly prose from the Rio del Mar Improvement Assn.

Chamber President Chuck Holcomb said he thought the message was aimed at young people from the Santa Clara Valley: "Our kids hate it when they come over to our beach."

Directors then talked of the possibility of painting out the three-word message, but wondered whether they could get Southern Pacific Railroad's permission to paint SP property.

"Just put 'SP Bug Out'," mused Director Lucile Aldrich, "and they'll paint it out themselves."