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**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**  
**DIVISION 10 COMMANDER'S REPORT**

**TO:** DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR  
**Cc:** District Board and Staff  
**DATE:** MAR 2020 REPORT FOR FEB 2020 ACTIVITIES  
**DIVISION:** 10---San Joaquin Valley  
**DCDR :** Donald Pierce

**Highlights:**

- D-TRAIN
- FLOTILLAS
- PROJECTS

**DETAILS:**

- **OPTREX** dates: 21-22 AUG 2020, Millerton Lake, all are welcome, you will enjoy the warmth of the San Joaquin Valley in Mid August.:
- **MODESTO FLOTILLA 10-02**  
CORE AND RM TRAINING DOING VERY WELL. A presentation and fashion show for ODUs is scheduled and was conducted. Facilities are being serviced and readied for Patrols. New Members attended New Member Orientation at PCA and enjoyed. They have been conducting Program Visits and from Bass Pro and Bass Club were requesting PA events. The VSCs are starting slow but gearing up. Their focus has changes drastically. The actions became electronic without missing a beat and were Division 10's first Flotilla to do a OPS Workshop by WEBINAR and looking forward to the possibility of a RM 2.0 Refresher when it becomes authorized. No major illnesses and no Virus detected.
- **STOCKTON FLOTILLA 10-03:** has been very busy at the end of 2019 and started again in 2020. VSCs PEs suddenly stopped and all has been slow since. They are still well and waiting at the gate. The Rio Vista Training has been postponed until further notice. Stockton has been very helpful with training for Dockwalkers, Oil Spill Response and Marine Safety awareness, all are on hold.
- **FRESNO FLOTILLA 10-05:**  
The Flotilla is undergoing many changes, caused by retirements and serious illness. They are slowly increasing their VSCs. Fresno has been working with Kaweah Flotilla developing ABS Classes: 28 March, 25 April, 17 May. From a Program Visit there was a request to do an ABS Class in Spanish, set-up in progress. There are at least 3 members that can do it in Spanish. Some members are working on Boat Crew PQS. Physical contact has been stopped, but the plans continue, ABS classes, Program Visits and VSCs are waiting to be done.
- **KAWEAH FLOTILLA 10-06:**

COW, 7 December 2019, 0900hrs Marie Calendar's Mooney Blvd /Hwy 198 Visalia. It went very well, the meeting after the meeting with Tulare County Sheriff and Army Corps of Engineers discussed interesting joint Training Patrols. If it happens we will have a great report.

Training new Crew, Instructors and TCOs is continuing,

Joint ABS Classes mentioned with Fresno Flotilla development is in full progress. The ABS Class 28 March has been postponed. Working with Madera County Sheriff, The 25 people that were signed-up were informed of online alternatives and/or reschedule. Starting NSBW, Visalia Flotilla will be working with Visalia Sportsman's Warehouse 16 April with a major PA Event, including the ACV/ARV. There will be many other Agencies including Coast Guard Recruiting Office from Fresno, hands on activities for the adults and youth. Facilities are being readied for Exhibit and Patrols. More details will follow as they develop. IT IS UNKNOWN HOW OR IF THIS WILL OCCUR. If cancelled, it will be rescheduled

The annual Kaweah OPEX is scheduled for 1-3 May 2020, Lake Kaweah. Other Divisions have participated in the past as well as the Flotillas from Division 10. Schedule waiting for further information. Meetings and Trainings where possible are being planned as WEBINARS at this time.

### **PROJECTS:**

1. FACILITY REPAIRS and UPGRADE
2. OPEX AND OPTREX: encouraging each Flotilla to have both available, in addition to regular Patrols enabling quality training with others.
3. COMMITTEES: Chosen and already getting to work.
4. D-TRAIN 2020,  
Being cancelled has brought out the best in people: To overcome, creating ways to communicate and train. The change of pace is enabling time to review and improve quality.
5. SEA SCOUTS, establish relation with Ships in the Division working with the new DSO-AS
6. Training activities with GOLD SIDE, USACE, PARKS AND REC AND COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT are being setup and planned.
7. SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ALL THE FLOTILLAS WITH BOATING SAFETY CLASSES.
8. All events are being planned and conducted with ICS as a guide. The classes from D-Train will be missed.
9. Looking for the WEBINAR Public Education presentation to be exciting.
10. Improving Recreational Boating Safety
11. When Members abilities change, have places of importance for them to be.

### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

Attrition/Attrition/ Recruitment and Education

### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

Each Flotilla AOR has different environments which teams them up with: GOLD SIDE, many COUNTY SHERIFF DEPTs, Bureau of Land Management, USACE, CA PARKS AND RECREATION, FISH AND WILDLIFE

### **GOALS OF DIVISION 10:**

- **FLOTILLAS TO WORK AS A TEAM**
- **RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

- MORE INSTRUCTORS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION
- MORE FACILITIES, COX'N AND CREW
- STRONGER EFFORT FOR VSCs and PROGRAM VISITS
- REPORTS ARE TOOLS NOT BURDENS

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