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

**TO:** DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR  
**Cc:** District Board and Staff  
**DATE:** OCTOBER /NOVEMBER 2020 ACTIVITIES REPORT  
**DIVISION:** 10—San Joaquin Valley  
**DCDR:** Donald Pierce

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- OPTREX
- WEBINARS
- ELECTION
- FLOTILLAS
- PROJECTS

**DETAILS:**

- **OPTREX:** NO OPTREX 2020, SCHEDULED 24-25 SEP 2021, MILLERTON LAKE, WORKING ON LIST FOR PHASE II STYLE QE CHECK RIDES FOR SURFACE OPERATIONS
- **WEBINARS:** The change in Webinar availability is appreciated and being used by all the Flotillas. The training schedules have been distributed and are being taken advantage of for personal members growth. VIRTUAL TRAINING CLASSES HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT.
- **ELECTION:** DIVISION 10 ELECTION 7 OCTOBER 20: The Election was uncontested and conducted with a Voice Vote. Donald Pierce elected DCDR, Bill Boersma elected VDCDR. STAFF OFFICER APPOINTMENTS ALMOST COMPETE, REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED
- **MODESTO FLOTILLA 10-02**
  1. **Periodic well checks are being conducted for each member of the Flotilla. Illnesses that have been mentioned are NOT VIRUS RELATED and, NO OTHER CORONA VIRUS POSITIVE TESTS REPORTED.**
  2. Uniform Training continues to be discussed.
  3. Processing New Members from Letter of interest.  
**Jonathan Perrone**, already BQ, **Lora Perrone**, being processed, **David Vakon**, being processed.
  4. Webinars are being used for meetings and training.
  5. Facilities are being serviced and readied for Patrols.
  6. **Becky Obrien-Witt** is working on making Face Masks for First Responders and supplying Division 10 masks to help members comply to Phase II requirements.
  7. **Election: STEVE BRADON FC (elect), CHRIS BENNETT VFC (elect)**
- **STOCKTON FLOTILLA 10-03:**
  1. Electronic meetings are being conducted.
  2. **Members: Some illness, suspected Virus effects tested, were Negative.**
  3. **Phase II is being discussed and working on compliance.**

4. Stockton Flotilla has been very helpful with promoting training in the Division for Dockwalkers, Oil Spill Response and Marine Safety awareness.
  5. **ELECTION: 11 NOV 20, Uncontested and Virtual.**
- **FRESNO FLOTILLA 10-05:**
    1. Well check, **ONE MEMBER CONTRACTED COVID 19 VIRUS, HAS RECOVERED AND TESTED NEGATIVE. NO CONTACT WITH OTHER MEMBERS BEFORE NEGATIVE TEST AND EXTENDED ISOLATION PERIOD. THE INFECTION ORIGINATED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROM FAMILY MEMBER ON LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTY AT 'PEACEFUL' PUBLIC PROPERTY DESTRUCTION DEMONSTRATION. THE FAMILY MEMBER DIED FOLLOWING ALL THE CDC GUIDELINES.**
    2. New Members being processed from Letters of Interest  
**Martin Ouellette:** BQ, working on Certifications  
**Stanley Perry:** In discussions, starting processing  
**Kull Stalder:** Continuing discussions
    3. **ELECTION:**  
10 NOV 20 Virtual, Uncontested, **CANDIDATES: Darin Lenz, FC; John Ferretti VFC.** They have stepped up and showing interest for additional Staff Positions, will be attending Elected Officer Training.
    4. **WORKING WITH VISALIA/KAWEAH 10-06, REBUILDING**
  - **KAWEAH FLOTILLA 10-06:**
    1. Meetings and Trainings where possible are being planned as WEBINARS.
    2. Major effort to implement AUXDATA 2.0 and PHASE II
    3. **Well Check, illnesses not related to VIRUS**
    4. **ELECTION: 1 OCT 20, Uncontested, Virtual**  
**Richard Myers FC elect, Howard Ratzlaff VFC elect**
    5. Phase II being discussed for Compliance.

**PROJECTS:**

1. FACILITY REPAIRS and UPGRADE
2. SEA SCOUTS: Discussing future activities with Sea Scout Ships.
3. Training activities with GOLD SIDE, USACE, PARKS AND REC AND COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT are being setup and planned, are on hold. USACE has been contacted and discussing PHASE II.
4. SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR BOATING SAFETY CLASSES.
5. When Members abilities change, have places of importance for them to be. This is becoming MORE important. Effects of PHASE II ARE BEING DISCUSSED.

**CHALLENGES / OBSTICLES / OPPORTUNITIES:**

PHASE II, Attrition/Attrition/ Recruitment, Retention, Education, PHASE II

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

Each Flotilla AOR has different environments which teams them up with: GOLD SIDE, many SHERIFF DEPTs, USACE, CA PARKS, 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, PROGRAM VISITS and PA EVENTS**

**END OF REPORT**