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## **SIERRA DIVISION 11 COMMANDER'S REPORT**

**TO:** DCO Dean McFarren, D11NR  
**Cc:** District Board and Staff  
**DATE:** JULY 2021 REPORT  
**DIVISION:** Sierra Division 11  
**DCDR:** Bryce Leinan

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Trans-Tahoe Swim on 17 July, 1 AUX boat with PWC and AUXCOM support.

### **DETAILS:**

- Planning July virtual meeting.

### **North Lake Tahoe Flotilla 11-01**

1. Flotilla 1 held their first fellowship meeting at VCDR Tom Henderson's house, which was very well received by flotilla members.

### **Reno Flotilla 11-03**

1. Three new members in process, plus one approved last month.
2. SeaTow Foundation PFD stations on indefinite hold due to unavailability of materials from Sea Tow
3. VFC Bill Yawn is moving to Georgia, special election for VFC at August meeting.

### **PROJECTS:**

1. Discussing leadership training programs for the two flotillas.
2. Division 11 leadership is engaging with Station Lake Tahoe on a weekly basis.
3. Division 11 OPTREX will be held on 28 August.

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

1. Water levels have forced Lahontan to close, many ramps at Tahoe are closed.
3. As the only bi-state Division in the district, it is a challenge managing the requirements of both Nevada and California, along with the restrictions on meeting rooms and such.

## **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. 11-03 has been working with Lahontan and Topaz on activities, since water levels are low, most are on hold until 2022.
2. Station Lake Tahoe has tentative plans to put a station facility on Pyramid Lake at the request of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, AUXCOM will be requested for when the station boat is on the water.

## **GOALS OF DIVISION 11:**

- Recruit new elected leadership for Flotilla 11-01 and 11-03, help with succession planning. Flotilla 11-01 needs both a FC and VFC, Reno is working on the same thing.
- Build a deeper “bench” of capable leaders so we don’t have to recycle candidates as often as we have done in the past, including coxswains and other boat crew.
- Build relationships with flotilla members coming from Flotilla 11-04 to the gaining flotillas.

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