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

**TO:** DCO Dean McFarren, D11NR  
**Cc:** District Board and Staff  
**DATE:** JAN 2022 REPORT  
**DIVISION:** Sierra Division 11  
**DCDR:** Bryce Leinan

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Stand-down

### **DETAILS:**

- Division leadership is looking for a meeting room, Scheels is not available. Due to the new vaccination requirements, most meetings will be virtual.

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

1. Nothing to report, the January meeting was cancelled.

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

1. Reno Flotilla 3 met on 1/17, staff officers were sworn in. Discussions about training when members are able to meet in-person again.

### **PROJECTS:**

1. None currently in process at this time due to the season and many personnel not being vaccinated.
2. Change of Watch - as of 1/19, only 14 people have responded to a survey about the Change of Watch. Out of those 14 responses, only 4 people are in compliance with ALAUX 001/22 and wish to attend. If ALAUX 001/22 is modified to allow attendance by non-vaccinated persons, there is a possibility that 8 additional members would attend. Only 5 respondents wish to attend a virtual event. I am going to send out a follow-up email requesting more responses; however, it is anticipated that Division 11 will not have an in-person Change of Watch on March 24th.

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

1. Division 11 has the potential of losing multiple coxswains, boat crew, and other members over ALAUX 001/22 and through normal attrition. While division leadership has asked members to stand by for right now until further guidance and possible exemptions are in place, this will affect our activities for the foreseeable future.

2. All Division 11 entities do not have meeting rooms at present - we are looking at the Black Bear Diner in Reno, since our normal locations are not available. We may have a February meeting in-person.

3. Division 11 has multiple members in REYR due to the fire season of 2021 and COVID-19 effectively cancelling all but one patrol event at Lake Tahoe. Other lakes did not have water, so we did not have many options last year.

### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. Reno Flotilla 3 working with Lahontan and Topaz on life jacket stations.

### **GOALS OF DIVISION 11:**

- Recruit new elected leadership for Flotillas 11-01 and 11-03, along with Division 11.
- 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.
- Maintain membership near 2021 levels, we are the smallest Division in the district, and need to maintain viability.

### **END OF REPORT**