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SIERRA DIVISION 11 COMMANDER'S REPORT

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Pyramid Lake / STA Lake Tahoe Support

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. Flotilla met and passed a budget.

Reno Flotilla 11-03

1. Nothing new to report from January - meeting scheduled for 2/21.

PROJECTS:

1. Chief Colt Fairchild of Station Lake Tahoe contacted me regarding several events. One being the SnowFest parade and Polar Bear Swim - Flotilla 11-01 is going to participate in those activities. STA Lake Tahoe personnel are teaching the "gold side" NASBLA approved course to South Lake Tahoe Fire and Pyramid Lake - we will assist as requested.
2. At the request of STA Lake Tahoe and the Pyramid Lake Tribe, the AUX will be supporting communications for both agencies during exercises and patrols scheduled during the summer at Pyramid Lake. I am in contact with Larry Stanton and Kevin Sellstrom regarding use of the AUX Comms Trailer. This is pending sector approval of the ICS paperwork.
3. Change of Watch - we discussed this during the Division meeting, and it was decided to postpone the CoW, at least temporarily.

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. VCDR Tom Henderson stepped down from his position as AUC due to ALAUX 001/22 affecting his ability to work at STA Lake Tahoe.
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.
3. Division 11 has multiple members in REYR due to the fire season of 2021 and COVID-19 effectively canceling 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