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District Eleven Northern Region DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT – 113-03

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Subj: DIVISION 3 REPORT: Month ending 31 July 2023

Highlights/"3 ups"

- SAREX with CGSTA Rio Vista
- Boat crew and coxswain training continues
- Bridge surveys completed
- AUXFAC's from Division handles SAR cases

Details

- The planned SAREX held with CGSTA Rio Vista on 18 July was re-scheduled until **07 September**. Hours before the training event was to commence, 3 of the 4 Auxiliary facilities and their crews withdrew due to various issues. It was decided to cancel the training and re-schedule at a later date, so all 27 registered members were immediately notified.
- Boat crew and coxswain training continues at the Sacramento Yacht Club and on the Sacramento River with 6 trainees. Instructors providing the training are: John Hardin, Doug MacPherson and Greg VanKoersel.
- All assigned bridge surveys (25) have been completed within the division; remaining are 87 PATONS to be inspected, 12 of which are done.
- John Hardin on "Side Kick" and Tommy Holtzman on "Intrepid" handled 7 SAR cases of CGSTA Rio Vista's 27 total for the month (26%).

Projects

- **SAREX** in San Joaquin delta on **07 September** will be based out of CGSTA Rio Vista.
- A Weekend Navigator virtual class is scheduled to begin **20 September** for 6 evenings once a week. Instructors include: Doug MacPherson, Don Anderson, and Greg VanKoersel.
- SO-MS Jeff Fite will be taking his MS/MEP qualifications training on **09 September** to CGSTA Lake Tahoe. And, a beach clean-up is scheduled for **21 October** at the Freeport Bridge.
- PA events on the weekend of **23-24 September** include the California Capital Airshow where we will be working alongside Active Duty CG Recruiters; and Bow Wow Days in Orangevale.

Challenges/Obstacles/Opportunities

- Retrieving issued PPE from non-active members and submitting assigned inventories
- Repair and future use of “Coastie” at PA events
- Re-engaging inactive members
- Increasing division membership and interest in leadership positions; increasing AUX FAC

Agency Interaction

- Army Corps of Engineers, Englebright Lake. VSC event scheduled for **02 September**
- SO-OP John Hardin continues to work with CGSTA Rio Vista, W. Sacramento PD

Goals and Objectives

- Emphasis on recruiting, retention and re-involvement.
- Present training in leadership and program specific areas.
- Improve member participation and increase membership.

Photos:

- None

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