

TO: District 11N Board and Staff  
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV

SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for January 2019.

January has been a very quiet and uneventful month for us due to the government shutdown and budget limitations. We do have several flights scheduled for early February and we are submitting flight requests for mid to later February, but these will not be approved pending resolution of budget status.

We did have a very good Squadron Dinner/Meeting on January 29th and reviewed our activities for the prior year and plans for the coming year. We also discussed upcoming DTRAIN and our presentation on Saturday afternoon. Prior to the dinner, we had a staff meeting where we discussed training and personnel issues. We are continuing to recruit and train new candidates for the positions of observer, aircrew, and pilot. We hope to resume actual flight training once the budget situation is resolved.

Our next Aviation Safety Workshop is now scheduled for Saturday, 13 April 2019, at CGI. We will have a swim test at the end of the day and will also have a swim test Friday morning, 12 April 2019. We, also, welcome auxiliarists in surface operations who need a swim test as part of their required qualifications.

Also, due to the government shutdown, National cancelled our AUX-17 (CRM) course which was scheduled for 16-17 Feb. We will now reschedule this 2-day course for a later date.

When we do conduct patrol flights, we continue helping NOAA by monitoring and photographing the CEMEX plant near Moss Landing as well as the land slide that closed Hwy 1, near Big Sur. Even though this slide has been repaired and the highway opened, NOAA is concerned that the earth is still moving and there could be more problems at this location. Additionally, we are continuing to work with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and NOAA to conduct possible flights along the coast to conduct surveys of whales, with particular attention to these animals becoming entangled in crab and fishing gear. We expect to start conducting such surveys when the budget situation is resolved.

Respectfully submitted,  
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