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TO: D11N Board and Staff

FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV

SUBJECT: AuxAir Report, July 2019.

We continue to average between three and six flights each week in support of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. We are assisting NOAA by monitoring the CEMEX plant near Moss Landing as well as the slide area south of Pt. Lobos. We also continue to monitor the wildlife protection areas along our coast, between Jenner and Carmel. In the Delta, we are identifying ADV's and photographing them with their lat-long locations.

On 30 July we had an excellent Squadron Dinner/Meeting. We had 24 auxiliarists in attendance and we were very pleased and honored to have our new San Francisco Air Station Commander, CAPT Tom Cooper meet with us. CAPT Cooper has an impressive background in the Coast Guard and strongly support the Auxiliary. We are looking forward to a continuing close working relationship with the Gold Side.

Additionally, we had a very interesting and informative presentation from the Seabird Protection Network. We learned a lot about the number and variety of seabirds in our AOR. We expect to work with them on protecting the hundreds of bird nesting sites along our coast, in similar fashion to the way we now work with NOAA on protecting other marine wildlife.   We learned that a Murre can dive 600 feet in order to catch a fish !!!!

Our training program is moving forward. We have a new Observer who has completed all his training and is just waiting for final DO clearance. We have a new pilot who is now in Oklahoma, taking her AUX 18 course at the FAA training facility. We have several other observer candidates going through their training.

We have now scheduled our fall Aviation Safety Workshop for Saturday, 09 Nov 2019. This will be at Gresham Hall, CGI and will be followed by a swim test at the pool. As always, boat crew members who need their swim test are welcome to attend. We expect our next Squadron Dinner/Meeting will be on Tuesday, 24 September 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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