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TO: Board and Staff  
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV  
Subject: AuxAir Monthly Report for June 2022.

AuxAir for D11NR has five certified aircraft, including four fixed wing and one helicopter. We continue to train new observers, aircrew and pilots.

On Saturday, 04 June, AuxAir conducted its spring Aviation Safety Workshop. Hal Seibert organized this Workshop, which was done via Go To Meeting. We had approximately 28 participants, including one from D11SR. We were fortunate to have Safety Officer LCDR Allison Allen from Air Station San Francisco conduct our Crew Resource Management and Decision Making sessions.

AuxAir continues to support the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies such as NOAA. We also received a request from LA Enforcement Division Officer through FOB Pt. Mugu through Air Station San Francisco for auxair assistance. We were able to provide this assistance in the Los Angeles area and expect to provide future assistance for LAEDO. We, also, continue to work with NOAA and the Marine Life Studies group on locating entangled whales in the Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay areas.

We were also tasked by Sector to search for a particular vessel believed to be in the area of the Sacramento Deep Water Channel and Minor Slough. Doug Kerr and I flew a Delta Patrol and located the probable vessel of interest to Sector. We identified the location and took photos, which were sent to Sector. On a second Delta Patrol, Doug and I confirmed the location of this vessel and took additional photos for Sector.

On Thursday afternoon, 30 June, Doug and I were returning from a Delta Patrol and were in the vicinity of the Carquinez Bridge when we heard a call from Sector regarding a boat collision and out-of-control boat in the vicinity of Angel Island. We responded to this location and located a vessel going in tight circles at high speed just west of Angel Island. This vessel appeared to be out-of-control. A Coast Guard vessel was on scene, along with Chopper 5. We maintained separation with the news helicopter and took photos of the vessel. We later learned that there was a fatality involved in this boat collision.

Respectfully submitted,

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