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TO: Board and Staff  
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV  
SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for March 2024.

AuxAir continues to fly missions in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. The number of our flights have been limited due to weather and our flights will increase as the weather improves. We, also, continue to provide logistics support to the FOB at Air Station Pt. Mugu.

We are sorry to announce the retirement of First Pilot Ron Darcey, who has provided over 20 years of meritorious service to the Auxiliary and to AuxAir. Ron has been very active all these years and has performed a variety of duties, including being our Training Officer and our Public Affairs Officer. Ron has been a First Pilot and has flown numerous missions for the Coast Guard and Auxiliary. Ron has organized our bi-monthly Squadron Dinner/Meetings for the past 15 years. These dinners have been very important to providing opportunities for our dispersed auxair members to gather for fellowship and training. We know that all of us will retire at some point, but we will feel the loss of Ron and his many contributions to the Auxiliary.

Thanks to Pete Hnat and Adam Kovalevsky we have 17 aux members progressing through their training requirements to become Aviation Observers, Aircrew, and Pilots. Several of these members also have airplanes, which will increase our fleet and capabilities. Pete, also, conducted a swim test in the Sacramento area on March 24<sup>th</sup> and a number of our auxair members, who live in the Sacramento vicinity, completed this required annual test.

Adam Kovalevsky and Jimmin Chang, and possibly other auxair members, are working with the Coast Guard Reserves to assist the Reserve with their required annual incident command training exercise. We have assisted the Reserves in prior years and have been requested to assist again this year. The all-day exercise is scheduled for April.

Hal Seibert is organizing our Spring Aviation Safety Workshop, which is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 May 2024. Instruction will be provided by Air Station San Francisco as well as from our own auxair members. Topics include, but not limited to, Crew Resource Management (CRM), medical factors affecting flight operations, new policies and procedures, and egress training in the event of a water landing.

Respectfully submitted,

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