

AuxAir Monthly Report for February 2021.

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TO: Board & Staff

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SUBJECT: AuxAir Monthly Report for February 2021.

AuxAir continues to increase our operations in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies, such as NOAA. We now have a fourth aircraft certified for missions and we are spending most of our flights along the coast, with a number of patrols extending south of Monterey Bay, down to Pt. Mugu. We anticipate having four more fixed wing aircraft and one helicopter back on line in the next few weeks or months. We continue to support NOAA with photo flights at the Cemex Plant just south of Moss Landing and the Rat Tail slide on Hwy 1 south of Big Sur.

We are also assisting the auxair program in D11S to help them get back to operating status. Like us in D11N, they have been grounded during the pandemic and they are now being authorized to resume flights along the Southern California coast as well as inland waters such as Lake Powell, Lake Meade, and the Colorado River. We will help them with aircraft inspections and with SAR/STAN pilot check rides as soon as we are permitted to work together.

We are also continuing with recruitment and training. Our ADSO for training, Glen Marshall, is working with several aux members who are working on their aviation requirements. One of these members is in Utah and this will give us a pilot in Division 7 and we expect to have observers in Utah to fly with the pilot. Our ADSO-AAC, Doug Kerr, will be putting on a virtual training class this next week for pilots to help them use AUXDATA II for requesting orders and then completing after-mission reports. We are, also, working with National on The 2021 Air Workshop, which is mandatory

for all members with an Air Qualification. There is a pdf version and a PowerPoint version for this required course. Our DFSSO, Hal Seibert, is also a qualified aux instructor and he will be presenting this course to our auxair members.

Respectfully submitted,

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