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TO: District Board & Staff
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV
SUBJECT: AuxAir Monthly Report for June 2021.

AuxAir continues to provide aviation support for the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. We are flying between two and six missions each week, including flights to assist NOAA.

We had a significant mission on 12 June 2021, when one of our twin-engine planes, piloted by Hal Seibert, departed Camarillo Airport to continue patrolling Charlie Sector (the coast between Monterey Bay and Pt. Mugu). Sector LA contacted our aircraft and asked if they could assist in locating a kayaker in distress. Sector LA gave the Lat-Long, which turned out to be in Sector SF's AOR and was approximately 18 miles off shore.

A Coast Guard helicopter had been launched from Air Station San Francisco (ASSF) and our aircraft arrived in the vicinity at approximately 1530. There was a heavy marine layer which required the helicopter to operate at low altitude, which made it impossible to maintain radio comms with Sector SF. Our aux aircraft was asked to maintain a holding pattern in the area, at about 6,500 feet, so they could relay radio communications back and forth between Sector, the Air Station, and the helicopter. A little while later the CG helo had to go to Monterey Airport for fuel and a second helo was launched from ASSF. At approximately 1745, Sector SF advised the kayak was located by a boat from Station Morrow Bay and no further assistance was needed from auxair.

We also continue to train auxiliarists who wish to become Observers, Aircrew, or Pilots. We currently have seven members in various stages of training. On Saturday, 07 Aug 2021, Ron Darcey will start ground school training at Livermore Airport for some of these members. We plan on completing the ground portion of the training by the end of September and will then start the actual flight training.

We, also, will have our first post-covid Squadron Dinner/Meeting on Tuesday, 27 July 2021, at the Holiday Inn, Dublin. Auxiliarists who wish to attend must RSVP to Ron Darcey so the Hotel knows how many to prepare for.

AuxAir members are required to take the two-day AUX-17 (Crew Resource Management) course initially and every five years thereafter. There was an AUX-17 course scheduled for 10-11 July 2021 at CGI, however, this was cancelled due to a lack of instructors from National. Fortunately, our members will not go into REYER status as a result of this cancellation.

Aux Pilots are required to take a week-long AUX-18 (spatial disorientation, crew resource management, etc.) course initially and every five years thereafter. This course is only given at FAA HQ in Oklahoma City and is only given a few times each year. We have several aux pilots trying to get into these courses, but have been advised that they are filling up fast and/or there may not be sufficient funding for all aux pilots who need this course. Some pilots may have to wait until next FY.

Respectfully submitted; Larry Olson DSO-AV