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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 CAMARILLO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Charles Taylor, County of Ventura, Retired
Sponsors: Jack Daniel Co., Bassett Sales, Motorola, Talley Communications
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 06 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Moving On", Danita Crombach, Ventura County Sheriff's Department
Attendance: 67

AGENDA

Greeting – Ron Wong. Ron opened the chapter meeting at 1030 hours. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ron introduced the sponsors for the meeting. He expressed sincere appreciation for their support.

Meeting Orientation – Chuck Taylor. Chuck provided information regarding park arrangements. Jack Daniel Co., Talley, Motorola, Bassett Sales were thanked for their sponsorship support.

Introductions - All. New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Meeting Schedule – Anna Holmes. October 19th will be the "Table Top" meeting. Everyone was encouraged to bring associates, friends, and family to the luncheon. The luncheon is sponsored by the commercial members. There will be extensive displays provided by the vendors. John Sarkissian reported on the upcoming November meeting to be held at March ARB. There will be a tour of Armed Forces Radio and Television Services facilities. The luncheon will be held in the old NCO club. Entry to the base will be through the old main base gate (ID will not be required). The December meeting will be held at the Reagan Library. There will be musical entertainment during the lunch followed by installation of the new officers. Tours of the museum will be available. The cost for the luncheon will be \$35/person.

Treasurer's Report – Reported by Mike Rowles. Mike reviewed the bank account, and CD balances. One of the CDs will be redeemed to provide operating funds for upcoming conference activities. Cash and bank account balances total \$83,294.30.

Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard provided updates regarding current issues. Gary announced that 5,929 people attended the APCO Conference.

Officer Nominations – Chuck Taylor. Chuck introduced candidates for VP: Don Root, and Ken Mann. Each of them gave a short speech indicating their interest in serving the Chapter.

Regulatory Report - Travis Williams. This coming Tuesday, the FCC will announce the activation of the Homeland Security Bureau. How the new organization will affect the Wireless Bureau remains to be seen. Travis reported on CALSIEC meeting items. The next statewide meeting will be Friday, 10/6/06. The southern region meeting will be Tuesday, 11/21/06.

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Regulatory Report (Cont.) Don Root presented information regarding ongoing negotiations with L.A. broadcasters regarding the FCC mandated conversion to the 700 MHz bands. In another area, Don commented about the need to looking at 800 mutual aid repeater assets. He plans to hold a working group meeting on October 18th.

FCC Matters – Gary Gray. Gary reminded everyone that vanity call signs are coming up for renewal. Dave reported on the 700 MHz plan status. He suggested that we hold off pending the FCC docket on 700 wideband channels. Regarding the Cyren Call plan, Dave commented that APCO supports the proposal in principle. The Cyren Call plan requires current the law to be changed to preclude the 30 MHz of spectrum from going to auction. Dave provided an update regarding the expansion band options within the 800 MHz rebanding program. On October 3, 1:00 pm there will be an 800 Rebanding meeting hosted by Orange County. Dave encouraged everyone to get their NPSPAC licensing changes completed before the end of the year. STA's may not be recognized within the rebanding processes. Bob reported status concerning the interference from the Mexico TV station (channel 20). The Mexico station will be moved from channel 20 to channel 22 to resolve the interference problems. This action will be completed in about 6 weeks. Gary presented information about the Jack Garretson trial. He was convicted of radio frequency interference incidents of a severe nature. The judge sentenced him to 7 years.

Membership Report – Bob Uribe. We have two new members – one from Riverside County and one from the Corona Fire Department. They will be sent welcome letters from the Chapter.

Western Regional Conference – Bob Uribe. Bob encouraged everyone to go to the CPRA website and see the latest information on the conference.

Transition Administrator Report – Dave Buchanan. See notes above.

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel & Larry Weber. Jack asked each of the company representatives to introduce themselves and give a brief comment about products and services provided by each one respectively.

Table Top Meeting – Larry Weber. Larry reported that table sales are going quickly. 53 tables and 6 booths have been sold. There is one booth remaining and a small number of tables. He encouraged vendors to contact him for applications.

Other Business – Ron. Ron announced that a Chairman for the Telecommunicator's Banquet is needed. This is an important event and now is the time to start the planning for it. In another area of interest, Mike presented a motion to begin future General Meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. This is in recognition of the heritage of our nation, and in support of active duty military serving our county, and the many veterans who are CPRA members. Carried.

Program Introduction – Chuck Taylor. Chuck introduced Danita Grombach, Ventura County Sheriff's Department. Danita presented a report regarding responding to the emergency relocation of the dispatch center due to a sewage spill that occurred via the jail overhead. She addressed the physical, technical, and personnel challenges associated with constructing a temporary dispatch center. The task was completed in 32 days (March 16 – April 17, 2006). Danita complimented the vendor and County staff for their teamwork and nonstop efforts to restore fully operational dispatch services for Ventura County.

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Meeting Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. Everyone was asked to be sure they had their ticket for the luncheon.

No Tie Activities – Chuck Taylor. Chuck held the drawings for a large number of items provided by the vendors, and back packs and shirts from APCO. Many thanks go to the vendors who provided prizes.

Notes for the Record. Following the luncheon, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary

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