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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING AUGUST 23, 2007 GEEZER'S RESTAURANT SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Hosts: Downey Fire Department, Jim Acosta
Sponsor: Ron Lyons, EADS
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July 2007 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "California Public-Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee"
Presenter: Angela Azevedo, State of California Department of Corrections
Program: "P25 Standards Update"
Presenter: Ron Lyons, EADS
Attendance: 65

AGENDA

Greeting – Bob Uribe. Bob (standing in for Anna) opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the August 2007 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob thanked the Jim Acosta and the Downey Fire Department for its support of the meeting. He also expressed sincere appreciation to Ron Lyons, EADS for sponsoring the meeting.

Introductions - All. It was noted that new members are always welcome. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Meeting Schedule – Bob Uribe. Bob announced that the next meeting will be the annual "no ties allowed" BBQ to be held on September 20th in Thousand Oaks at Creekside Park, Conejo Recreation & Park District. Directions will be on the web site. He commented that all future meeting information is on the web site. It was noted that companies interested in supporting the chapter as a sponsor should contact Jack Daniel. Sponsorships are open for the December meeting. Bob provided information about the 2008 schedule. There is information about this schedule on the web site also.

Nominating Committee – Chuck Taylor, John Sarkissian, Ron Wong. Chuck announced that nominations are still open for the upcoming elections in October. He introduced the current candidates identified by the nomination committee.

Membership Report – Ken. We have 535 members through June 2007, the last available report. It was noted that we send a welcome letter to each new member.

Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John reported that our tax return record copies have been completed. John reviewed the account balances for the checking accounts and the CD accounts.

FCC Matters – Gary Gray. Gary commented about 800 rebanding. He indicated the FCC Chairman emphasized the need to retain the planned schedule. Gary described changes in the 700 MHz allocation. He also commented about a nationwide broadband network as a part of the 700 MHz frequency allocation. In another area Henry Richter provided comments about letters of coordination and words required by FCC staffers regarding "accepting interference." He indicated he is working with an FCC staff person to resolve problems with this procedure.

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CALSIEC – Don Root. Don provided updates on items under discussion. He reported that a key topic is getting the State of California Interoperability Plan drafted. Don encouraged public safety agencies to participate in the process. He provided information about Federal grant money available for interoperability projects.

800 Rebanding – Ray Grimes. Ray summarized current issues with the 800 rebanding initiative. (See attached.) He noted that there appears to be progress with the Mexico agreement. Ray briefed on rebanding steps completed in Orange County. Additionally, he reviewed recent FCC Reports & Order pertinent to rebanding in various states.

Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard noted comments filed by APCO pertinent to E911 testing for PSAP coverage.

Table Top Meeting – Larry Webber. Larry emphasized that the Table Top meeting is confirmed for October 18th at the Quiet Cannon Conference Center in Montebello. He invited all the commercials to make their reservations. He indicated that all the booths were sold except one. Table tops are still available.

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack reviewed plans for the No Ties Event. He invited commercial members to participate with door prizes. Jack reminded commercial members about sponsorship and program opportunities for the 2008 chapter meeting schedule. Jack provided information about sponsorship opportunities for the CommLink (printed version to be released in September). In a technical area, Jack asked for inputs regarding in-building communications code requirements. Jack is serving on a NPTSC committee to develop a code applicable across the nation. Jack then asked commercials to introduce themselves and give a short pitch on their respective products/services. He thanked the commercials for participating with and supporting the Chapter and its activities.

Other Chapter Business – All. No report this meeting.

Program Intro – Bob. Bob introduced Angela Azevedo, State of California Department of Corrections serving on the Technical Working Group of the California Public-Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee (PSRSPC). She presented information about the “bottom up” approach pertinent to the strategic planning process. Bob then introduced Ron Lyons, EADS who presented an update on P25 standards development.

Meeting Adjourned. Bob thanked everyone for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon.

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

ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES (by Ray Grimes)

800 MHz REBANDING OVERVIEW CPRA Sante Fe Springs 08/23/07

1. APCO Conference Baltimore
FCC: “The completion date for rebanding is certain and the FCC does not at this time anticipate changing that date.” (Mid-2009 or sooner?) This would appear to be a tactic to motivate incumbents. If the Mexico Treaty Agreement is unsuccessful or greatly delayed, then the FCC will have few options but to extend the completion deadline.
2. OC Subscriber Equipment Deployment (SED) Application:
The SED application seeks substantial rebanding planning information regarding the incumbent’s specific rebanding migration plan. We are contacting the TA and Sprint-Nextel to fully understand the intent and purpose of this SA information inquiry. A grossly incorrect estimation of the rebanding timetable and required resources may produce a legal problem for an incumbent as the information submitted was known to be inaccurate at the time of submittal. As the SED was advertised as being a tool for early rebanding replacement of subscriber radios and was available to incumbents that had not filed the RFPF, the process too cumbersome and detailed to support what should be a simple task.
3. Motorola and Sprint-Nextel will need to direct the County of Orange as to how we actually order upgraded XTS5000 radios at the time of ordering rebanding replacement radios using the SED program. We seem to be charting new territory with this request.
4. FCC Memorandum and Order DA 07-3287
County of Chester, Pa. Vs. Sprint-Nextel. Wave 1, Phase 2 incumbent. There are numerous key issues in this filing that question the foundation of the Sprint-Nextel rebanding program and take Sprint-Nextel to task for their perceived motivations to file numerous and repetitive motions and lawsuits against rebanding incumbents which discourages licensees from challenging Sprint-Nextel beyond the mediation process, as all defense costs become the total burden of the incumbent.