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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING MARCH 20, 2008 MARIOTT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER RIVERSIDE, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: John Wright, City of Riverside
Sponsor: Jack Daniel, Jack Daniel Company
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 08 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: Jack Daniel – "In Building Coverage"
Attendance: 53

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Mann. Ken (standing in for President Bob Uribe) opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the March 2008 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken thanked John Wright and the City of Riverside for their support as host of the meeting. He expressed sincere appreciation to Jack Daniel, Jack Daniel Company for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

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

Life Membership Nomination – Gary Gray. Gary presented information regarding the recognition opportunities within CPRA and APCO. These include: CPRA Chapter Life Member, APCO Senior Member, and APCO Life Member. Gary noted that Don Root was approved by the Executive Committee for submission to APCO as an APCO Life Member. Gary provided information showing that Don has an extensive record of contributions to the CPRA Chapter and to APCO. A motion was made to nominate Don for APCO Life Member. Carried unanimously.

Meeting Program Review – Ken Mann. Ken reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings including dates and locations. Details for the 2008 schedule are on the website. It was noted that the next meeting will be held on April 17th at the Ayers Suites in Diamond Bar. This meeting is in conjunction with the annual Telecommunicator Banquet to be held at the Diamond Bar Center in the evening. (See Notes below.) The May Chapter Meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, May 6, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Santa Ynez Marriott in Buellton. This meeting is just prior to the CPRA Training Conference at the same location.

Notes: Telecommunicator Banquet support. There is a special rate for rooms at the Ayers Suites and a shuttle service. This is available for people who wish to stay overnight in conjunction with the Banquet. People who want to take advantage of this offering should be sure to tell the hotel they are affiliated with the CPRA Telecommunicator Banquet.

2008 Western Region Conference (WRC). This event will be held Mar 30 – April 3, 2008 in Albuquerque, NM. Mike Rowles asked that everyone who was planning to attend to let him know and he will note the travel information.

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CPRA Training Conference. This will be held at the Santa Ynez Marriott in Buellton, May 6 – 8, 2008. The conference schedule is jam packed with valuable training topics. There will be three tracks: Operations, Management, and Technical. The cost is only \$75 (members) \$100 (non members) for two full days of career enhancing training. Dawn shared comments and noted that APCO is co-hosting the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Concepts Course. This is a full day program that will be offered during the Training Conference. Registration will be available on the CPRA web site. Full details are on the web site: www.cpra.org.

Membership Report – Chris Hinshaw. Chris reported that CPRA has a total of 464 members. There are 6 new members for this month. Chris noted that there were 97 members that have yet to renew. He sent them emails inviting them to continue their membership. A portion responded that their memberships were still in purchasing.

Treasurer’s Report – John Wright. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. The end of month status showed an income of \$5,132.50 and expenses of \$6,848.32.

Telecommunicator Banquet – Dawn Lopez. Dawn provided updates about the annual Telecommunicator Banquet. It will be held on Thursday evening, April 10 at the Diamond Bar Center in Diamond Bar. The theme of the event will focus on “Oscar” ideas. This will be a 20th anniversary celebration. It will be a very enjoyable event to honor the Telecommunicator community. It was noted that some sponsorship opportunities are still available. The speaker will be Chief William Metcalf, North County Fire District. There will be an abundance of door prizes. She noted again the special offering for staying overnight at the Ayers Suites and the importance of promptly making a reservation.

Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard updated the membership on recent activities of the APCO Board. He commented about upcoming recognition awards to be presented by APCO. Richard gave updates regarding the finance and governance committees. Richard noted that he had four working days before retiring from the County of Los Angeles. He indicated that he does intend to continue with his participation in APCO and CPRA and fulfill his term as Executive Council Delegate.

FCC Update/Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. Gary asked Dave Buchanan and Ray Grimes to provide updates.

700 MHz Committee. Dave Buchanan provided information about updating the 700 MHz plan. The next meeting will be May 15th in Riverside. Dave encouraged all who have an interest in the 700 MHz frequencies to attend the next meeting. He indicated also that there will be a demo of the 700 MHz database system known as the Computer Assisted Pre-coordination Resource And Database (CAPRAD) system at the upcoming CPRA Training Conference. There was discussion about the FCC auction of the 700 MHz spectrum. Further actions by the FCC are required.

800 MHz Rebanding. Dave summarized existing reconfiguration processes underway within Region 5. Ray Grimes noted that selection of a new FCC Regional Director was still to be determined. Ray then summarized rebanding processes for Orange County. See Attachment to the Minutes.

CalSIEC – Ron Wong. Ron noted the activities of the Working Group meeting held recently. He commented about new nomenclatures for channel names. Ron advised everyone of the upcoming Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting to be held at the Arcadia PD on March 26th at 9:30 a.m.

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Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack provided information about sponsorship opportunities for the upcoming Telecommunicator Banquet and the CPRA Training Conference. He noted that 20 of the 31 tables available for the vendor “Table Top” at the Training Conference were taken. Jack then asked commercials to introduce themselves.

Program Presentation – Jack Daniel. Jack provided a very interesting presentation on in-building signal propagation and radio communications principles, problems, and solutions.

Meeting Adjourned. Ken thanked Jack for his superb presentation. Ken then thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Notes for the Record. President-Elect Ken Mann served as the presiding officer for the Chapter Meeting in the absences of President Bob Uribe. It was noted by many that Ken did a superb job in fulfilling these duties.

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 CPRA CHAPTER MINUTES, 3/20/08
800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)

1. Mexico Treaty Agreement.
No News! Broadcasters recently disclosed that FCC recently had sent 10 border-related broadcast license applications to Mexico for action but no response. An indicator of Rebanding Border Treaty progress?
 2. Alan Tilles in a recent MRT article discusses Rebanding FRA challenges by Nextel for BDA devices involving retuning or replacement, with Nextel refusing to pay to pay for new BDA filters that would convert previously broadband BDA filters to narrowband to eliminate inadvertent (and unapproved) retransmission of in-band signals from Nextel iDEN and others. Orange County was previously challenged by Nextel in its RFPF where they did not agree that multiple public safety BDA's throughout the county were an integral part of the CCCS network. The County prevailed and BDA's were included as valid elements of the Suitability Assessment.
 3. The County of Orange has now received approx. 330 rebanding replacement radios (out of 573) replacing non-rebandable STX and mobile radios belonging to OCFA and partner agencies. These radios will soon be being programmed with non-Rebanding current templates for immediate use. Smaller shipments of Rebanding replacement subscriber radios will be sent by Motorola at 2 week intervals until completion, to allow our mobile shop time to program.
 4. Though the FCC's Rebanding program is concise with respect to assuring "like kind" post-Rebanding hardware and system performance, a few agencies are now requesting exchanging mobiles or portables for non-similar radios (portables for mobiles, or mobiles for portables). Their proposal is that Nextel allows Rebanding subscriber replacement *cash credit* toward purchase of *different radios* for which the agency would have to pay the difference. Aside from this request charting new territory, Nextel would then have to disclose its unpublished Motorola special Rebanding products supply pricing agreement.
 5. CPRA Rebanding Discussion Group Meeting OCFA RFOTC,
May 25, 1330-1430 hrs.
 6. CPRA Conference May 8, Thursday 0800-1000 hrs.
Rebanding Update from MCM, Robert Schwaninger, Dave Buchanan, and Ray Grimes
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