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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING JANUARY 15, 2009 ALEXANDER HUGHES COMMUNITY CENTER CLAREMONT, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Hosts: County of San Bernardino & Claremont Police Department
Sponsors: Jack Daniel, Jack Daniel Company
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the December 08 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "TV Technology Trends That Affect 700 MHz Public Safety Users", Howard Fine, Pacific TV
Attendance: 54

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Mann. Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:15 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the January 2009 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken thanked the County of San Bernardino & Claremont PD for their support as co-hosts of the meeting and complimented the City of Claremont Hughes Center staff for their assistance in setting up the meeting facilities. 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.

Announcement – John Sarkissian. John issued a call for nominations for the RF/IT Technician and the IT Comm Manager Award nominations. He commented about the expanded awards program. John noted that the suspense date for nominations is February 27, 2009.

Awards Presentation – Bob Uribe. As past president, Bob presented a Presidential Recognition Award to Chuck Taylor for his superb support during the time Bob was president. Chuck was unable to attend the December 2008 meeting where Bob presented other awards during his farewell comments.

Membership Report – Dawn Lopez. Dawn noted that CPRA has a total of 559 members. There are 5 new members for this month.

2009 Meeting Schedule – Gary Poon. Gary reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings including dates and locations. Details for the 2009 schedule are on the website. It was noted that the February 2009 meeting will be held in Glendale on February 19th.

Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John provided a review of income and expenses during the last month. Income was shown as \$3,967.54 and expenses as \$3,876.26.

Executive Council – Richard Granado. Richard had to defer his report on the Strategic Governance Implementation (SGI) due to his participation in an APCO conference call. He indicated he would plan to give an update at the February meeting.

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Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. Information was provided as shown.

700 MHz – Dave Buchanan. Dave provided an update on the recent 700 MHz working group meeting. He noted that there were a number of agencies interested in starting the licensing process. Dave commented that there will be guidelines coming out regarding the use of TIA procedures as reflected in TSB88C. Dave announced that the next 700 MHz Regional Planning Meeting will be held March 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held at the Orange County Fire Authority building. A training session will be held in the afternoon to cover TIA processes.

Digital TV Conversion. Dave noted President-elect Obama's proposal to delay the February 17th implementation. There are many agencies opposed to this delay. Congressional action will be required to change this date. For now the guidance is to expect the date to remain.

800 MHz Rebanding – Ray Grimes. Ray reported on County of Orange initiatives regarding the use of 700 MHz and 800 MHz frequencies. He updated progress on the rebanding efforts. His notes are attached.

Operations Program Update – Dawn Lopez. Dawn provided comments as indicated.

2009 Telecommunicator Banquet. Dawn stated plans for the banquet are on track. She commented about the opportunities for volunteers and sponsors.

Telecommunicator Nomination Packages. It was noted that nomination packages are steadily arriving.

Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel. Jack asked commercials to introduce themselves and give a brief overview of their respective products and/or services.

Program Presentation. Howard Fine associated with the Southern California Frequency Coordination Council presented a series of comments regarding changes in TV technologies that will have an affect on the use of the 700 MHz spectrum by public safety users. His very informative and interesting presentation was followed by a question and answer period.

Meeting Adjourned. Ken thanked the program presenter Howard Fine for his participation. He also expressed sincere appreciation to Gourmet Gourmet Catering, Inc. for their superb service and delicious sandwich/salad/dessert buffet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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 JANUARY 2009 CHAPTER MINUTES
800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)**

- **2009—THE DECISIVE YEAR?** 2008 brought little to no visible movement as to a U.S./Mexico Treaty Agreement resolution that would affect the 800 MHz border frequency plan. With a new U.S. President and new federal department heads, we can only hope that the nation's economic challenges don't overshadow other pending business such as a Mexico Treaty Agreement. So far, Sprint-Nextel is guaranteeing the funding of remaining 800 MHz Rebanding activities though their corporate health is fragile.
- **FCC Public Notice DA-08-2811, dated December 29, 2008 extends the 800 MHz Rebanding negotiation period for Wave 4 Border Area NPSPAC and Non-NPSPAC Licensees along the U.S./Mexico border another 30 days, to April 1, 2009. Expect another 30 day extension though, followed by another, and so on... This extension does not apply to border region licensees that have received reconfiguration frequencies.**
- **FCC Fourth Memorandum Opinion and Order Wt Docket 02-55, dated December 23, 2008 is interesting and relevant. This memorandum addresses several important issues such as (1) the FCC agreeing with Sprint-Nextel that the financial 'true-up' process period should be postponed until July 1, 2009, as the FCC Reconfiguration Rules require a 'true-up' by 42 months after the start of Rebanding (so much for the best made plans); (2) that two petitions be denied that once again challenge the FCC's Rebanding Order relative to cost recovery by a licensee for post-mediation legal costs; (3) and there are pending petitions for FCC *De Novo* review before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) addressing individual disputes between Sprint-Nextel, Chester County, PA., and the City of Chesapeake, VA respectively, addressing fine points of law. Additionally, the State of Indiana challenged the FCC's 2007 Rebanding Guidance Notice, stating that this notice unlawfully created substantive rules without proper and legal notice. The ALJ denied the Indiana petition.**
- **A Fourth Quarter Transition Administrator 800 MHz reconfiguration report is due soon. This may offer further insight into the 800 MHz reconfiguration 'big picture'.**
- **The County of Orange has now replaced over 500 pieces of subscriber equipment under the Subscriber Equipment Deployment (SED) program, with Motorola having taken possession of SED replaced equipment per a County FRA Amendment with Sprint-Nextel. The County is presently auditing and reconciling its Planning Funding Costs labor totals in an effort to obtain payment from Sprint-Nextel for these (mostly) completed Planning tasks. The County is also working to revise its Rebanding Implementation proposal to include greater County tasks details.**
- **The CPRA sponsored 800 MHz Rebanding Discussion Meeting is planned for February 11, Wednesday, 1330 hrs. at OCFA's RFOTC, 1 Fire Authority Road in Irvine. The CPRA web site will also show the meeting details.**