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## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 15, 2006 REDONDO BEACH, CA

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Ernest Gallo, City of Torrance  
**Sponsor:** Catalyst Communications, Ron Lyons  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the April 06 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** Radio Over Internet Protocol (ROIP)  
**Special Speaker:** FCC Issues, Catherine Deaton, District Director, Los Angeles Office  
**Attendance:** 51

### AGENDA

**Greeting – Ron Wong.** Ron opened the chapter meeting at 1000 hours. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ron introduced Ron Lyons, Catalyst Communications as the sponsor for the meeting.

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

**Meeting Schedule – Anna Holmes.** Next month (July), we will be at Long Beach Hilton. There will be a tour of the convention center in preparation for the Western Regional Conference. In August there will be an extra chapter meeting. For those attending the APCO National Convention, there will be a CPRA chapter meeting on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Peabody Hotel (room to be announced). The regular chapter meeting in August will be on the Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Spaghetti Factory in San Marcos.

**Treasurer's Report – John Wright.** John reported about the Dispatcher Banquet and the State Conference. The costs were \$5,069.42 and \$20,294.53 respectively. Investment in the Western Regional Conference to date is \$15,783.69. This includes three deposits to the Long Beach Convention Center. The check book balance and CDs total \$90,385.64.

**FCC Matters – Gary Gray.** Gary inquired with Dave about the wave four freeze. It includes everything but the NPSPAC frequencies. Gary guided everyone on how to use the ULS for checking construction completion dates. He also noted that renewals of vanity call signs are starting. We received an update report about the continuing interference from the TV channel in Mexico. There are no resolutions yet. It appears that due to atmospheric ducting along the ocean, the 508 channel is unusable. On another topic, Gary mentioned that amateur class licensing opportunities are coming up in July. Information is on the web site.

**Regulatory Report - Travis Williams.** Travis deferred his report to our speaker, Catherine Deaton who is from the FCC.

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**Transition Administrator Report – Dave Buchanan.** Dave commented about recent meetings of the National Public Safety Telecommunication Committee (NPSTC). They have made contact with the ambassador that will be working on the Mexico border frequency issues. As chairman of the 800 MHz committee, Ron sent letters to 35 key political leaders regarding the need for resolution of the Mexico border frequency issues so that progress can be made with the rebanding project. Dave commented about initiatives to use the 700 band for wide band uses. There are challenges. NPSTC will be putting out a fact sheet. He also noted information about the 4.9 MHz airborne testing.

Under TA Matters, there is information on the TA web site regarding fast track processing for planning funding agreements. Dave commented about the use of the flat rate of \$55/radio as one avenue to accelerate the planning funding agreement process. He emphasized the need to properly and completely fill out the applications for the planning funding agreements.

**Membership Report – Bob Uribe.** We currently have 468 members. Five new memberships were completed in May. Two were from the City of Redondo Beach.

Bob also commented about the upcoming Western Regional Conference. A Call for Papers has gone out. Additionally, we will need help from the local chapter to fulfill our “host” responsibilities for the Conference.

**Officer Elections-Chuck Taylor.** Chuck commented about elections that will be forthcoming in October. We will be seeking nominations for Vice President. The President Elect will stand for election. The other Board positions (Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at Arms) are serving two year terms.

**Executive Delegate – Richard Granado.** No report this meeting.

**Ontario Training Conference. Richard Granado.** No report this meeting.

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

**Program.** Ron Lyons, Catalyst Communications presented a program on Radio over IP (ROIP). Applications of this technology include but are not limited to fulfilling dispatch, interoperability, and emergency response requirements. Ron provided a professional presentation adapted to the audience and the meeting room conditions.

**Speaker.** Catherine Deaton, Director of the FCC Enforcement Field Office in Los Angeles gave a presentation. She commented that public safety will always be a top priority. Ms Deaton reported on FCC enforcement actions that have been handled in her organization. She complimented CPRA members in resolving interference problems within our own community. She did encourage any agency that is experiencing harmful interference to report the problems to her organization. Ms Deaton commented about how valuable amateur communications are during disaster recovery operations. She noted that “we are long way from having interoperability in an emergency condition such as 9/11/99.” In another aspect, she stated that congressional support is an effective way to solve problems with getting a response from a federal agency. Turning to another topic, Ms Deaton discussed actions to stop the importing of improperly licensed radios. Finally, she then took questions from the floor. Ms Deaton said “don’t hesitate in calling us.” The main telephone number is 562-860-7474. An alternative number is 562-865-0598.

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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.

**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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