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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 21, 2007 CHASE PALM PARK CENTER SANTA BARBARA, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Hosts: The City of Santa Barbara
Sponsors: Applied Technology Group & The Sales Group, Inc.
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 2007 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Critical FCC Regulatory Issues"
Speaker: Mark E. Crosby, President/CEO, The Enterprise Wireless Alliance (EWA)
Attendance: 50

AGENDA

Greeting – Anna Holmes. Anna opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the June 2007 meeting. Anna thanked the City of Santa Barbara for its support. Anna also expressed sincere appreciation to Applied Technology Group & The Sales Group, Inc. for hosting and 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. On behalf of Bob, Anna announced that the next meeting will be in Orange County on June 21st. The meeting will be held at Knott's Berry Farm. There will be presentations on interoperability by the Anaheim Police Department. Anna 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.

Anna asked for a show of hands as to who will be attending the APCO Conference. There was a good response. Anna reviewed some of the basic schedule items.

Membership Report – Ken. We have 512 members through May 07. There were 5 new members that came on board. A welcome letter was sent to each new member.

Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John was unable to attend the meeting. He submitted his financial report via email. Mike presented this information to the members.

FCC Matters – Gary. Gary commented about the biennial review by the FCC. There was discussion about the FCC requesting comments on dedicated paging frequencies. There are a number of areas in the biennial review pertinent to public safety communications. Gary encouraged everyone to review the document.

There was discussion about inviting Catherine Deaton to the upcoming meeting in July. Catherine is retiring from the FCC after 40 years of federal service. Anna will present her a Presidential Service Award. It was noted that her official retirement is August 18th. We may plan to have chapter representatives attend.

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CALSIEC – Gary/Ron. There was discussion about an upcoming meeting in July. It will be on July 10th. Gary, Ron, and Ken will attend. They were asked to have a report on July 11th at the Exec Board meeting.

800 Rebanding – Ray Grimes. Ray summarized current issues with the 800 rebanding initiative. Please see the report included at the end of the minutes.

Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard noted that that APCO is contending with a decrease in revenues from the AFC caused by the 800 rebanding freeze. Steps are underway to address the issues. Richard commented that actions to hire a new CFO are in the works. He also commented that the outlook for the APCO Conference in August is very favorable.

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack 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 – Jack. The program was presented by Mark Crosby, President/CEO of the Enterprise Wireless Alliance. Mark presented an enlightening and challenging presentation titled “Critical FCC Regulatory Issues.” To open his comments Mark provided a brief overview of the Enterprise Wireless Alliance (EWA). EWA is a national membership organization, it is a certified FCC frequency advisory committee, and it offers a full range of spectrum and licensing services. Mark then addressed critical issues at the FCC pertinent to our public safety interests. He spoke about the following topics: FCC Strategic Priorities; 700 MHz Proceeding; 900 MHz B/ILT Proceeding; Part 90 Rules; and VHF/UHF Narrow banding. His presentation was extremely informative and appreciated by those in attendance. There was a question and answer session at the end. The EWA web site address is www.enterprisewireless.org.

Meeting Adjourned. Anna thanked Mark for his participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 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
[800 MHZ REBANDING REPORT BY: RAY GRIMES]**

1. **FCC R&O DA- 07-27 dated Jan. 08, 2007 allows public safety 800 MHz licensees to freely exchange information regarding 800 MHz rebanding RFPF and FRA negotiations with Sprint-Nextel. This creates a level playing field, particularly for small agencies.**
2. **Per Dave Buchanan (TA) U.S. and Mexico border treaty agreement resolution announcement ‘possible’ sometime in July, 2007?**
3. **TV Ch. 69 San Miguel Mountain (San Diego area) decommissioning on February 17, 2009. Serious potential broadband RFI source for Southern California public safety 800 MHz licensees *after rebanding* where NPSPAC licensees are rebanded to the lower 800 MHz channels which were only authorized for Mexico use (806 MHz – 811 MHz) per 1970’s/1980’s diplomatic agreement to provide geographic separation from TV Ch. 69 (4.4 megawatts ERP) near San Diego. If Wave 4 rebanding for San Diego is delayed to after February 17, 2009, such interference will not occur as Ch.69 will be off the air.**
4. **TA 2nd Quarter 2007 Report to FCC (18 months benchmark achievement challenged by Verizon). Full report available thru CPRA web site under 800 MHz rebanding.**
5. **FCC recent decision modifies 800 MHz Rebanding program to allow Sprint-Nextel to negotiate for ‘reasonable costs’ as opposed to ‘minimum costs’ (federal spending and accountability requirements). This should help to expedite negotiations and greatly reduce litigation and associated costs taken from available Sprint-Nextel 800 MHz Rebanding fund pool.**
6. **TA SED program specifically excludes border area impacted rebanding incumbents. OC will apply for a TA exception decision.**
7. **OC (800 MHz CCCS) Motorola SA document received May 18, 2007, OCSD Comm. replied in exactly 30 days as planned. Motorola reply next step, followed by Motorola response meeting and second iteration of Motorola SA proposal then OCSD Comm. replies. (2 to 3 months process?)**
8. **Next 800 MHz Rebanding Discussion Meeting July 17, 2007 at 1330 hrs at OCFA RFOTC, 1 Fire Authority Rd., Irvine, Calif. 92602.**