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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING MARCH 15, 2007 THE PETROLEUM CLUB OF BAKERSFIELD BAKERSFIELD, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Hosts: Paul Poor, Communications Enterprises, Inc.
Sponsors: Paul Poor, Communications Enterprises, Inc.
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 2007 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "In Building Communications"
Attendance: 30

AGENDA

Greeting – Anna Holmes. Anna opened the chapter meeting at 11:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the March 2007 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anna thanked Paul Poor for his support as meeting host. She expressed sincere appreciation to Paul for also sponsoring the early bird portion of the meeting.

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

Meeting Schedule – Anna Holmes. The next meeting will be on April 12th at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello. It was noted that we need a program for the general membership and also an early bird sponsor. The Telecommunicator's Banquet is the same evening. The May meeting will be in Victorville hosted by Jack Daniel Co. Sponsorships are open for a number of months. Companies interested in supporting the chapter as a sponsor should contact Jack Daniel. As an additional comment Anna encouraged everyone to attend the Telecommunicator's Banquet.

Membership Report – Ken. Ken reported that 471 people renewed, 13 new members came on board, 76 people have expired memberships. There were comments about welcoming new members. They receive a welcome letter, a complementary luncheon, and a CPRA pin. Ken will pursue actions to contact and encourage the people with expired memberships to renew. There was information from APCO regarding errors in the membership cards. They will be sending corrected cards as necessary.

Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John reviewed the bank account and CD balances. Cash and bank account balances total \$216,943.65. John indicated he was still processing accounts receivable and payable for the WRC. The final numbers will be available after an audit. John expressed a big "thank you" to all the WRC vendors for their participation, sponsorships, and support.

FCC Matters – Gary Gray. Gary commented about wave 4 rebanding. He noted the NPSPAC freeze and the extension of the freeze for Non NPSPAC frequencies. The date for the relief of the Non NPSPAC freeze is still to be determined. Gary shared comments that came from Dave Buchanan, TA. It was noted that an STA may be an appropriate temporary solution regarding frequency requirements in the freeze bands. This is secondary status but it still gives the license holder status on the frequency and location.

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Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard reviewed actions that came from the most recent APCO mid-winter conference. He reported that dues will be increased per the consumer price index (CPI). The amount is to be determined. The Council approved the addition of the award category for IT Technicians. There was discussion by the Council regarding a Trainer award. Richard noted that the 2014 APCO Conference will be in New Orleans.

Western Region Conference – Anna Holmes. Anna gave a brief overview of the conference. There were excellent speakers and social events. The volunteers did a great job. She also thanked everyone for their contributions to a very successful WRC.

800 Rebanding – Ray Grimes. Ray gave a brief summary of rebanding issues. He noted that the 800 Rebanding Working Group will convene on March 20, 1:30 pm at OCFA. He encouraged everyone who is interested to attend. Ray presented information about mutual aid issues. He also commented about a proposal to CALSIEC.

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack asked commercials to introduce themselves and give a short pitch on their respective products/services. Information was provided on several new products. Invitations were extended to everyone to attend the upcoming IWCE in Las Vegas.

Meeting Adjourned. Anna thanked the program presenters for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.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