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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING MAY 17, 2007 HILTON GARDEN INN – CONFERENCE CENTER VICTORVILLE, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Hosts: Jack Daniel, Jack Daniel Company
Sponsors: Ski Zwarkowski, Hi-Desert Communications
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April 2007 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: Panel: "Interfaces Between Public Safety & Non-Public Safety Organizations"
Attendance: 52

AGENDA

Greeting – Anna Holmes. Anna opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the May 2007 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anna thanked Jack Daniel for his support as meeting host. It was noted that this was the first CPRA meeting held in the high desert area (Victorville). Through Jack's extensive efforts, meeting preparations, conference facilities, program, and community support actions were all superbly accomplished. Anna also expressed sincere appreciation to Ski Zwarkoski for sponsoring the early bird portion of the meeting.

Fire Chief John Becker welcomed everyone to Victorville. He noted that the city is now over 100,000 people. He commented that the communications needs for the area are continuing to grow. John presented a proclamation from the City of Victorville decreeing May 17, 2007 to be PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DAY in the City of Victorville. (Please see the full proclamation attached to these minutes.)

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

Meeting Schedule – Bob Uribe. Bob announced that the next meeting will be in Santa Barbara on June 21st. Bob indicated that he made hotel arrangements at a favorable rate for those who wished to stay overnight in conjunction with this meeting. The hotel is the Franciscan Inn. Larry Weber provided additional information regarding the speaker and meeting plans. Bob 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.

Membership Report – Ken. We have 484 members through March 07. There are 62 memberships that show expired. We have received 8 new members. A welcome letter was sent to each new member.

Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John reviewed the bank account and CD balances. He indicated that the Western Region Conference (WRC) was a financial success. It was noted that this was a result of a complete team effort by everyone who participated. John also commented about plans regarding current and new CD investments.

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FCC Matters – Gary Gray. Gary stated that there was limited action to report. Most of the emphasis is on the 800 rebanding. Gary did add that there is an FCC docket now pending that proposes to make various editorial changes to unify recent changes and address a few other Part 90 issues. Typically, this is the time when the FCC would propose to make permanent in its Rule and Regulations those “unofficial” and unpublished policies and procedures which the FCC believes are effective. A watchful eye is in order

CALSIEC – Gary. Gary noted that the organization is developing an interoperability plan. The next CALSIEC meeting is scheduled for July 10th.

TA – Dave Buchanan. Dave presented information about the rebanding program. He noted that the State of Colorado appears to be the furthest along. Dave stated that it appears some progress may be reported in July regarding the Mexican boarder rebanding agreement. He commented that there are some steps of progress in various communities in southern California.

700 MHz/4.9 GHz – Dave. Dave reported on proposed dockets forthcoming from the FCC. He suggested that all organizations should become aware of possible changes. Dave commented that he will defer convening a regional 700 planning meeting until some of the key issues are resolved.

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 there were three nominations for life memberships presented to APCO. There were also other award nominations. Richard voted in favor of the nominations. He reviewed the membership levels. There were 78 award nominations submitted for 2007. This is a big increase from 2006. He commented about the registrations for the APCO Conference. Attendance forecasts are favorable. Hotel reservations are filling quickly.

APCO Committees - Gary. Gary reviewed opportunities available within APCO to serve on a committee. He noted the networking, service, and learning benefits for people who get involved.

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.

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Program Intro – Jack. The program was a panel discussion titled “Interfaces Between Public Safety & Non-Public Safety Organizations”. There were four panelists with their respective topics as shown:

- Ski Zwarkowski, President of High Desert Communications. *Commercial Service Provider Interfaces With Public Safety*
- Patrick Wolcott, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow. *Military Interfaces With Public Safety*
- Robert Barton, Victorville Emergency Services Coordinator. *Local Community Public Safety Interfaces With Various Agencies and Volunteer Groups*
- Randy Hatfield, AG6RH, Volunteer Emergency Response Technician. *The Interface Between Amateur Radio and Public Safety*. Note. Randy recently received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award from President Bush in person during an April presentation in Victorville.

Each of the panelist presented interesting and pertinent information. Jack thanked each panel member for his participation. The audience responded with a resounding round of applause.

PSAP Tours. Attendees were invited to tour the local PSAP run by the Regional Fire Protection Authority. The PSAP is located within facilities owned by High Desert Communications.

Meeting Adjourned. Anna thanked the program presenters for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon served by the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center.

Meeting Note. A comment heard in the hallway after the meeting, “Jack that was a home run! Let’s plan on meeting here again next year.”

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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**ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES
[REBANDING REPORT BY: RAY GRIMES]**

1. Ray Grimes stated that the County of Orange would receive a draft Motorola Suitability Assessment (SA) early next week. The County anticipates a one month period to internally assess this report and to respond to Motorola with any changes or corrections. Receipt of a finalized Motorola SA report will mark the start of the County's Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA) preparation and filing period.
2. Ray Grimes/Dave Buchanan (TA) update on U.S./Mexico Treaty Agreement. Ray stated that no information has been publicly released by the U.S. State Department or FCC in 2 years regarding Mexico Border Treaty negotiations. Dave stated "unofficially" that possible Mexico Border Treaty resolution could be announced in July, 2007. Ray stated that the timetable of Wave 4 Rebanding and implementation of new/old California State Mutual Aid 800 MHz interoperable channels is dependent on this Treaty resolution.
3. No further discussions have occurred between CALSEIC and the County of Orange regarding the County's interim 800 MHz mutual aid channels interoperability proposal.
4. Ray advised that he had a telephone conversation with Robert Gonsett, General Consultant and editor of the CGC Communicator online broadcast industry newsletter. Bob expressed concerns that UHF TV Ch. 69 on San Miguel Mountain in San Diego County is not planning to cease transmissions until the mandated February 17, 2009 final date. Bob asked if this would impact 800 MHz public safety communications. The answer is YES if Southern California Wave 4 incumbents reband to the new lower NPSPAC channels prior to February 17, 2009, or NO if Wave 4 rebanding slips until after February 17, 2009. TV Ch. 69 operates in the channel space of 800 MHz to 806 MHz. TV Ch. 69 on San Miguel Mountain presently operates at 4.47 Megawatts ERP at an elevation of approximately 2500 ft. MSL. Public Safety repeater input (uplink) NPSPAC frequencies may be severely noise degraded, resulting in poor mobile and portable coverage during this 'interim' period which may be worse interference than experienced prior to rebanding. Ray has written to Bob Gurss, APCO Counsel and Lobbyist regarding this concern.

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[PROCLAMATION]

CITY OF VICTORVILLE



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the *California Public-safety Radio Association (CPRA)* is an international, not-for-profit professional organization that serves the people who manage, operate, maintain and supply the communications systems used to safeguard the lives and property of citizens everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the need for continued training of public safety communications managers, engineers and dispatchers in California has been served for over sixty years by the *California Public-safety Radio Association*; and

WHEREAS, the *California Public-safety Radio Association* is a chapter of the fifteen thousand member Association of Public-safety Officials International, all dedicated to the enhancement of public-safety communications; and

WHEREAS, the *California Public-safety Radio Association* has selected Victorville as the site for a meeting that includes a panel of leading local public safety experts; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety communications representatives from over twenty California cities, counties and the State of California will be in attendance at this meeting

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERRY E. CALDWELL, MAYOR of the City of Victorville **DO HEREBY** join the other members of the **CITY COUNCIL** to welcome CPRA and express the support of our citizens for the many public safety community services provided by the **CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION** for the advancement of public safety communications by decreeing May 17, 2007 to be **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DAY** in the City of Victorville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Victorville to be affixed hereto this 17th day of May, 2007.




TERRY E. CALDWELL
MAYOR OF VICTORVILLE