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## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 17, 2008 AYERS SUITES AND CONFERENCE CENTER DIAMOND BAR, CA

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Telecommunications Banquet Committee  
**Sponsor:** Kim Caplan, Motorola Corporation  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 08 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** Motorola – "Benefits of Mobile Applications and Computing"  
**Attendance:** 59

### AGENDA

**Greeting – Bob Uribe.** Bob opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the April 2008 meeting and noted that we were celebrating National Telecommunicator's Week plus presenting the CPRA 2008 Technical Awards. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob thanked Kim Caplan and Motorola Corporation for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments and for their ongoing support of CPRA.

**Introductions – Bob Uribe.** Bob set aside the self introductions to give more emphasis for the introductions of the award winners, and also for the sake of time. He then introduced the winners of the CPRA 2008 Technical Awards and their respective nominators. This included:

*-Jeff Carter, San Bernardino County Information Services Department, "IT Technologist of the Year", nominated by Randy Miller*

*-Jim Donovan, Orange County Sheriff's Department, "RF Engineer of the Year", nominated by Kevin Sullivan*

*-Eugene Thielman, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, "RF Technologist of the Year", nominated by Sgt Alfred Ortega.*

**Membership Report – Chris Hinshaw.** Chris was unable to attend. The report was deferred to next meeting.

**Meeting Program Review – Ken Mann.** Ken reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings including dates and locations. Details for the 2008 schedule are on the website. The May Chapter Meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, May 6, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Santa Ynez Marriott in Buellton. This meeting is just prior to the CPRA Training Conference at the same location.

*Telecommunicator's Banquet – Dawn Lopez.* The CPRA Telecommunicator's Banquet is held every year in conjunction with National Telecommunicator's Week. The reason for the banquet is to recognize the winners of the CPRA Dispatcher Awards. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. The banquet is being held this evening (April 17<sup>th</sup>) at the Diamond Bar Conference Center. There are over 250 people expected to attend this gala celebration.

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*CPRA 2008 Training Conference – Anna Holmes.* This will be held at the Santa Ynez Marriott in Buellton, May 6 – 8, 2008. The conference schedule is jam packed with valuable training topics. There will be three tracks: Operations, Management, and Technical. The cost is only \$75 (members) \$100 (non members) for two full days of career enhancing training. Dawn shared comments and noted that APCO is co-hosting the “Active Shooter” Course. This is a full day program that will be offered during the Training Conference. Registration will be available on the conference web site. Full details are via a link from the Chapter’s web site: [www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org).

**Treasurer’s Report – John Wright.** John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. The end of month status showed deposits of \$5,109.96 and payments of \$12, 135.00. The primary disbursements items were for reimbursements of officer travel to the APCO Western Region Conference, and for Telecommunicator’s Banquet expenses. John noted that he has made progress in setting up on-line processing of credit card payments. This service should be activated in the near future.

**Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado.** Richard led discussions regarding two significant action requests to vote on using the 30-day rule. One is to modify the Election Procedure Policy to include an Electronic Ballot Option and the second is to modify the Amendments Procedure from posting via APCO Publications to posting on the APCO Web Site. There was general agreement with electronic ballot proposal and the CPRA Executive Committee asked Richard to vote in favor of this item. During discussion about the amendment posting procedure, there were comments about the value of retaining posting via APCO publications to support due process concepts. The Executive Committee asked Richard to cast a no vote on these modifications as it is currently proposed. Richard also provided an update on the Strategic Governance Initiative. This is in review stages by the APCO Executive Council with further deliberations forthcoming.

**Frequency Coordinator Report – Gary Gray.** Gary provided updates as shown.

*CalSIEC - 700 MHz RPC Representative.* The following meetings were announced:

Southern Planning Area (SPA) – April 23, 2008, Arcadia, CA [Cancelled per email 4/21/08]

CalSIEC – April 28, 2008, Mather, CA

700 MHz Working Group – May 28, 2008, Riverside CA

*800 MHz Rebanding – Ray Grimes.* Ray provided updates as appropriate. Please see attached notes.

**Operations Program Update – Dawn Lopez.**

*2009 Telecommunicator’s Banquet.* Dawn announced that committees were being formed in preparation for the 2009 banquet. She asked anyone who was interested helping out with the banquet to notify her.

**Chapter Commercial Advisory Member (CCAM) Introductions – Jack Daniel.** Jack provided information about sponsorship status for the upcoming CPRA Training Conference. Jack then asked commercials to introduce themselves and present a brief statement of their respective products/services.

**Program Presentation – Kim Caplan, Motorola.** Kim arranged for a very interesting presentation titled the “Benefits of Mobile Applications and Computing.” The presentation offered a look at present and future technology applications in a wireless environment.

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**Awards Presentations – Bob Uribe, John Sarkissian.** Bob then conducted the awards presentations for the CPRA 2008 Technical Awards Program. John Sarkissian read the citations and Bob presented an award to each recipient. Please see names and awards shown above in Opening Comments. Each winner was complimented for his dedication and hard work. They were provided a strong ovation in recognition for their achievements.

Bob then invited the award winners and their respective agencies to go through the lunch buffet first.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Bob thanked everyone for attending. 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 CHAPTER MINUTES, 4/17/08**  
**800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)**

1. No recent word on Mexico Treaty Agreement progress. Dave Buchanan representing the TA, may have some late information at the May 8 CPRA Conference Rebanding Session.
  2. The February 1, 2009 Analog TV transition is fast becoming less of a factor for public safety interim RF interference as Wave 4 Rebanding loses momentum.
  3. Sprint-Nextel and the TA approved a County of Orange PFA Amendment to shift 140 hours from the Infrastructure Inventory labor category to Subscriber Inventory labor category, allowing the County to recapture about \$12,000 in Rebanding labor costs that would have otherwise been lost for work not performed under the task description. Nextel did not wish to support this request using a ‘Change Order’ protocol.
  4. The County of Orange has now received 412 out of 573 pieces of Rebanding replacement subscriber equipment and has to date programmed standard (non-Rebanding) templates in 65 units, and is now working through the remainder, with about 50% of these remaining units being OCFA.
  5. The County of Orange has opened a discussion with Sprint-Nextel to engage in a PFA and pre-negotiation ‘true-up’ or audit to reconcile all labor costs to date, for a value of approximately \$650,000. This is a separate negotiation from the County’s Implementation FRA that will soon be submitted for Sprint-Nextel consideration.
  6. The CPRA Conference on May 8 from 0800 to 1000 is presenting a Rebanding seminar hosted by MCM and featuring Robert Schwaninger, the attorney that handled the Boston Rebanding MCM software usage approval case.
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