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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING AUGUST 28, 2008 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SAN MARCOS, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: County of San Diego Sheriff's Department
Early Bird Sponsor: Kim Kaplan, Motorola
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July 08 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: San Diego County/Imperial County Regional Communications System
Presenters: Curtis Munro, Chris Hinshaw, Don Root, County of San Diego
Attendance: 50

AGENDA

Greeting – Bob Uribe. Bob opened the chapter meeting at 10:10 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the August 2008 meeting. Bob thanked the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department for hosting the meeting. He offered a big "thank you" to Kim Kaplan, Motorola for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

Announcements:

IACP Booth. Bob announced that we are looking for volunteers to help man a booth at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in San Diego 5 – 8 Nov 08. This will be a shared booth with APCO. The purpose of our participation is to support APCO and to promote membership in CPRA.

Exercise. Bob also announced that the 2008 Statewide Interoperability Exercise titled "Golden Guardian" will take place 13 – 19 November 2008. The exercise scenario will be a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in the Los Angeles basin

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

Membership Report – Chris Hinshaw. It was noted we have a total of 582 members. There were 9 new members for the month of July 2008. Chris reported on the work of the membership committee. The focus of the committee is to strengthen renewal processes and increase the outreach of CPRA to the public safety community. He also commented about approaching organizational leaders with CPRA information. The intent would be to encourage their support for allowing members of their organizations to fill CPRA officer positions. Chris also commented about the IACP booth. We will need people to man the booth at the IACP conference. Currently we have two of twelve people needed for the booth.

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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. He commented that the next meeting will be held on September 16th at the Conejo Creek Park in Thousand Oaks. This meeting is the annual “No Ties” BBQ. It was noted that the Conejo Creek Park has excellent facilities and that everyone really enjoys this event.

Treasurer’s Report – John Wright. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He noted that total income for the month was \$ 839.68 and the total expenditures were \$ 2,272.20. Expenses included printing costs for the CommLink and chapter officer travel for attendance at the APCO Conference & Exposition.

Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard provided an update on the Strategic Governance Initiatives. There were two official resolutions voted on at the APCO quorum. Resolution #1 restructured the governance of APCO and streamlined the By Laws. This resolutions fell short of the required 2/3 quorum to pass. Further work will be done in this area. Richard will be participating with the committee to address concerns associated with the governance restructure. Resolution #2 converted APCO to a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization and merged subsidiaries to create one tax-exempt entity. This passed. Richard noted that in another action funding was provided in the APCO budget for APCO historical work.

FCC Update/Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. The following comments were provided:

700 MHz. There was a workshop held on August 14th at the PSEC Office in Riverside. There will an additional workshop convened in September. It will be held on September 25th at 1:00 pm in the Riverside County PSEC Offices.

800 MHz Rebanding. It was noted that Nextel was granted an additional extension. We are still waiting for completion of a treaty with Mexico. Ray Grimes summarized the rebanding processes underway for Orange County. See Attachment to the Minutes.

Narrowbanding. The deadline remains fixed to complete conversion to narrow band operations by Jan 1, 2013. APCO has a special offer regarding updating licenses with the new narrowband emission designators. Interested agencies should contact APCO AFC accordingly.

Operations Chair – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reported that the 2009 Telecommunicator’s Banquet will be held on April 16, 2009 at the Quiet Cannon. Planning is continuing on track. The theme is “Mardi Gras.” Designs for the 2009 Telecommunicator Button are being finalized. Nomination packages will be released in November. Dawn noted that sponsorships are still available and needed for the banquet.

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Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel. Jack asked commercial members and guests to introduce themselves and give a brief comment about their respective products and services. Other comments included:

No Ties BBQ in September. It was announced that the BBQ will be held in Thousand Oaks at the Conejo River Creek Park. Jack noted the opportunity for commercial vendors to provide door prizes as part of a long-standing CPRA tradition.

Table Top in October. Jack announced that applications are now available for the 2008 Table Top. He noted that the 60% of the tables were sold. He encouraged those in attendance to get their reservations in promptly. Jack asked all commercials to submit their applications and payments directly to him for processing.

Program Presentation – Curtis Munro, Chris Hinshaw, and Don Root. The following program was presented: “The San Diego County/Imperial County Regional Communications System: Past, Present and Future.” Big thanks were extended to the presenters for providing an excellent program.

Meeting Adjourned. Bob thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Notes for the Record. Following the meeting, 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 CPRA CHAPTER MINUTES, 08/28/08 800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)

1. Again 'No News is NO News' regarding a Mexico Treaty Agreement to address the 800 MHz Mexico Border Band Plan. What happened with the FCC and U.S. State Department's promises to keep the industry (realistically) informed?
 2. Uniden recently issued a Rebanding (and other features) scanners firmware upgrade notice that affects the BCD386T/BC996T (9/30/08 release), BC246T/BCT15 (11/20/08 release), BCT8/BC898T (12/21/08 release), and BC296D/BC796D/BR330T (1/31/08 release). Check their website for details.
 3. Be careful when submitting Change Orders or other critical Rebanding documents to Sprint-Nextel. They may elect to change the working document to another form such as an Amendment, which may not be within the Transition Administrator reporting and tracking framework that dictates a mandatory mediation procedure if Sprint-Nextel fails to perform.
 4. FCC Public Notice DA 08-1529 addresses (another) extension of the Wave 4 Border Area NPSPAC Negotiation Period from October 1, 2008 until November 12, 2008. Remember that Wave 4 incumbents are encouraged by the FCC to proceed with their Rebanding activities though a frequency plan is not yet available. Border impacted Wave 4 incumbents are not held to the mandatory negotiation dates.
 5. FCC Order No. WT 02-55, released July 25, 2008 extends for an additional 30 days the deadline by which Sprint-Nextel is required to vacate its 800 MHz spectrum holdings in the interleaved band (809-815 MHz/861-862 MHz) (collectively, Mid-Band) and Guard Band (816-817 MHz/861-862 MHz). This waiver will extend until August 25, 2008 to enable the Commission to further consider Sprint-Nextel's Petition for Relief filed on June 17, 2008.
 6. On June 17, 2008 the FCC issued a public notice directing licensees that wouldn't complete reconfiguration of their systems by the June 26 deadline to submit requests for waivers of the deadline. The FCC received 500 such requests.
 7. The next CPRA sponsored 800 MHz Rebanding Discussion Group meeting will (tentatively) be held at the OCFA RFOTC in Irvine in early October. We are awaiting the release of the 3rd Quarter TA 800 MHz Reconfiguration Report which may be of particular interest to Wave 4 incumbents.
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