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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 THOUSAND OAKS, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Chuck Taylor, County of Ventura Retired
Early Bird Sponsor: Talley Communications & Bassett Sales & Motorola
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 08 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: ATIS/511 In Emergency Management and Disaster
Presenters: David Lively, CALTRANS
Attendance: 49

AGENDA

Greeting – Bob Uribe. Bob opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the September 2008 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob thanked Chuck Taylor, County of Ventura Retired for hosting the meeting. Chuck Taylor provided information about the park facilities and arrangements for the meeting. He expressed a big “thank you” to Talley Communications, Bassett Sales and Motorola for sponsoring the meeting refreshments.

Announcements:

Award Presentations. Bob presented Danita Crombach with the APCO Senior Member Award in recognition of her years of service and many contributions to APCO and CPRA.

2009 Officer Candidates. Bob announced information about officer candidates. This year's election includes the Sgt-At-Arms, Vice President, and President-Elect. He indicated that there are candidates for these positions. . Candidates include:

President Elect: Chris Hinshaw, Gary Poon (nominated from the floor)

Vice President: Dawn Lopez

Sgt-At-Arms: Ken Norton, Adrianna Spirescu

Candidates in attendance made comments at the Chapter meeting. Officer elections will occur at the October Chapter Meeting.

Notes from the August meeting:

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.

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Membership Report – Ken Mann. It was noted we have a total of 568 members. There was one new member for the month of August 2008.

Chapter Recognition. Gary presented nomination information as follows:

Chapter Life Member – Billy K. Williams

Chapter Honorary Member – Spencer Leafdale

Motions were made to accept these nominations as presented. Carried.

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 October 16th at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello. This meeting is the annual “Table Top Expo.” It was noted that this is one of the “highlight” meetings of the year.

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 \$ 1,522.29 and the total expenditures were \$ 8,489.84. 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 Implementation (SGI). A Task Force has been appointed to move forward with the initiatives presented at the 2008 APCO Conference. The Task Force is made up of eight members of whom Richard is serving as one of the four regional representatives. Richard commented that the group will follow a defined set of priorities, and continue outreach efforts with all stakeholders. He also noted that the Constitution & Bylaws (C & B) Committee will begin its work at developing required amendments for possible review at the Executive Council Mid-Year Meeting in February 2009. Turning to his APCO Finance Committee position, Richard noted that an audit is underway and a further report will be provided next month.

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

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.

CalSIEC. The next Southern Planning Area meeting will be held on September 24th at 9:30 a.m. in Santa Anna.

700 MHz. The next workshop 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. He commented that the next CPRA 800 MHz Rebanding Discussion Group meeting will be held on October 14 (Tuesday) at 1330 hours at the OCFA Regional Fire Operations & Training Center in Irvine. See the Attachment to the Minutes.

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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 have been finalized and opportunities for button orders will be available soon. Telecommunicator Award nomination packages will be released shortly. Dawn noted that sponsorships are still available and needed for the banquet.

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:

Table Top in October. Jack noted that one booth and a few tables are still available. 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 – David Lively, CALTRANS. The following program was presented: "Advanced Travel Information Service (ATIS)/511 In Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery." David presented a very interesting overview of the current and upcoming capabilities of the 511 system. Bob offered comments of sincere appreciation to David for his 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, 09/18/08 800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes) 800 MHz Rebanding Overview September 18, 2008

- 1. No further information released as to the Mexico Treaty Agreement negotiations between the U.S. State Department and the Mexican government.**
- 2. Uniden recently released a Rebanding (and other features) scanners firmware upgrade notice that affects the BCD386T/BC996T (09/30/08 release), BC246T/BCT15 (11/20/08 release), BCT8/BC898T (12/21/08 release), and BC296D/BC796D/BR330T (01/31/09 release). Check their web site for details.**
- 3. FCC Public Notice DA 08-1529 addresses (another) extension of the Wave 4 Border Area NPSPAC Negotiation Period from October 1, 2008 to 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.**
- 4. The FCC is further reviewing Sprint-Nextel's Petition for Relief (filed on June 17, 2008) to postpone their legal obligation to vacate 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).**
- 5. The next CPRA 800 MHz Rebanding Discussion Group meeting will be held on October 14, Tuesday at 1330 hours at the OCFA Regional Fire Operations & Training Center (RFOTC) in Irvine. The Transition Administrator's 3rd Quarter 800 MHz Reconfiguration Report should be available to be reviewed at that meeting.**
- 6. The County of Orange recently received approval from Sprint-Nextel and the TA in the form of an Amendment to contract Motorola to collect and dispose of approximately 573 pieces of SED replaced subscriber radios at a cost of \$33,170.80. This process was included as a line item in the County's June 16, 2008 Rebanding Implementation FRA proposal but was escalated as a standalone high priority issue as Sprint-Nextel had not formally responded to this Implementation FRA proposal after several months and the County is burdened with temporary storage and responsibility for several hundred replaced subscriber radios.**