

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## MINUTES

### CHAPTER MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2011

RILEY'S FARM

OAK GLEN, CA

#### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Dave Buchanan, San Bernardino County (Ret.)  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Ron Lyons, Simoco Americas  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the July meeting are posted on the CPRA web site  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) Technologies"  
**Presenter:** Ron Lyons, Simoco Americas  
**Attendance:** 35/33

#### AGENDA

**Greeting – Ken Shearen.** President Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the August CPRA meeting.

*Opening.* Mike Rowles led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Sponsorship.* Ken thanked Dave Buchanan for hosting the meeting and Ron Lyons, Simoco Americas for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

**Introductions - All.** New members were welcomed. Jeff Green was recognized as attending his first meeting and provided a complimentary lunch accordingly. All in attendance were then asked to introduce themselves.

**Membership Report – Tim Trager.** Mike reported on behalf of Tim that we have 437 members. He noted that five new people joined APCO and CPRA. They included:

#### *Active*

- Mike Borja – City of Adelanto – Supervisor
- Nanette Moore – City of Adelanto - Supervisor
- Aaron Palmer – City of Adelanto – Supervisor
- Jeff Green – Imperial Valley Emergency Communications Authority – Project Manager

#### *Commercial*

- Henning Beck – MCI West – Zone Technician

It was noted that that each individual had been sent a welcome letter. Tim let them know in the letters that they had a complimentary lunch coming when they attended their first CPRA meeting.

#### **Special Report – Lt Mark Wilkins.**

*Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS).* Lt Mark Wilkins gave a report on the progress of the project. He indicated that a revised RFP was being released shortly.

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## Minutes, CPRA Chapter Meeting, August 25, 2011 (cont.)

**Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu.** President Ken reviewed on behalf of Adriana the upcoming schedule for meetings. It was noted that details for the 2011 schedule are on the website. Ken reminded everyone that the next CPRA meeting would be held in Thousand Oaks on September 15th. He noted that the December meeting would a dinner cruise that will depart from the Long Beach area. He encouraged everyone to “save the date” for Friday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Treasurer’s Report – John Wright.**

*Monthly Financial Report.* John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He stated that total income for the month was \$80.00 and the total expenditures were \$7,617.62. Income was noted as cash deposits. Expenses included Visa card officer travel payments, and printing costs for the CommLink.

### **Regional Director Report – Richard Granado.**

Richard provided a report as follows:  
*APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Position.* Richard gave an update on actions to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position that remains vacant after the election results held during the APCO Conference. He indicated that Past President Dick Mirgon was appointed as the Temporary 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Richard explained that the APCO President would appoint a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. APCO members interested in the position were encouraged to submit an application.

*APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Endorsement – John Wright.* The CPRA Executive Committee recognized that John Wright stated an interest in serving as APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. A motion was made to provide a CPRA Chapter endorsement for his candidacy. Motion carried. President Ken will send an endorsement letter to the APCO Executive Director heartily affirming support from CPRA.

*D Block.* Richard noted the continuing work by APCO within the House of Representatives to advocate the necessity to assign the D Block 700 MHz spectrum to public safety.

*APCO Logo.* Richard also commented that a new logo design was approved by the Board and presented at the National Conference.

**APCO-OPOLY Games.** It was noted that the chapter had purchased 36 games. They were the last ones available from APCO. There was an announcement that the games would be for sale to chapter members for \$15. Also the games would be used as a raffle at the Chapter meetings.

*June Raffle Ticket Holder.* Scott Harvey, UCLA

*July Raffle Ticket Holder.* To be announced

*August Raffle Ticket Holder.* Keith Jensen

### **Frequency Coordinator Updates – Gary Gray.**

The following reports were provided:  
*CalSIEC SPA.* It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Arcadia Police Department.

*FCC Announcements.* There were no specific reports provided.

*LightSquared.* It was noted that the APCO and NPSTC position is that more testing is still required. LightSquared has offered to move 10 MHz down in the band. However, there are still interference issues to be addressed.

*800 MHz Rebanding Discussion.* The next meeting details will be announced.

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## Minutes, CPRA Exec Minutes, August 25, 2011 (cont.)

**APCO Conference Report.** There was consensus that the APCO Conference & Exposition was a successful event. President Ken reported the CPRA won the APCO Historical Album contest. A strong round of applause was provided to Adriana Spirescu, chair of the historical committee.

**Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel.** Jack invited each of the Commercial Members in attendance to do a self introduction and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

**AZ APCO State Conference Attendance – Gary Poon.** Gary attended the conference on behalf of CPRA. AZ APCO sent a letter to CPRA thanking the Gary for attending and for CPRA's support of their conference.

**Technical Presentation – Speaker.** Ron Lyons, Vice President for Sales & Business Development, Simoco Americas gave a presentation on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) technologies. He stated that DMR is a digital radio standard specified for professional mobile radio (PMR) users developed by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), and first ratified in 2005. Ron went to provide information about the DMR standard, protocol and supporting documentation. President Ken commented how informative the presentation was and those in attendance extended to the speaker a strong round of applause.

**Meeting Adjourned.** President Ken then thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

### Notes for the Record.

*Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC).* Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were then presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Rowles  
Secretary