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CHAPTER MEETING September 18, 2014 Conejo Creek Park 1379 E Janss Rd Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Chuck Taylor, County of Ventura (retired)
Early Bird Sponsor: Craig Basset-Basset Sales, Larry Feige-Talley Communications
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 2014 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "California Department of Fish & Wildlife," presented by Tim Markus
"California Strategic Highway Safety Plan," presented by Jeff Lucia, RedFlash Group
Attendance: 51

AGENDA

Welcome-Opening Comments – Dick Granado. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. Dick later thanked Larry Feige for being the Early Bird Sponsor, and Chuck Taylor for hosting the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Parrino.

Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

Commercial Members Introductions – Ron Lyons. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

APCO Senior Member Nomination – Gary Gray. Gary advised the group Commercial member Mel Samples is now qualified for nomination as APCO Senior Member. He has been a member since 2002, as well as being a member in the 1970s as well. Gary spoke of Mel's accomplishments and qualifications for Senior Membership. Ron made a motion to nominate Mel for APCO Senior Membership. Kevin Nida seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

Chapter Officer Reports.

Future Meetings Report – Don Miller: Don covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program. Specifically, he spoke of the upcoming October Table Top, where there will be officer elections. In December, we will have the Officer Installation Dinner. Don went on to give specific information about upcoming meetings in 2015. Additionally, meeting information can be found on the CPRA website.

Membership Report – Ken Mann.

Membership Numbers: Ken advised we have no new members. Current membership shows a total of 512 Chapter members, including 197 Full, 88 Commercial, 63 Associate, 67 Group, and 97 Online members.

Executive Council Delegate Report – Dick Granado: Filling in for Jim A., Dick filled the group in on current APCO updates. With the close of the 2014 APCO International Conference & Expo on August 6, the 2014/2015 officers stepped into their new roles: John Wright as President, Brent Lee as First Vice President,

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Cheryl Greathouse as Second Vice President, and Gigi Smith in the post of Immediate Past President. The following regional representatives were reelected to their Board posts: James J. McFarland (East Coast); Matthew Stillwell (Gulf Coast); Robin Tieman (North Central); and Kimberly Burdick (Western Region). Presenter handouts posted to PSConnect on August 15 can be accessed at the following: Silent Key: David Binns Bob Moesch. APCO filed Reply Comments on July 14 in an FCC proceeding on Wireless 9-1-1 location accuracy. The comments were prepared by APCO's Senior Regulatory Counsel, Bob Gurs. On August 8, Jeff Cohen attended a monthly meeting of the FCC where it adopted an Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to implement Text-to-911. The order requires wireless carriers and "interconnected" text messaging service providers to become capable of providing requesting PSAPs with Text-to-911 service by the end of 2014. On August 15, GRO monitored an open meeting of FirstNet's Board via conference call. The Board's only action was approving a spectrum management lease agreement with the state of Texas. On August 20, Roger Wespe attended a cybersecurity round table entitled, "Innovations in Cybersecurity." Membership numbers are as follows, citing September 1 2014, versus September 1, 2013: Associate – 3446 vs 3475; Commercial – 997 vs 1040, Full – 6473 vs 6736; Online – 7641 vs 6537; with a total of 21,647 vs 20,103. Registration and housing are now open for the Emerging Technology Forum, taking place November 4-5, 2014 at the Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport-Waterfront. Session topics will include Wireless 9-1-1 location accuracy, Text-to-911, NextGen 9-1-1, mobile apps, FirstNet, and cybersecurity. Registration rates for Public Safety Practitioners-Two Day Pass are: \$25 for the first 100 APCO Members (current Full or Associate), \$50 for the first 50 APCO non-members, and \$149 after the offer expires or onsite. Robin Pobst was hired as the Agency Course Coordinator for the Institute. Robin comes to APCO with a Masters of Arts in Corporate Communication. For the 2015 APCO Western Regional Conference, rooms are going fast, so secure one as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Parrino.

Monthly Financial Report: Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

Regulatory Update.

FCC Issues – Dave Buchanan: Information from the ARL (Amateur Radio League) reports we have interference from a new type of high efficiency LED (lighting). Meeting attendees offered information on this issue as well. It was also mentioned LEDs in some traffic lights are also causing interference. A company named ACD Telecom has requested to become a public safety coordinator. Dave is expecting opposition to this. He also mentioned we're expecting more votes from the FCC on a couple issues. FirstNet had a meeting of the governing board yesterday. They approved a request for information on the RFI. They will be asking for information on the definition of "rural." Next month there will be a training demonstration for Spectrum E at Orange County's Loma Ridge facility. He is requesting a RSVP for anyone planning to attend.

Presentation of Chapter Officer Candidates. Each of the below candidates spoke to the group regarding the positions they seek.

President Elect-Ron Wong. Ron gave his list of qualifications with CPRA and APCO. He mentioned being President of CPRA in 2006. He also spoke of his professional background in the Los Angeles area. He will be retiring from LA County at the end of October, which will give him plenty of time for the position.

Vice President-Dale Digiambattista. Dale is a Communications Supervisor with Riverside County Sheriff's Department. He has been with his agency for 13 years. He recently vacated a position with his agency where he was very involved in radio interoperability within his county and surrounding counties. He further listed his qualifications and experience and asked everyone for a "yes" vote.



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Program Presentation – Tim Markus. Dick introduced Tim, who is with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. He asked that everyone refer to the department by their newly assigned name, which is no longer Fish and Game. Tim spoke of the area his department covers. He talked to the group about the radio system used by his department and the challenges they encounter due to the covered area span. He mentioned they do not have their own dispatch center. They are dispatched by the various parks. Tim said his main goal is interoperability with the different agencies in throughout the state. Tim fielded many questions about his agency, as well as his role with NAPCO.

Program Presentation – Jeff Lucia. Dick next introduced Jeff. Jeff stated he is with RedFlash Group. He brought handouts of his Power Point presentation for those in attendance to follow along with his presentation. Jeff went into the function of the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan, as well as some statistics regarding traffic accidents on California highways. He mentioned the sponsors they have for the program, and solicited CPRA to become an active sponsor as well. Jeff also fielded questions from those in attendance about the program.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Notes for the Record.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Espindola
Secretary