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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2007 RICK'S RESTAURANT PALM SPRINGS, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Dr. Henry Richter, The Richter Group
Sponsor: Tri-Power Group
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October 2007 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Program: The Three "R's" of Rebanding – Are You Prepared?
Presenters: MCM Technology
Attendance: 35

AGENDA

Greeting – Anna Holmes. Anna opened the chapter meeting at 10:05 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the November meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anna thanked Dr. Richter for serving as the meeting host. She also expressed appreciation for the Early Bird refreshments sponsored by Tri-Power.

Introductions – All. It was noted that new members are always welcome. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Meeting Schedule – Bob Uribe. Bob announced that the next meeting will be held on December 6, 2007 in San Diego. It will be the installation luncheon for the new officer board. The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Resort. Frequency Coordination will begin at 10:00 a.m. Then the social hour for the installation luncheon will begin at 11:00. Mike presented information about the first meeting in 2008. The meeting will be held January 17, 2008 at the Hughes Community Center, Claremont, CA. Bob provided information about the 2008 schedule. Sponsorships are open for some of the 2008 meetings. There is information about the meeting schedules and sponsorship opportunities on the CPRA web site.

Membership Report – Anna Holmes (for Ken Mann). Anna reported that currently there are 550 members.

Joint North-South Training Conference – Anna Holmes. Anna announced that the Conference will be held in May. The proposed location will be Santa Ynez Marriott in Buellton. More details will be forthcoming.

Operations Chair – Dawn Lopez. Dawn shared ideas about training programs that will be developed for the CPRA Chapter. She invited people to give comments about training requirements, including speakers, and presentations. Dawn will be putting together the Operations Track for the N-S Training Conference.

FCC Matters/Frequency Coordination – Gary Gray. He noted that there was that little progress with the Mexico treaty. No other specific reports were presented...

CalSIEC – Ken Mann. No report. Ken is attending the CalSIEC meeting today.

800 MHz Rebanding Update – Ray Grimes. Ray presented updates on the progress of 800 MHz rebanding. See attached notes.

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Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado. Richard provided comments about a proposed procedural update at APCO regarding handling contracts valued at more than \$25,000.

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel/Larry Weber. Jack invited each of the vendors in attendance to identify themselves, their respective company, and their product line. Jack then introduced Kevin Persing, Tri-Power Group (sponsor for the Early Bird refreshments) who gave a brief overview of the services provided by Tri-Power.

Additional comments were provided by Greg Glenn, Tri-Power Group RF Engineer. He reviewed recent problems related to 800 MHz bi-directional amplifiers (BDAs). Tri-Power Group assists with resolution of these conditions.

Jack reported that the final paper for In-Building Communications standards was recently presented to the National Public-Safety Telecommunications Committee (NPSTC). He noted that a national code should be forthcoming within two years.

Other Chapter Business – All. Gary presented information about APCO membership levels. One of these is the APCO Life Member. Gary reviewed the requirements for the Life Member membership. He indicated that two CPRA Chapter members were eligible. They are Richard Granado and John Wright. A motion was made to nominate each individual to APCO for receiving a Life Membership. Carried.

Gary noted that the 2008 Calendars sponsored by Motorola had arrived and were available to CPRA members. He expressed a special word of thanks to Motorola for sponsoring the calendars.

Program – Dr. Richter. Dr Richter introduced Brenda Gray, MCM Technology. She presented a superb program covering processes and experiences encountered to date with Rebanding. Her program included:
-“The Three R’s of Rebanding” [Brenda Gray]
- “Do’s & Don’ts” [Video of presentation by Robert Schwaninger, Jr]
-“Rebanding – When Will We Get to the Finish Line?” [Alan Tilles, Esquire]
- A Panel Discussion, Q & A [Brenda Gray, Alan Tilles, Ray Grimes]

Meeting Adjourned. Anna extended appreciation to Rick’s Restaurant for serving a superb luncheon buffet and thanked everyone for their participation.

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
800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)

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REBANDING SUMMARY REPORT NOTES
By: Ray Grimes

1. SED application process full of landmines but possible. Nextel is pushing the FRA as an end product though the TA's SED application submittal instructions state that "This initiative enables licensees to obtain replacement equipment, software upgrade kits, and associated services in advance of negotiating the costs to reconfigure radio infrastructure. Caution: Spectra, Maxtrac, and MTX8000 radio replacement challenges with Sprint-Nextel reinterpretation of the SED rules. County of Orange is now awaiting TA approval of its SED application for approximately 450 subscriber radios.
2. FCC Public Notice DA-07-4392, Oct. 29, 2007. Wave 4, Stage 2 Licensees POSTPONES MANDATORY NEGOTIATION PERIOD from OCT 29, 2007 to JAN 31, 2008. DURING EXTENDED NEGOTIATION PERIOD WAVE 4, STAGE 2 licensees not required to engage in planning or negotiation prior to receipt of frequency designations from TA though they may engage in such activities to the extent that they are not frequency-dependent and would not result in unnecessary duplication of costs.
3. FCC Sept. 11 meeting: (1) Sprint-Nextel failed to meet 18 months benchmarks from FCC's original 2004 rebanding order, (2) SN must clear all non-border impacted 1-120 channel incumbents by DEC 26, 2007, (3) After January 1, 2008 SN and SouthernLINC must vacate frequencies within 60 days of a request by a P/S licensee. (4) The FCC also prescribed a timeline for ALL licensee migration (June 26, 2008 completion target) *though maybe 2 years later?* (5) Incumbents may apply for waivers if they cannot meet the FCC's aggressive 30 days to negotiate a deal with SN, followed by a 20 day mediation period.
4. TA/Dave Buchanan memo regarding Region 5 and 6 mutual Aid Repeater locations asking that incumbents notify Glen Nash, State of California GSA Telecommunications of any unlicensed local government State Mutual Aid sites. This is affecting the State's Mutual Aid frequency rebanding effort. Contact Glen Nash directly to discuss.
5. US/MEXICO JOINT STATEMENT, Ninth Meeting, Mexico City, August 3, 2007. "Committee agrees that 800 MHz border issues are critical and a priority, and will be further discussed at the 10th annual meeting in 2008."
6. Announcement: CPRA 800 MHz Rebanding Discussion Group meeting next week, Tuesday, November 20 at 1:30 PM at OCFA RFOTC in Irvine.