

# MINUTES

## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 CONEJO CREEK PARK THOUSAND OAKS, CA

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Chuck Taylor, Ventura County Retired  
**Sponsor:** Larry Feige, Talley Communications  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the August 2007 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Response to Emergency Conditions"  
**Presenter:** The Ventura County Fire Department  
**Attendance:** 70

### AGENDA

**Greeting – Anna Holmes.** Anna opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the September 2007 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anna thanked Chuck Taylor and the Ventura Fire Department for their support of the meeting. She also expressed sincere appreciation to Larry Feige, Talley Communications for sponsoring the meeting.

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

**Meeting Schedule – Ken Mann.** Ken announced that the next meeting will be the annual "Table Top" Exposition to be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Quiet Canon Conference Center in Montebello. It was noted that companies interested in supporting the chapter as a sponsor should contact Jack Daniel. Sponsorships are open for the December meeting. Ken provided information about the 2008 schedule. There is information about this schedule on the web site also.

**Table Top Report.** Larry stated that there were 9 booths and 55 tables sold. He noted that a few table top positions were still available.

**Membership Report – Ken.** Ken reported that we have 536 members through August 2007. It was noted that we send a welcome letter to each new member.

**Treasurer's Report – John Wright.** John reviewed the account balances for the checking accounts and the CD accounts. He indicated that an additional CD had been purchased.

**APCO Conference CDs.** John noted that he had received the set of CDs ordered from APCO. He indicated that he could provide a copy of the CDs to any chapter member upon request.

**Nominating Committee – Chuck Taylor, John Sarkissian, Ron Wong.** Chuck announced the nominees for the election to be held in October. He indicated that each candidate would be given a few minutes after lunch for campaign speeches. At the conclusion of lunch, Gary Gray gave an overview of the various elected positions. These comments were followed by the candidate's speeches.

**Regional Planning Committee.** Don Root reported on RPC activities pertinent to the CAPRAD and the 700 MHz spectrum.

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**FCC Matters – Gary Gray.** Gary commented about 800 rebanding initiatives. He provided comments about the 700 MHz National Trust organization.

**CALSIEC – Don Root.** Don provided updates on items under discussion at CALSIEC. He reported that a key topic is getting the State of California Interoperability Plan draft completed. Don encouraged public safety agencies to participate in the process. He indicated that the southern California CALSIEC meeting will be Wednesday of next week.

**800 Rebanding – Ray Grimes.** Ray summarized current issues with the 800 rebanding initiative. (See attached.) Additionally, he reviewed recent FCC official releases. Ray provided updated information regarding how to report an outage of a light on a tower. He emphasized the need to talk to a live person at the FAA and carefully document the report.

**700 MHz Meeting – Anna Holmes.** Anna reported that the 700 MHz planning meeting will be held on 10/11/07 in Long Beach.

**Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado.** Richard provided updates on the APCO budget and staff reductions to reduce costs. Income has been reduced because of the freeze on applications per 800 MHz rebanding.

**Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel.** Jack asked commercials to introduce themselves and give a short pitch on their respective products/services. He thanked the commercials for participating with and supporting the Chapter and its activities.

**Other Chapter Business – All.** No report this meeting.

**Program Intro – Chuck Taylor.** Chuck and Ken Mann introduced the program – The Ventura County Fire Department. Individuals introduced included Melvin Smith, Bureau Manager and Steve McClellan, Communications Manager. Battalion Chief Bryan Vanden Bossche presented an excellent overview of the Ventura County Fire Department, its activities, achievements, and future challenges. Following that, Fire Crew members from the Department provided a series of very interesting hands-on demonstrations of their equipment.

**Door Prizes.** As part of the tradition for the September “no ties allowed” meeting, drawings were held for a number of prizes provided by the commercial members. Chuck expressed a big “thank you” to all the commercial members that supported door prizes for the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Anna thanked everyone for their participation. A special note of thanks was given to all the participating members of the Ventura County Fire Department for their support of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. With the fire fighters as guests, everyone then enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon.

**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 (09/20/07)

### 800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes) CPRA Meeting September 20, 2007

To date, Sprint-Nextel has relocated 80% of its own 800 MHz holdings from Public Safety 800 MHz spectrum. 35 PS agencies (3%) completed the transition, at a cost to Sprint-Nextel of \$900 million (for all rebanding activities).

1. FCC News Release, September 11, 2007. New benchmarks and Procedures to Expedite 800 MHz Rebanding  
Sprint-Nextel did not meet interim 18 month benchmark.  
Sprint-Nextel ordered to clear spectrum for PS requests made on or after January 1, 2008.  
FCC reaffirmed June 26, 2008 rebanding completion date.  
FCC approved request to extend rebanding period to March, 2009 (six PS organizations in Georgia and Pennsylvania) regarding TV CH. 69 interference) set case precedent.
  
2. FCC 07-168, WT Docket No. 02-55, Issued September 12, 2007  
'Supplemental Procedures and Guidance for Completion of 800 MHz Rebanding'
  - Completion date for rebanding process reaffirmed as June 26, 2008
  - Sets Time Limits (with or without PFA) for cost estimate and planning submittal  
NPSPAC licensees < 5000 subscribers within 90 days PFA approval by TA.  
NPSPAC licensees >5000 subscribers submit cost estimate:
    - 5001 to 10,000 sub's 100 days
    - 10001 and greater 110 days
  - Change Notice Process guidance defined.
  - Rebanding Implementation.  
(general recommendations to expedite process)
  - Regional Planning Implementation discussed.
  - Wave 4 Border Area Planning  
FCC extended period: Wave 4 not required to engage in planning or negotiation prior to receipt of frequency designations from TA.  
Licensees encouraged to proceed with non-frequency specific rebanding activities.  
Early partial rebanding under this circumstance may result in increased rebanding costs that Sprint-Nextel must pay.
  - PS Licensee Requests for Extension  
FCC 'discourages' extension request filing:  
Subject to high level of scrutiny.  
Complexity of system and network size important factors in extension filing approval.  
No time expiration for Sprint-Nextel rebanding  
Funding.

## 800 MHz Rebanding Overview, CPRA 09/20/07 (cont.)

3. FCC WT Docket No. 02-55, September 7, 2007  
State of Nevada and University and Community College System of Nevada vs. Sprint-Nextel.  
Per *de novo* review by FCC.  
Mediator strongly criticized Sprint's conduct in the mediation, though it did not find that Sprint acted in bad faith (unusually contentious). Several cost arguments and challenges for consulting services, negotiation costs, planning costs, radio inventory costs, radio personality development costs, implementation costs, tracking costs, status reporting costs, programming costs, close-out costs.  
Sprint and mediator carefully compared these requested costs with Washoe County's FRA which is similar in scope and detail, using it to challenge the State of Nevada's proposal.

4. FCC M&O WT Docket No. 02-55, Mediation No. TAM-12371, Released September 17, 2007, De Novo review for Wave 1, Stage 2 mediation State of Connecticut Dept. of Corrections vs. Sprint-Nextel.

Addresses NPSPAC capability for future NPSPAC use as current radios support. Nextel must provide 'comparable facilities' but may modify existing equipment to support comparable facilities though not replacing equipment in whole. Such modifications would not allow post-rebanding operation of the entire rebanded spectrum.

The FCC has reinforced its position that the rebanding rules never anticipated providing upgrades to support hypothetical future upgrades beyond the rebanding process to assure future capability in the event that this licensee later wished to add NPSPAC channels to these radios..

This matter is continued for 7 days and must then be convened to discuss a negotiation.

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Per TA Letter of September 14, 2007 to OC

Re: NPSPAC Wave 4, Stage 2 Border Impacted Licensees

Mandatory negotiation period extended to October 29, 2007.

Postponed mediation period until October 30, 2007

Filing freeze for new applications in Wave 4, Stage 2 border areas until December 14, 2007

FCC urges licensees in this class to continue with non-frequency specific rebanding activities