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## MINUTES

### CHAPTER MEETING

JUNE 19, 2008

### TALLEY COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA

#### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Larry Fiege, Talley Communications  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Larry Fiege, Talley Communications  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 08 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Fiber / Microwave: Last Mile Solutions"  
**Attendance:** 53

#### AGENDA

**Greeting – Bob Uribe.** Bob opened the chapter meeting at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the June 2008 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob thanked the Larry Fiege and Talley Communications for hosting and sponsoring the meeting.

**Introductions - All.** New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

**Membership Report – Bob Uribe.** It was noted we have a total of 540 members. There are 8 new members for this month.

**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 July 17<sup>th</sup> in Santa Barbara. It was noted that the Franciscan Inn is a good source of hotel accommodations for people who wish stay overnight.

**Other Announcements – Bob.** Bob made announcements about the upcoming APCO Conference to be held in Kansas City in August. It was noted that we will be using electronic voting for selecting the APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. CPRA has endorsed Greg Riddle for this position. Bob noted that the letter of endorsement would be posted on the CPRA web site.

**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 \$11,184.10 and the total expenditures were \$9,249.01. John also provided information about the CPRA certificates of deposit.

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**Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado.** Richard provided an update on the Strategic Governance Initiative. He noted that there are a series of conference calls scheduled to allow membership interaction. The SGI is in review stages by the APCO Executive Council with further presentations scheduled for the business meetings at the APCO Conference in August. Dick commented that the focus is to view APCO as a business. The new structures designed by the SGI will focus on moving that direction. Richard noted that there will be two official resolutions that will be voted on at the APCO quorum. Resolution #1 restructures the governance of APCO and streamlines the By Laws; Resolution #2 converts APCO to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and merges subsidiaries to create one tax-exempt entity. Richard encouraged everyone to review learn about the resolutions. In another area, it was observed that the electronic voting for the APCO officers will be initiated in July. Dick noted that financially APCO is now operating in the black it is expected continue in this mode. He observed that the Finance Committee keeps watching this area on a month-by-month basis.

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

*700 MHz Regional Plan.* Gary noted that our plan has been approved by the FCC.

*Traveler's Information Stations.* Gary commented that there are specific rules for using these stations. He noted that a local user was cited by the FCC for using a station as a means to pass community bulletin board information.

*FCC Commission Registration System (CORS).* Gary advised that there are new password procedures now in effect.

*700 MHz Committee.* There will be a working group meeting on July 9th in Long Beach. Everyone was encouraged to attend who has an interest in the 700 MHz frequencies.

*800 MHz Committee.* Bob announced that Jim Donovan has agreed to serve as a new Chairman. Thanks go to Ron Wong for serving in this capacity for a long period.

*800 MHz Rebanding.* Ray Grimes summarized the rebanding processes underway for Orange County. See Attachment to the Minutes.

**CalSIEC – Ken Mann.** Ken noted the activities of the recent meeting. He advised everyone about the upcoming Southern Planning Area (SPA) workshop for the Tactical Interoperability Communications (TIC) Plan. It will be held on Thu, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hughes Center on 1700 Danbury Rd in Claremont from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**Operations Chair – Dawn Lopez.** Anna reported on behalf of Dawn that initial planning for the 2009 Telecommunicator's Banquet is continuing on track. The Banquet Committee is holding conference calls. It was confirmed that that Quiet Cannon Conference Center will be the location 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. He also asked Chuck Taylor to provide announcements about the September "No Ties" BBQ. Chuck gave details of the meeting and he described the opportunity for commercial vendors to provide door prizes as part of a long-standing CPRA tradition.

**Program Presentation – Larry Fiege, Talley Communications.** Larry introduced Rhys Fernandez, Sales Manager, Broadband Wireless for Talley. He provided a very interesting program about using fiber optic and MW systems for connections to the "last mile." Big thanks were extended to Rhys for doing a superb presentation.

**Special Presentation – Bob.** Bob presented an APCO Senior Member certificate to Ron Wong. This was awarded to him for his extensive service to APCO and CPRA.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Bob thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.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, 6/19/08**

### **800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)**

1. **O news is NO news". No new information has been publicly released as to progress of the Mexico Treaty Agreement affecting Wave 4 Rebanding. We have learned that the U.S./Mexico Treaty Agreement Consultative meeting is scheduled for August, 2008. We anticipate that it would be at least the first quarter of 2009 for announcement and release of a Wave 4 Rebanding frequency plan.**
2. **The County of Orange on June 16, 2008 submitted its Rebanding Implementation FRA proposal to Sprint-Nextel for \$8 million to effect one system reprogramming. The projected cost for the County's Implementation FRA could easily double if a second or third reprogramming of the subscriber fleet becomes necessary to install new State of California mutual aid and Park Service frequencies and to later remove old frequencies.**
3. **The County of Orange has included as an element of its Implementation FRA 'cost recovery' for County-owned MCM inventory tracking software. This MCM software was purchased by the County in June, 2006 upon Sprint-Nextel rejecting the County's formal request in support of Rebanding. As the recent Washoe County and City of Boston FCC ALJ decisions allow for use of MCM in support of Rebanding, the County is now asking for a nominal 33% cost recovery for this purpose.**
4. **Though the FCC 800 MHz Reconfiguration Rules clearly describe procedures and methods for procurement of additional Rebanding equipment and services additions, corrections, and changes, the documents used by Sprint-Nextel for these processes aren't always what are called for in the Rules. These inconsistent processes shouldn't matter, as long as they meet the intent of the Rules and deliver what is sought, with adequate documentation.**
5. **Numerous cities within Orange County operate publicly owned or privately owned 800 MHz in-building telecommunications systems (BDA's) to support public safety communications as required by City Code. Private building owners may not be aware of their legal obligation to engage in 800 MHz Rebanding as required by the FCC. The County has no legal obligation or duty to negotiate or manage 800 MHz Rebanding of these privately owned systems. The County recently distributed a letter to all 800 MHz Partners cities recommending that they contact each building owner in their respective cities to advise them of their obligation to seek an 800 MHz Rebanding consultant to manage Rebanding of their BDA's, for which Sprint-Nextel shall pay all reasonable and pre-negotiated costs.**
6. **Dave Buchanan representing the Transition Administrator made the following proposal to the County of Orange recently:  
"Move the 800 MHz CCCS South Cell into the interleaved or non NPSPAC frequency allocation."  
This proposal is interesting and may be acceptable to the County, assuming that frequency protections would be consistent and compatible (now and in the future) with other licensed 800 MHz channels for that band segment. One important consideration is that Sprint-Nextel does not support Rebanding funding for radio site intermodulation studies, stating that all frequency relationships for an agency remain the same as all Rebanding frequencies would move in unison. If something other than the relocation of an agency's existing frequency block occurs (as is proposed herein), then radio site intermodulation studies become warranted and must be included in the PFA or Implementation FRA proposals. Much work will undoubtedly be required to see this proposal through to completion.**
7. **The FCC (optimistically) set the date for completion of all 800 MHz Reconfiguration activities as June 26, 2008. This is generally unachievable for many reasons including Mexico Treaty Agreement challenges. The FCC has released the following notice (provided here in part).**

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF JUNE 26, 2008 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF 800 MHZ REBANDING, WT Docket No. 02-55

By this *Public Notice*, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) establishes procedures and provides guidance for submission by 800 MHz licensees of requests for waiver of the 800 MHz rebanding deadline. As part of the rebanding process, certain licensees are being relocated to new frequencies in the 800 MHz band, with all rebanding costs to be paid by Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint).<sup>1</sup> The Commission's orders provide for the 800 MHz licensees in non-border areas to complete rebanding by June 26, 2008. Any 800 MHz non-border licensee that will require additional time past June 26, 2008 to complete rebanding must request a waiver of the deadline from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

### Additional Report (Ray Grimes)

California SB1252 (Padilla)

The Wireless Services Emergency Access to Public Property Proposed Bill  
(Authored by T-Mobile)

Existing law requires a wireless telecommunications carrier to obtain local government property owner approval and local zoning/planning approvals to place or install wireless facilities on public property under specified conditions, sometimes also requiring a public comment period and an E.I.R. An FCC Special Temporary Authority (S.T.A.) would also be required to license a 'temporary' telecommunications operation. A local government property lease agreement would customarily include language that protects existing uses at that facility, including measures to assure facility security and prevention of public safety or local government telecommunications radio interference.

This proposed bill would have allowed a wireless telecommunications carrier within 24 hours of the occurrence of a flood, earthquake, storm, fire, or other natural (declared) disaster, to enter onto public property without otherwise required permits to repair its (existing) equipment or facilities and/or to deploy temporary equipment or facilities. This bill would have required a wireless telecommunications carrier entering onto public property for these reasons to only notify the applicable local government agency with 24 hours of entering the property, then begin any required processes to obtain a permit within 72 hours of entering the land. This proposed bill would also have allowed a wireless service provider to establish a temporary telecommunications facility on public property locations where they did not previously exist.

This proposed bill threatened to circumvent certain existing and future local government property lease agreements or would have empowered wireless service providers with rights of access and occupancy of local government properties where no lease existed or such applications would be considered as incompatible uses by the local government. There could also have been related local government costs and labor burdens that would not be reimbursable where the local government would become obligated in a time of emergency to become involved in at least monitoring and facilitating wireless provider activities as allowable under this proposed bill.

This proposed SB1252 bill was almost successful, traveling under the radar toward final State Senate review and approval. SB1252 came to our attention through our County Counsel who recently attended a meeting of city attorneys. As CPRA presently does not have a Regulatory Review chair, such critical information as this bill doesn't always get distributed to the membership. Thanks to CPRA and several local government agencies, notice of this bill was promptly distributed, resulting in numerous calls of inquiry to legislators and lobbyists. The result of this flurry of activity was that T-Mobile voluntarily withdrew the wireless carrier access proposal within SB1252 on or around June 10. Interestingly, after considerable editing of SB1252 by its author, it has been distilled to a stand alone bill, only addressing a Consumer Motor Vehicle Recovery Act proposed bill with no relationship to wireless carrier emergency site access matters. Thanks to everyone who responded to this proposed bill and helped insure that it was successfully derailed.