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MINUTES

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2008 THE QUIET CANNON CONFERENCE CENTER MONTEBELLO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA Commercial Committee
Sponsor: CPRA Commercial Members & Exhibitors
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the September 2008 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: Report deferred for this meeting
Program: Annual "Table Top" Exposition
Presenters: CPRA Commercial Members & Exhibitors
Attendance: 250

AGENDA

Greeting – Bob Uribe. Bob opened the chapter meeting at 12:50 pm. He welcomed everyone to the October 2008 annual "Table Top" meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob thanked the Commercial Members & Exhibitors for their support of the meeting and ongoing Chapter activities. He also expressed sincere appreciation to Jack Daniel and the Commercial Committee for all the hard work in organizing and arranging for this year's Table Top meeting.

Abbreviated Format. Bob announced that this meeting would follow an abbreviated format due to the "Table Top" program.

800 Rebanding. Ray Grimes presented an overview and update of rebanding efforts in southern California. Please see attached notes.

Recognition. Bob presented Ernest Gallo with recognition as an APCO Senior Member for his outstanding and ongoing contributions to CPRA

Bert Moore Award. Bob Uribe introduced Craig Bassett who gave a brief history of Bert Moore and the Bert Moore award. Bob and Jack Daniel then presented the Bert Moore Award to Larry Fiege, Talley Communications. This award is presented to a Commercial Member who has demonstrated outstanding support for the goals and activities of CPRA. Larry has been a commercial member for nearly 30 years and he has made significant contributions to the success of the Chapter. The Bert Moore Award was presented to him in appreciation for his enthusiasm, organizational endeavors, and plenty of hard work. All in attendance extended congratulations to Larry via a strong ovation.

Introductions - All. It was noted that new members are always welcome. Since there was such a large crowd, the self introductions were deferred to save time.

Meeting Schedule – Ken Mann. It is to be noted that the next meeting will be held on November 20, 2008 at the Pomona Mining Company restaurant. Sponsorships are open for some of the 2009 meetings. There is information about the meeting schedules and sponsorship opportunities on the CPRA web site.

"Table Top Notes" - Jack Daniel provided a summary of the Table Top accomplishment. It was noted that the participation by commercial members and companies was superb. The show room floor was filled to capacity with tables and booths. Many thanks go the commercials for their outstanding support of CPRA! [The next meeting announcement and Table Top Notes provided as a Secretary's information item.]

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Minutes, CPRA Chapter Meeting, October 16, 2008 (cont.)

Commercial Introductions – Jack Daniel/Larry Weber. This was deferred for this meeting.

Election of Officers – Chuck Taylor, Ron Wong, Anna Holmes. The nominating committee announced the results of the annual officer election. The Board of Officers for the 2009 term includes:
President – Ken Mann; *President-Elect* – Gary Poon, *Vice-President* – Dawn Lopez, *Sergeant-at-Arms* – Ken Norton. Bob congratulated the new officers and indicated they would begin their term at the Officer Installation in December.

Ballots. A motion was made to destroy the ballots. Carried

Door Prizes. As part of the tradition for the Table Top meeting, drawings were held for a number of prizes provided by the commercial members. Chuck Taylor presented the various prizes to the lucky winners. Chuck expressed a big “thank you” to all the commercial members that supported door prizes for the meeting.

Other Chapter Business – All. No report this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned. Bob extended appreciation to the Quiet Cannon 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

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ATTACHMENT TO THE CPRA CHAPTER MINUTES, 10/16/08 800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)

1. No further information has been released as to 2008 Mexico Treaty Agreement negotiations between the U.S. State Department and the Mexican government. Expect further activity in mid-2009 at the earliest.
 2. Uniden recently released a Rebanding (and other features) radio scanners firmware upgrade notice that affects the BCD386T/BC996T (09/30/08 release), BC246T/BCT15 (11/20/08 release), BCT8/BC898T (12/21/08 release), and BC296D/BC796D/BR330T (01/31/09 release). Uniden also recently issued software revisions or patches to fix digital trunked reception problems caused by the earlier software revision. Check their web site for details.
 3. FCC Public Notice DA 08-1529 addresses (another) extension of the Wave 4 Border Area NPSPAC Negotiation Period from October 1, 2008 to November 12, 2008. Remember that Wave 4 incumbents are encouraged by the FCC to proceed with their Rebanding activities though a frequency plan is not yet available. Border impacted Wave 4 incumbents are not held to the mandatory negotiation dates.
 4. The FCC is further reviewing Sprint-Nextel's Petition for Relief (filed on June 17, 2008) to postpone their legal obligation to vacate 800 MHz spectrum holdings in the interleaved band (809-815 MHz/861-862 MHz) (collectively, Mid-Band) and Guard Band (816-817 MHz/861-862 MHz). The FCC expects to hear this case around March 18, 2009. Sprint-Nextel is cautioning that if their appeal is rejected, their cost for Rebanding will exceed \$3.4 billion, with significant program completion delays.
 5. The Transition Administrator's 2nd Quarter 800 MHz Reconfiguration Report was released on September 19, 2008. Of particular interest within this report is that Sprint-Nextel stated their Rebanding costs to date as \$306.6 million, with \$481.2 million spent for 1.9 GHz spectrum clearing costs by Sprint-Nextel. Sprint maintains Letters of Credit to assure Rebanding funding in the amount of \$2.078 billion. The TA's reported 2nd Q 2008 Rebanding expenses in support and administrative activities topped \$9 million. During the second quarter of 2008, the TA reported 742 FRA Completion Certificates received, with 1783 Stage 1 and 2 FRA's in total submitted as of June 30, 2009. Also, there were 596 Requests for Waiver of the June 26, 2008 deadline for all Waves. For Wave 4 non-border regions, 53% of submitted FRA's have been approved. As of June 30, 2008 for all Stage 1 applications, there were 487 mediation dockets opened with only seven still pending action, with 17 referred to the FCC for *de novo* review.
 6. Sprint-Nextel advised that a new Motorola Small Change Request procedure for Rebanding is available to expedite requests for minor adjustments to Motorola SED replacement equipment, missing battery chargers or microphones, etc. This process may be substituted by Sprint-Nextel in place of Change Orders or Amendments, in order to expedite a solution. There is nothing published in either FCC or TA Rebanding documentation that describes a Motorola Small Changes Request procedure. A concise and well-documented paper trail is recommended for this (and all) Rebanding processes to minimize later problems during 'true-up' meetings with Sprint-Nextel and the TA.
 7. BDA's that support public safety radio communications which are owned and installed privately must be considered as an integral part of an agency's 800 MHz Rebanding program. A local agency may have no obligation to manage a private BDA owner's Rebanding program, though it is to the agency's advantage to steer the building owner/operator toward a Rebanding Consultant that can assure that BDA equipment will work after reconfiguration is completed. Failure to address privately owned BDA's will likely result in lost public safety radio coverage in large and high-density structures.
 8. Motorola has sent several Rebanding SED Incumbent Acknowledgement (IA) forms to the County of Orange for payment signoff of SED subscriber radio equipment received for its city partners. Careful scrutiny of these IA's is recommended, as it became evident that not only was the County asked to signoff on SED delivered equipment or add-on's for each agency, but that the rest of the spread sheet included proposed equipment that was not negotiated or confirmed as necessary and did not apply to these specific client agencies. Furthermore, a condition was included that would have required that the County delivers all SED replaced equipment within 30 days. That was beyond the County's control and otherwise unenforceable, as until these IA's were signed, the process would not engage for posting on the Mercury Report which would only then authorize collection of this equipment (a definite Catch 22).
 9. The next CPRA sponsored Rebanding discussion group meeting will likely be held in February, 2009 at OCFA's RFOTC in Irvine.
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