

# MINUTES

## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2007 THE QUIET CANNON CONFERENCE CENTER MONTEBELLO, CA

### SUMMARY

<b>Meeting Host:</b>	CPRA Commercial Committee
<b>Sponsor:</b>	CPRA Commercial Members & Exhibitors
<b>Secretary's Report:</b>	Minutes from the September 2007 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	See comments
<b>Program:</b>	Annual "Table Top" Exposition
<b>Presenters:</b>	CPRA Commercial Members & Exhibitors
<b>Attendance:</b>	173

### AGENDA

**Greeting – Anna Holmes.** Anna opened the chapter meeting at 12:30 pm. She welcomed everyone to the October 2007 annual "Table Top" meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anna thanked the Commercial Members & Exhibitors for their support of the meeting and ongoing Chapter activities. She also expressed sincere appreciation to the Commercial Committee for all the hard work in organizing and arranging for this year's Table Top meeting.

Anna recognized key sponsors: They included Relm Wireless Corporation and Integrated Network Systems (Joe Howard).

Anna presented to Larry Weber a \$200 check made to AIDS Walk Los Angeles on behalf of his daughter Aubrey who will participate in the walk. This was a donation from the Chapter for this event.

Mike gave a brief presentation recognizing Dr Henry Richter's historical involvement with the JPL Explorer project. It was 50 years ago this month that the international space race was begun with the launching of the Russian Sputnik satellite on October 4, 1957. Three months later on January 31, 1958 the United States launched its space exploration program via the JPL designed Explorer 1 satellite. Dr Richter was one of the principal scientists that selected the test instruments aboard the satellite. The legacy of his work continues today as the U.S. space exploration program now extends to and beyond the edges of the solar system.

**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 – Bob Uribe.** Bob announced that the next meeting will be held on November 15, 2007 in Palm Springs. MCM Corp. will present a panel discussion on software to support rebanding processes. The December meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> in San Diego. It was noted that companies interested in supporting the chapter as a sponsor should contact Jack Daniel. 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.

Jack Daniel and Larry Weber 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!

**Membership Report – Ken Mann.** Ken reported that currently there are 522 members.

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**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.

**FCC Matters/Frequency Coordination – Gary Gray.** There were no specific reports.

**CalSIEC Update – Ron Wong.** Ron gave an overview of the California State Interoperability Executive Committee (CalSIEC) functions. He noted that currently the primary task is to develop the State Interoperability Plan. He also presented information about the Southern Planning Area (SPA) activity.

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

**700 MHz Meeting Update – Dave Buchanan.** Dave indicated that there will be increased activity coming regarding deployment of portions of the 700 MHz band. Dave summarized provisions of the recent FCC Report & Order pertinent to the reallocation of the spectrum released from the digital TV arena. He commented about requirements of the company that wins the D block auction to work with the National Broadband Licensee. The spectrum was realigned which will mean that revisions to the Region 5 700 MHz plan will be necessary. Finally, Dave noted that we will need to fill the Vice Chairman position for Region 5. The next meeting of the 700 MHz committee will be on January 16, 2008 in Riverside.

**Operations Chair Selection.** Anna welcomed Dawn Lopez who has been appointed to serve as the CPRA Operations Chair. Dawn provided a brief review of her strong operations and training background.

**Executive Council Delegate – Richard Granado.** No report this meeting

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

**Election of Officers – Chuck Taylor, John Sarkissian, Ron Wong.** The nominating committee announced the results of the annual officer election. The Board of Officers for the 2008 term include: *President* – Bob Uribe; *President-Elect* – Ken Mann, *Vice-President* – Chris Hinshaw, *Executive Council Delegate* – Richard Granado, *Treasurer* – John Wright, *Secretary* – Mike Rowles, *Sergeant-at-Arms* – Gary Poon.

**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. Anna 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.** Anna 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

**ATTACHMENT TO THE CPRA CHAPTER MINUTES**  
**800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)**

**CPRA 800 MHZ REBANDING SUMMARY**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2007**

1. Update from APCO's Counsel Bob Gurss:  
US met with Mexico in August and presented a proposed band plan that would keep lower portion of the band as US primary (for NSPAC) and grandfather certain Mexican licensees, but require others to move. Open issue is who pays for moves. Mexican government responded with a different plan that is similar as to public safety channels, but poses other challenges for other portions of the band. US is expected to respond with proposal that US hopes will address both parties' needs. Once there is agreement, FCC will issue a Public Notice to seek comment on the band plan for the US side of the border (a similar PN regarding Canadian border is expected next week, as Canada/US have reached agreement)

Robert M. Gurss  
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2. (1) FCC issues Public Notice bulletin DA-07-4038, released Sept. 28, 2007, regarding Wave 4 (Stage 1) rebanding, where the beginning of the mandatory mediation date changes from September 30, 2007 to January 02, 2008 and postpones the beginning of the mandatory mediation period until January 3, 2008. (2) This PN also announces that Wave 4, Stage 1 border area licensees are not required to engage in planning or negotiation prior to the receipt of frequency designations from the 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 license) filing freeze on new applications for completion in Wave 4, Stage 1 extended until 30 working days after January 2, 2008 or February 14, 2008. Does not apply to modifications that do not change frequencies or expand existing coverage, or renewals only.
3. TA letter to Orange County dated October 3, 2007 echoes FCC PUBLIC NOTICE above.
4. City of Boston appeal decision rendered by FCC Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on October 15, 2007 allowing \$60,000 in value for MCM Technology software to track 3,000 subscriber radios.
5. Orange County proceeding with SED to replace approx. 550 Fire service subscriber radios. Final subscriber inventory provided to Nextel by County and Motorola. SED Nextel approval expected on October 26. County and Motorola will then visit participating organizations to write rebanding replacement XTS5000 upgrade orders.
6. Orange County also finalizing Motorola SA/FRA proposal this month. Meeting with Motorola October 22 to complete negotiations then County Counsel review and BOS approval required.