



TASMA NEWS

Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association
 Frequency Coordination and Spectrum Management for Southern California

Regular General Meeting – Saturday, August 8, 2009

Chairman’s Message Bob Dengler, NO6B

Fellow TASMA members:

This summer has been a busy one for me. Barely a month after our April general meeting I was off to Dayton once again. Unfortunately I don’t have any pictures from this year’s Hamvention or the rest of my 5,037 mile road trip because my camera was stolen. Not surprising given the deteriorating economic condition of the area. I still recommend going if you’ve never made the “pilgrimage”, just be sure to watch your valuables & even “not so valuable’s (3 megapixel digital cameras aren’t worth so much these days, but apparently mine was worth stealing). While you’re there be sure to check out the IRLP-equipped WB8VSU repeater in Miamisburg on 442.300 (+) PL-123.0. It has the best sounding IRLP link of any repeater I’ve ever used.

I arrived back in plenty of time for our May 30 Technical Committee meeting. Although we got through a tremendous amount of business in a reasonable time, I had barely enough time after the meeting to get our database updated before I was once again off on travel, this time to Massachusetts for a



family visit. While riding through the woods of Southwick I was able to check in to the JPLARC’s noontime Emergency Communications Team net via a local repeater on Provin Mtn. equipped with IRLP. I’ve been using IRLP for some time now, but I really appreciate it the most when I use it while traveling to connect back home. Despite being named a “mountain”, Provin Mtn.

stands just over 600 ft. above sea level. However, those familiar with local low-level sites like Signal Hill will tell you that height isn’t everything. There are higher mountains in the Westfield area, but their location bordering the Pioneer Valley makes them less advantageous, while Provin Mtn. sits in the middle of the valley, allowing it to provide good coverage all the way from Springfield MA to Hartford CT. I believe this

was the first time I ever operated “bicycle mobile”, as I hadn’t done any serious biking since I got my driver license.



Provin mountain radio site. The building in the foreground is WWLP TV; over 50 years old.

Our upcoming general meeting on August 8th will be a very important one to attend, as there are several issues of general interest to the local VHF and UHF community that will be discussed. There is a report in this newsletter from our 440 working group providing its recommendations which will be introduced as changes to our bylaws that will be voted on at our December meeting. There are also plans to introduce a proposal (also to be voted on at the December general meeting)

to add two positions to the board of directors: Internet Services Manager and Membership Director. A change to our bandplan to enable all current D-STAR auxiliary systems to operate as repeaters will be presented by the Technical Committee for approval by the general membership. And of course nominations for next year’s officers will be made at our upcoming meeting. There will be much discussion concerning the future of your organization. Make sure to be there so your input can be heard.

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**Next Meeting in Walnut on
 August 8th**

TASMA's second meeting of 2009 will take place on Saturday morning, August 8th at Walnut Public Library at 21155 La Puente Road next to City Hall in Walnut, a few miles northwest of the 60/57 intersection. From 57 north, exit at N. Grand and proceed north; turn left and proceed approximately 1/2 mile.



Talk-in Frequency = 146.64 MHz, PL = 167.9 Hz

Please arrive at 10:00 AM to take care of renewing your membership and avoid disrupting the meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 10:30.

Agenda for TASMA General Meeting August 8th:

1. Registration
2. Call to Order
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
 - Membership Status
 - Budget and Financial Review
6. Correspondence Summary
7. Committee Reports:
 - NFCC Report
 - Technical Committee Report
 - TASMA database
 - Old Business
 - Coordinating the 440-450 band
 - Proposed Bylaw changes for 440-450 Coordinating
 - Revised Dues payment
8. New Business
 - Nomination of for 2010 Board

- Recommended Band Plan changes
- Revised Board responsibilities
- Discussion of proposed Bylaw changes to the number of board members seats.
- Open Forum

9. Next General Meeting Date is 12/5/09

General Meeting Minutes

TASMA April 4th General Meeting Minutes

Location:

Walnut Library
21155 La Puente Rd.
Walnut, CA 91789

These Minutes Are Not Approved

Attendees:

- | | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Bob Dengler | NO6B |
| Steve Grasha | WA6ARC |
| Dennis Hughes | KC6RYZ |
| Howard Brown | KG6GI |
| Lonnie Bland | N6RBR |
| Paul Metzger | K6EH |
| Suzan LaDuke | K6CDK |
| Jacoby Wilson | KF6UPN |
| Dan Corth | AD6HK |
| David Elder | KA6TBF |
| Frank Shannon | KR6AL |
| Brian Roode | NJ6N |
| Scott Farthing | KI6IXQ |
| Leon Brown | KC6JAR |
| Miguel A. Ramirez | NH2R |
| Jose Almada | KB6KOV |
| Arturo Pineda | WW6Y |

Visitors:

- Noah Massengale
- Jim Guerrero

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30AM by Bob Dengler, NO6B.
2. The members present introduced themselves and guests. A sign-in sheet was passed around to record the attendees and guests.
3. The Agenda was distributed via email along with a URL referencing some NARCC updates.
 - a. Discussion regarding NARCC direction
NARCC has proposed a band plan change to 12.5 KHz spacing according to their Board Meeting Minutes; their survey had the support of their membership group. This direction was motivated by increased demand for Coordination in Northern California, same as seen in Southern California.

Additionally, the Northern California area has the PAVE PAWS impacting the 440 Band utilization and some of the 70CM Repeater groups view the 2 Meter spectrum as an alternative given their situation.

The purpose of bringing the NAARC materials to this meeting is to highlight that there is an issue everywhere meeting the demand for coordinated frequency pairs. Bob has done the math regarding opening the 145MHz Band utilizing a 15 MHz span and found that this change would result in a gain of 7 frequency pairs available. From a technical perspective, discussion ensued regarding what would be required to implement such a change, as the Repeater Owners would need to modify their installations – purchase new crystals, install new hardware devices. Example, the GE Master II's can be modified by adding a Com-Spec device to the Master II. The Owner would need to have some test equipment to tune and implement this change correctly. There are Narrow Band filters for other devices as well. The alternative is that some potential Repeater Owners, simply do not get to operate.

Straw Vote

Bob Dengler took a straw vote asking how many people present would support moving the 145 MHz Output Repeater Sub-band from 20 KHz to 15 KHz spacing. These are the results:

Against – zero

For – 11

Bob will take this topic to the Board and the Tech Committee to draw up a proposal to change the spacing to 15 KHz based on this favorable straw vote outcome.

D-STAR

TASMA is experiencing a high level of demand for new coordination also. D-STAR has also had an impact in the coordination efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding the FCC position and perspective of D-STAR operations. Leon Brown, KC6JAR, was concerned that the FCC would not approve of his D-STAR operation. Bob Dengler, NO6B, explained that the D-STAR sites are being coordinated as Remote Base/Auxiliary Stations, not Repeaters. This complies with the Part 97 FCC regulations. Howard Brown, KG6GI, is TASMA's resident expert on D-STAR.

Note: Thank you Howard for all of your past hard work and continued efforts to support this group.

It is up to the Trustee to determine what kind of station he has. For an Auxiliary station, all users should be Control Operators. While in some opinions this may not be realistic, the Amateur community should not create a problem (by

approaching the FCC) where a problem or issue does not exist.

Some informal discussion has occurred within the TASMA Technical Committee regarding how to address an issue if it came up. The bottom line is if the FCC had an issue with our current coordination direction, then TASMA would have to consider a more drastic change. However, the FCC has been notified of the TASMA coordination plan and TASMA has received no negative response from the FCC.

Bob further explained that in his experience, the FCC does not really want to get involved with the Coordination of Amateur Radio Frequency allocation, and they tend to get involved only if approached and a specific direction is requested from a member of the Amateur community.

TASMA Board

Steve Grasha, WA6ARC, asked if more people should be added to the TASMA Board to ensure all of the work gets done as required. He has noted that, as a past Board member, there are some things that have fallen through the cracks in the current quarter. He suggested that maybe there are not enough resources on the current Board to get everything accomplished. Bob Dengler, NO6B, indicated that in his opinion no additional Board members are needed. The membership community may volunteer or be recruited to help when resource availability is identified as an issue. Board workload should not increase. If the Board workload increases, it asks for volunteers

The Board members are the decision makers and the Board structure is in the bylaws so the bylaws would needed to be changed for an increase if needed. Steve Grasha submitted a motion to increase the TASMA Board by 3 members on the December 2009 ballot if, at that time, TASMA is still moving to expand into the 440 Spectrum Coordination arena.

Discussion: Steve is not convinced that unless the Board is expanded at this time, there will not be an experienced Board in place when the possible 440 coordination effort is to be implemented. He is concerned that the current Board will not be able to manage an additional database, coordination efforts, and potential 440 Technical Committee.

The motion failed for the lack of a second.

Motion to Change Voting Privileges

Leon Brown, KC6JAR, moved to Change the TASMA Bylaws so only Repeater Trustees may vote on TASMA Business. The motion was seconded by Steve Grasha, WA6ARC.

Discussion:

Would be trustees be allowed to vote by proxy?
Would they be allowed to vote if they are present in person only? Do Trustees count or only Repeater Owners?

Bob Dengler:

This organization has a long history of involving Users and not just a limited group, giving us a transparency which is unique.

Bob suggested that the answer is to get more members of a homogenous nature if there is a concern that one group could enlist a number of their members to join TASMA and assume control of the organization.

Further Discussion:

There is currently a 45 day waiting period before a member has voting rights. That period could be increased if the members feel this is too short.

The members present felt that if only the Repeater Owners or Trustees were allowed to vote on TASMA business, then there would necessarily be fewer members of the organization. Additionally it was voiced that TASMA would organizationally be very similar to SCRBBA and that is not desired.

Both parties withdrew the motion to change the Bylaws.

4. The minutes of the December 6, 2008 General Meeting were not immediately available, however after discussion it was revealed that a draft of the meeting was sent to the TASMA Board members in December by Steve Early, AD6VI, the 2008 TASMA Secretary. The minutes were reviewed by the members present. A couple of typos were corrected. Steve Grasha, WA6ARC moved to approved the minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott Farthing, KI6IXQ and passed by unanimous vote.
5. The TASMA Treasurer provided the closing 2008 and year-to-date 2009 Treasurer reports to the TASMA Board via email as he was unable to attend this meeting. The reports were presented by Bob Dengler.
6. The 2009 mail log was provided for the members to review. Howard Brown, KG6GI noted that there was an error in the line numbering. In addition to membership applications and renewals, there have been five Requests for Coordination received. Three of these have been received since the last Technical Committee Meeting so will be reviewed at the next Technical Committee Review meeting.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. 440 Coordination Working Group report
 - i. Scott Farthing, KI6IXQ was present to represent the 440 Coordination Working Group.
 1. Several items have been sent to the TASMA Board and 440 Working Group email groups

from Jeff (Shorty) Stouffer, Chairperson of the 440 Working Group with very little response/input.

- a. Mission Statement
- b. Suggest meeting in person or via Skype as a group.

Bob Dengler indicated that the approach for the 440 Working Group should be that no response is to be interpreted as agreement and approval to move forward in a given direction. The suggestion is that however the group elects to meet (in person, via Yahoo group, or Skype); they should submit recommendations for continued development such as:

Recommend to Coordinate the 440 Spectrum

Recommend to form a 440 Technical Committee

The TASMA approach to 440 spectrum coordination would be to co-exist with the current SCRBBA group and work around their existing published coordinated frequencies.

Six additional members present at this meeting expressed an interest in joining and working with the 440 Working Group. These names were added to the 440 Working Group email list by Howard after the meeting.

- b. Technical Committee report
 - i. Bob Dengler, NO6B, reported that correspondence is now current. He sent out 14 letters last weekend to various recipients, primarily pertaining to coordination issues. Bob also provided a Technical Committee Overview which is attached to these minutes.
- c. TASMA Database
 - i. Bob Dengler has assumed the task of database maintenance from Howard Brown.
 - ii. Bob provided some copies of the Open Repeater CTCSS Frequency Regions and Southern California FM Band plans. Bob noted that the actual database may be viewed on the TASMA web site. Please note that the colors on the list are not representative of a County grouping, but are representative of the Open Repeater CTCSS Frequency Region grouping.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted By Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

TASMA Board Meeting Minutes

These Minutes Are Not Approved

Saturday, July 11, 2009

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Murray Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Attendees:

Board Members (Current and Retiring):

- | | | |
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| NO6B | Bob Dengler | President |
| KG6GI | Howard Brown | Retired Member-at-Large |
| W6CPA | Ken Chafin | Treasurer |
| K6CDK | Suzan LaDuke | Secretary |
| KA6TBF | David Elder | Member-at-Large |

Guest:

Noah Massengale

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by Bob Dengler, NO6B.

2. The agenda for today's board meeting was developed:

- a. Band Plan Changes
- b. Newsletter
- c. 440 Working Group
- d. Treasurer Report
- e. Board Composition
- f. New Business

3. Band Plan Changes

- a. Band Plan Changes were proposed at the last Technical Committee Meeting. These changes must be presented to the membership for an Accept/Reject vote at the next General Membership meeting scheduled for August 8, 2009 in Walnut, CA. Ken has a complete write-up describing the proposed plan changes and will send this to Bob Dengler for review. Bob will review and edit this document for clarification and presentation to the membership in the next Newsletter. Ken will also provide the text for the ballot item for the Band Plan Changes. The ballot will be included in the Newsletter, as is customary.
- b. When the documentation and ballot item is complete, the text for both will be forwarded to Dave to be included in the Newsletter.

4. Newsletter

- a. Dave is constructing the Newsletter to be drafted for membership in approximately one week from this board meeting. Because there is to be a Ballot included in the Newsletter, it is critical that the Newsletter is distributed according to the Bylaws, two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting scheduled for August 8, 2009.
- b. Bob provided his article for the Newsletter to Dave at the board meeting.
- c. The Newsletter processes and structure were reviewed in detail by the board members.

5. 440 Working Group

- a. The FAQ and related documents were posted to the TASMA web site but have been removed. Posting only the documentation to the web site caused confusion in the community. RFC's for 440 Coordination were submitted to TASMA and other inappropriate discussion ensued because there was no overt explanation of context, that this was just a discussion group at this time, with material to be reviewed and voting to accept or reject the proposals to occur at a future date. A context and framework for appropriate presentation will be developed and the documents will be re-posted to the TASMA web site.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Ken provided a hard-copy of the Treasurer's report. This will also be presented to the General Membership at the August meeting. We are approximately \$1000 ahead of last year.
- b. Membership Dues – In December, the membership voted to have the Dues payable on January 1st of each year. The board discussed the collection process for the Dues. Two proposals were discussed: 1 – The Dues shall be \$15.00 regardless of when during the year they are paid; 2 – The Dues shall be \$15.00 if received during January 1st thru June 30th, or \$7.50 if paid between July 1st and December 31st. Dave submitted a motion for the July breakpoint suggestion #2, motion seconded by Ken. The motion passed For=2, Against=1. For the breakpoint, the determining criteria will be the date on the check as submitted by the member.
- c. Suzan will update the Membership Application form with the July Breakpoint information.
- d. It was also noted that, although this had been voted on by membership, the text of the Bylaws had not been updated with this information. Suzan will update the Bylaws text.
- e. A motion to send reminder letters for people who have not paid their Membership Dues was proposed by Ken, seconded by Suzan. The motion passed For = 3, Against = 0.

7. Board Composition

- a. Two new Board Member positions were proposed:
 - i. Membership Director

1. Ken will draft text which could be included in the By-Laws describing the duties of the Membership Director position. Duties could include Maintain Membership database, Process Applications and Renewals, organize and lead Membership drives, maintain Membership Statistics, and Track trends and propose solutions to maintain a active, growing membership base.
- ii. Internet Services Manager
 1. The internet presentation and handling of the TASMA business is outdated. Someone with specific technical skills in this area should be recruited to ensure the TASMA business is secure and up to date.

8. Projector Acquisition

- a. Ken moved that TASMA purchase a projector for organizational use. Howard Brown has been very generous and thoughtful for a number of years, providing this equipment at each meeting. The financial state of TASMA is such that we can afford this equipment. The motion was seconded by Suzan. Vote: For = 3, Against = 0. Bob will research the available equipment and select an appropriate projector.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK, Secretary.

440 Coordination Working Group Report

Ken Chafin W6CPA

The 440 coordination working group committee has completed our work and we are pleased to present our 440 coordination plan to the membership. The plan consists of two by-law changes and a motion to direct the Technical Committee to begin coordinating the 70cm band in Southern California. The by-law changes consist of the changes necessary to authorize TASMA to perform 70cm coordination and a by-law change to change the name of the association. The proposed by-law changes and motion will be introduced at the August 8 meeting for discussion by the membership. The final vote on the by-law changes and motion will take place at our annual meeting on December 5.

This plan is the culmination of two years of deliberation and work based on the memberships persistent requests that the association perform 70 cm coordination. TASMA would prefer to stick to coordinating the 2 meter band; however, we felt we had to respond to our member's continued frustration over the past several years about the lack of 70 cm coordination activity in Southern California. TASMA is in a position to solve this problem, to make the coordination process better, and to have the process serve the entire amateur community. The coordination process would be improved because we have frequent meetings where all coordination requests are addressed by the Technical Committee, the Technical Committee meetings are open to the public, and the results of those meetings are published in our newsletters and on our web site. Applicants have the right to appeal any Technical Committee decision to the Board of Directors.

In order to make the coordination transition smoother, the committee has proposed that the current 70 cm band plan be initially adopted by TASMA and that stations with existing coordination's be granted grandfather coordination's. The committee has also proposed that stations with long standing operations, which are not causing interference, which have been unable to obtain coordination due to the lack of coordinating activity can obtain a grandfathered coordination as well. The goal is to start performing 70 cm coordination activities with a minimal impact on existing coordinees and users. After getting the process started and the existing coordinees recorded, TASMA will be in a position to evaluate existing band usage to determine if there are unused repeater pairs available and if additional co channeling can be accomplished. It is unlikely that TASMA will be able to coordinate new 70 cm repeaters for some time until the grandfathered coordination's can be worked out by the Technical Committee. Should the membership decide that the band plan or the coordinating policies need to be changed;

**Treasurer's Report
Ken Chafin W6CPA**

January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009

Revenue:

Membership Dues	975
ARRL Data Base Sale	337
Donation	<u>5</u>
Total Revenue	1,317

Expenses:

Domain Name Renewal	10
Insurance	320
Mail Forwarding Expense	200
Sect of State Info Stmt Fee	<u>20</u>
Total Expenses	550

Excess of Revenues over Expenses 767

Bank Balance as of 1/1/09 4,253

Bank Balance as of 6/30/09 **5,020**

standard TASMA procedures are available to the membership to make its concerns known and to implement those concerns.

The committee proposals were designed to make the transition process as smooth as possible and to attempt to be as fair as possible to existing 70 cm users. There are many different opinions about how to go about this. If you would like to make your voice heard we recommend that you attend the August 8 and December 5 meetings where the details of the changes will be presented and discussed. In order to attempt to answer as many questions as possible, we have prepared a FAQ which appears after this article and on our web site. We welcome your comments and suggestions and look forward to better serve the entire amateur community.

440 Coordination FAQ

Q. Why is TASMA proposing to perform 70 centimeter coordination?

A. The lack of activity in Southern California 70 centimeter coordination for the last several years has become a burden on the amateur radio community. TASMA is in a position to solve this problem and to make the coordination process better.

Q. How will TASMA make the coordination process better?

A. TASMA has regular frequent meetings where all coordination requests are addressed by the technical committee. Technical committee meetings are open to the public and the results of those meetings are published in our newsletters and technical committee reports which are available on our website.

Q. I have an existing SCRRBA coordination for my repeater. What will happen to my coordination after the change?

A. Your existing SCRRBA coordination will automatically be recognized by TASMA as long as you apply for a "grandfathered" coordination by December 31, 2011.

Q. I have a SCRRBA coordination but I can't find the paperwork to prove it. Do I qualify for a grandfathered coordination?

A. If you can show long term use of the frequency pair without interference to other stations than you qualify for a grandfathered coordination.

Q. I have applied for a SCRRBA coordination many years ago and I've been on the test pair. Do I qualify for a grandfathered coordination?

A. You do not qualify for a grandfathered coordination. You should submit a RFC to the TASMA technical committee

to start the coordination process. You can keep informed about the progress of your coordination by reviewing the latest technical committee report posted on the TASMA web site.

Q. What will happen if I have a repeater coordinated by SCRRBA but I don't choose to coordinate with TASMA?

A. TASMA's policy is to not coordinate over long standing existing machines; however, failure to coordinate with TASMA could cause your frequency to be co channeled with a new user so we recommend that you coordinate with TASMA so your existing situation can be taken into account in a co channeling decision.

Q. Is the 70 centimeter band plan going to change after TASMA starts coordination?

A. TASMA has directed the technical committee to initially adopt the existing SCRRBA band plan without changes. If the technical committee wants to change the existing band plan they must submit the changes to the membership for approval. The technical committee is bound by the decision of the membership.

Q. I have a coordinated ATV repeater. Does it qualify for grandfathered coordination as well?

A. Yes. Use the TASMA grandfathered coordination procedures to coordinate it.

Q. I have coordinated link frequencies in the 420 MHz section of the band. Do I qualify for grandfathered coordination?

A. TASMA is not coordinating link frequencies at this time. We will be coordinating them in the future. Check our bulletins on the web site for more information.

Q. There is a shortage of simplex frequencies on the 70 centimeter band. Does TASMA intend to add simplex frequencies to the band plan?

A. TASMA does not intend to initially change the SCRRBA band plan. Requests for band plan changes should be directed to the technical committee via a motion at a regular meeting.

Q. I am operating a digital simplex station in the 70 centimeter band. How will this change effect my station operation and can I get a grandfather coordination?

A. TASMA plans no changes to the digital band plan at this time. We have no plans to coordinate simplex digital stations at this time.

Q. I have a 70 centimeter digipeater. Does it qualify for a grandfather coordination?

A. TASMA does not coordinate digipeaters.

- Q. Do I have any recourse if the technical committee denies my grandfather coordination request?
- A. Any TASMA committee decision can be appealed to the Board of Directors. Appeals should be made in writing to the board within ninety days of the proof of notification of decision by the committee.
- Q. SCRRBA lists my repeater as closed and will not list it as open even though I wish to list it that way. Will TASMA allow me to show my repeater as open?
- A. The decision to show a repeater as open or closed is made by the trustee. TASMA will accept and publish the trustee's decision.
- Q. I don't want my closed repeater listed on TASMA's web site or published in the repeater directory. Can I request that TASMA keep my frequency confidential?
- A. TASMA's policy is to publish all coordinated repeaters regardless of whether they are closed or not. Current FCC policy is to allow the system owner to choose who can operate on their repeater which is actively enforced so there is no reason not to publish all coordinated repeater frequencies.
- Q. Will TASMA publish coordinated link frequencies?
- A. Because of the potential for abuse, TASMA will not be publishing link frequencies at this time. Any change in this policy would be presented to the members for a vote.
- Q. What is the 70 centimeter coordination area covered by TASMA?
- A. The borders of this area are the Pacific Ocean on the West, Mexico on the South, the combined Arizona-Nevada border on the East, extending up to the Mono-Alpine county line, then south along the Mono-Tuolumne county line, south along the Mono-Madera county line, south along the Mono-Fresno county line, south along the Fresno-Inyo County line, south along the Inyo-Tulare

county line to the Kern county line, south along Highway 14 just a little west of the Kern-San Bernardino county line to the Los Angeles-Kern county line, then west along that line past the 5 freeway and along the Kern-Ventura county line to an area near the 33/166 intersection, then west along the Santa Barbara-San Luis Obispo county line to the Pacific Ocean.

Motion to Change Band Plan

This bandplan change proposal is being presented to the general membership by the Technical Committee as a result of Item 6k in the minutes of the May 2009 Technical Committee meeting. As stated in the minutes, the D-Star system operators in Southern California have collectively stated that they wish to operate their systems as repeaters instead of auxiliary systems. This would require moving the existing system outputs to spectrum where repeater operation is permitted. Since there are no repeater pairs currently available, this is not achievable within the current bandplan. The proposed bandplan change simply swaps simplex spectrum in the 147.54-147.57 region with the D-Star outputs currently at 145.585-145.615 MHz. There is a net zero change in amount of spectrum for D-Star and for FM simplex; however the D-Star systems would then be able to operate as repeaters instead of auxiliary stations.

Resolved, that the band plan be changed as follows:

- The 3 FM voice simplex frequencies 147.540, 147.555, 147.570 & 147.585 be changed to 4 narrow band digital voice repeater output frequencies: 147.540, 147.550, 147.560 & 145.570 MHz (paired with inputs 144.985, 144.995, 145.005 & 145.015, respectively).
- The digital voice auxiliary station output frequencies 145.585, 145.595, 145.605 & 145.615 MHz be changed to un-channelized FM voice simplex, expanding the un-channelized FM voice simplex sub-band from 145.510-145.570 to 145.510-145.615 MHz.

2009 Schedule of Meetings

The following schedule has been established for TASMA's 2009 activities. The current Board hopes to adhere to this plan but it may have to be adjusted to allow for personnel and meeting space availability.

Year 2009	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Board Meeting	24 (Sat)		7 (Sat)				11 (Sat)				7 (Sat)	
General Meeting				4 (Sat)				8 (Sat)				5 (Sat)
Technical Committee		28 (Sat)			30 (Sat)			22 (Sat)			14 (Sat)	

Absentee Ballot – TASMA Proposal

Call _____ Name _____

Signature _____

<p>Should the band plan be changed as follows?</p> <p>Change FM voice simplex frequencies currently at 147.540, 147.555 & 147.570 MHz to narrow band digital voice repeater outputs at 147.540, 147.550, 147.560 & 147.570 MHz (paired with inputs 144.985, 144.995, 145.005 & 145.015 MHz, respectively), and change the narrow band digital voice auxiliary station output frequencies currently at 145.585, 145.595, 145.605 & 145.615 MHz to un-channelized FM voice simplex, expanding the un-channelized FM voice simplex sub-band from 145.510-145.570 MHz to 145.510-145.615 MHz (45 kHz expansion).</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Instructions:

For this ballot to be counted in the association election:

1. It must include your name, signature, and call sign,
2. It must be received at the TASMA mail box no later than August 6, 2009,
3. Ballot can be hand delivered to the Chairman prior to the counting of ballots.

Absentee ballots for any members present at the August 8 meeting, as evidenced by the sign-in sheet, will be discarded before the counting of ballots.

TWO-METER AREA SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

of

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

1439 W. Chapman St. #90, Orange, CA 92868

http://www.tasma.org

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL

\$15.00 per Calendar Year / (\$7.50 after June 30)

NEW MEMBERSHIP []

RENEWAL []

UPDATE TASMA RECORDS []

+ REGULAR OR DELEGATE MEMBERSHIP:

PLEASE PRINT

CALLSIGN : |_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_| LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE: |_|_|_|_|/|_|_|_|_|/|_|_|_|_|

MONTH DAY YEAR

CLASS OF LICENSE: NOVICE [] TECH [] TECH-PLUS [] GENL [] ADV [] EXTRA []

ARRL MEMBER ? YES [] NO [] REPEATER OWNER ? YES [] NO []

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ MI: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

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NIGHT PHONE: |_|_|_|_|_|. |_|_|_|_|_|. |_|_|_|_|_|

E-MAIL: _____ @ _____

MODES OF INTEREST: [] WEAK SIGNAL MODES [] AM [] SSB [] SPREAD SPECTRUM
[] PACKET SIMPLEX [] FM SIMPLEX [] DIGITAL REPEATERS
[] VOICE REPEATERS [] OTHER _____

+ DELEGATE MEMBERSHIP:

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

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Payment received by: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Paid by: [] CASH [] Check # _____ Dtd _____ [] Money Order Amount Rec'd \$ _____

Explain payments of other than \$15.00: _____

Regular Membership Start Date: ___/___/___ New ___ Continuing ___

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Address Correction Requested

Remember: 2009, the year to rebuild Association membership!

NOTICE: The next General Membership Meeting is at 10:30 AM, Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the Walnut Library. Check in starts promptly at 10:00.

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