

# **Memorandum of Understanding between The Northern Amateur Relay Council of California (NARCC) and The Northern California Packet Association (NCPA)**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement between the NARCC and the NCPA is to establish a framework for cooperation between the two organizations for band planning in Northern California. It is intended that mutual cooperation and coordination of efforts by the two organizations will provide better service to the Northern California Amateur Radio community.

## **Responsibilities**

NARCC is recognized in Northern California by amateur operators whose stations are eligible to be auxiliary or repeater stations as the organization responsible for repeater coordination and band planning within the repeater portion of the band plan that both groups have accepted.

In addition, NARCC represents its members' interests while working cooperatively with other amateurs representing different operating modes on overall band planning.

NARCC's area of responsibility extends from California's coast to the Nevada border and from the Tehachapi Mountains in the South to the Oregon border in the North.

NCPA is recognized in Northern California by amateur operators who use digital modes as the organization responsible for performing coordination and band planning within the digital portion of the band plan that both groups have accepted.

In addition NCPA represents its members' interests while working cooperatively with other amateurs representing different operating modes on overall band planning.

NCPA's area of responsibility extends from California's coast to the Nevada border, including a small area East of the Nevada border in the Lake Tahoe area, and from the Tehachapi Mountains in the South to the Oregon border in the North.

## **Recognition**

NARCC recognizes the NCPA is responsible for band planning and assignments within the mutually accepted digital segments in the 6M and above bands and that the NCPA can be an invaluable partner particularly in the areas of overall band planning.

NCPA recognizes that NARCC is responsible for band planning and assignments within the mutually accepted repeater/auxiliary segments of the 10M and above bands and that NARCC can

be an invaluable partner particularly in the areas of overall band planning.

### Principles of Cooperation

In order that cooperation in band planning is maintained, the Northern Amateur Relay Council of California and the Northern California Packet Association agree that:

1. Each organization will, through channels to its membership, encourage ongoing liaison with the other, urging officers, staff and membership to create and maintain adequate communications and effective relationships at all levels.
2. Each organization will establish regular liaison with the other, through a standing committee or a designated liaison representative of each organization.
3. Each organization will participate in overall band planning activities with other amateurs and amateur groups in order to provide adequate spectrum for all amateur interests within the 6M and higher Amateur bands. Each group shall have sole authority for band planning and channel allocation within the mutually accepted segments for their activity.
4. Each organization will work through its own lines of authority and respect the lines of authority of the other.
5. Each organization will distribute copies of this agreement through channels to its membership and to other organizations, both public and private, which may have an active interest in band planning in Northern California.
6. All present and future differences in band plans between NARCC and NCPA shall be negotiated under terms of this agreement
7. This agreement is in force as of the date indicated below and shall remain in effect unless terminated by written notification from either party to the other.

As approved by NCPA on April 26, 2011 and NARCC on May 7, 2011

By:



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Sept 10, 2011

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August 8, 2011

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