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## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

- WHEREAS,** on February 8, 2006 California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective; and
- WHEREAS,** the Universal Waste Rule bans landfill disposal of certain products that are deemed hazardous, including household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, thermostats and other items that contain mercury, as well as electronic devices such as video cassette recorders, microwave ovens, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios; and
- WHEREAS,** it is anticipated that the list of Universal and other waste products determined to be hazardous and therefore banned from landfills will continue to grow as demonstrated by the ban of treated wood effective January 2007 and sharps in September 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** state policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are unfunded mandates; and
- WHEREAS,** Universal Waste management costs are currently paid by taxpayers and rate payers of the County of Tuolumne and are expected to increase substantially in the short term unless policy changes are made; and
- WHEREAS,** local governments do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products; and
- WHEREAS,** costs paid by local governments to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products designed for disposal; and
- WHEREAS,** Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume responsibility for management of waste products and which has been shown to be effective; and
- WHEREAS,** when producers are responsible for ensuring their products are reused or recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and

**WHEREAS**, EPR framework legislation establishes transparent and fair principles and procedures for applying EPR to categories of products for which improved design and management infrastructure is in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2008 the California Integrated Waste Management Board adopted a Framework for an EPR System in California; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2008 the National Association of Counties adopted a resolution in support of a framework approach to EPR; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne by adoption of this Resolution, urges the California Integrated Waste Management Board to continue taking timely action to implement the Framework for an EPR System in California to manage Universal and other wastes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne urges the California Legislature to enact framework EPR legislation that shifts Universal and other waste management costs from local government to the producers of the product, and which will give producers the incentive to redesign products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Solid Waste Manager of the County of Tuolumne be authorized to send letters to the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board, and the State legislature and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR Framework legislation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Tuolumne encourages all manufacturers to share in the responsibility for eliminating waste through minimizing excess packaging, designing products for durability, reusability and the ability to be recycled; using recycled materials in the manufacture of new products; and providing financial support for collection, processing, recycling, or disposal of used materials.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE ON

March 17, 2009

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