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DATE: 5/5/09
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE BOARD
BY: *[Signature]*

AGENDA: MAY 5, 2009

April 23, 2009



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY BILL 283
SOLID WASTE: EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

Members of the Board:

On February 27, 2007, your Board adopted Resolution Number 63-2007 in support of a policy known as Extended Producer Responsibility which requires manufacturers to assume product management responsibilities through ultimate disposition or disposal of the products they deliver to the marketplace. Your Board also entered into a partnership with the California Product Stewardship Council with a goal of shifting California's product waste management system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer-financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

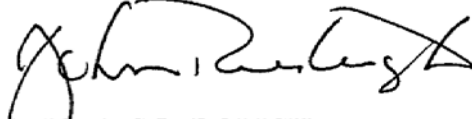
On February 12, 2009, Assemblyman Wes Chesbro (Arcata) introduced into the California Legislature Assembly Bill 283 Solid Waste: Extended Producer Responsibility program. This bill is currently being considered in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

AB 283 addresses source reduction by getting to the root of our product waste problem - the producers who design and package products. AB 283 will provide authority to the California Integrated Waste Management Board to implement a statewide product stewardship program and designate products that would fall under the program. For those products included in the stewardship program, AB 283 would promote improved product design, encourage reuse and recycling, address excessive packaging, provide convenient collection alternatives for consumers, provide incentives for producers to reduce lifecycle impacts of products and packaging, and reduce the use of toxics in products. This bill, through implementation of an extended producer responsibility program, is also expected to drive recycling markets, stimulate the creation of green jobs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Of particular significance during times of budget shortfall, this bill would shift the cost of product waste from taxpayers and garbage ratepayers to producers and users. Passage of AB 283 would be consistent with your Board's support of a policy of Extended Producer Responsibility.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Adopt the attached resolution supporting passage of Assembly Bill 283, Solid Waste: Extended Producer Responsibility program.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to convey the resolution to the County's legislative representatives.

Yours truly,

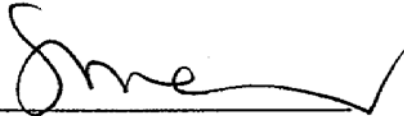

 THOMAS L. BOLICH
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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

Copy to: Public Works

	ROUTE DATA	COPY	ATT.
	DIRECTOR	✓	
1	ASST. DIR. SPEC. SVCS.	✓	✓
2	RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE	✓	✓
3	LANDFILL OPERATIONS		
	WATER CON/FLOOD CONT.		
	STORM WATER MANG.		
	CONSTRUCT. ENG.		
	SANITATION ENG.		
	WATER & WASTEWATER		
	ASST. DIR. TRANSPORT.		
	ROAD OPS. ENG.		
	PERMITS / ENCROACH.		
	DRAINAGE OPERATIONS		
	RD. MAINT. OPERATIONS		
	RDA ENG.		
	ROAD DESIGN ENG.		
	SURVEY / DEVELOPMT.		
	TRANSP / RD. PLANNING		
4	ASST. DIR. ADMIN. SVCS.	✓	
	REAL PROPERTY/ FLEET		
	CSA / PRGM ADMIN.		
	SAFETY OFFICER/LIVE OAK P.		
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2009

On the motion of Supervisor: Pirie
duly seconded by Supervisor: Campos
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY BILL 283
SOLID WASTE: EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, In 1989, the Legislature adopted AB 939, which placed responsibility for solid waste on local governments; and

WHEREAS, AB 939 also established a waste hierarchy: source reduction first, then recycling, and composting; and

WHEREAS, despite an admirable record of recycling, composting and other diversion efforts, a large amount of material continues to be landfilled in the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2007, your Board adopted Resolution Number 63-2007 in support of a policy known as Extended Producer Responsibility which requires manufacturers to assume product management responsibilities through disposal, and also entered into a partnership with the California Product Stewardship Council with a goal of shifting California's product waste management system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer-financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, AB 283 proposes a comprehensive Extended Producer Responsibility framework which would establish one law to address the reduction of a wide range of products that currently end up in California landfills and this would reduce the impact on our environment, and on local government, which must manage solid waste; and

WHEREAS, AB 283 provides a holistic approach to managing product waste which still allows flexibility for individual producers and industries to develop plans based on the uniqueness of each product; and

WHEREAS, AB 283 has been endorsed by numerous cities, counties and environmental organizations across the state of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the passage of Assembly Bill 283 (Chesbro), which would empower the California Integrated Waste Management Board to create an Extended Producer Responsibility program in California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 5th day of May, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Leopold, Pirie, Campos, Stone and Coonerty

NOES: SUPERVISORS None

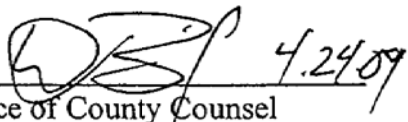
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS None

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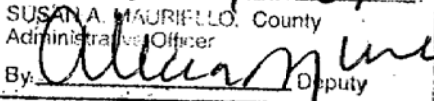
Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: **TESS FITZGERALD**
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:


Office of County Counsel

Distribution: County Council
Public Works

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ) SS
I, SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, County Administrative Officer and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed and adopted by and recorded in the minutes of the said board, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Board on 5/6, 09
SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, County Administrative Officer
By:  Deputy