

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 47
SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY

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, items that contain mercury, as well as pesticides, paints and paint related products; solvents, acids, bases, fuels, and most consumer electronics, 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; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the annual cost for disposal and management of these materials in Glenn County will fall between \$45,000 and \$65,000 per year, and

WHEREAS, costs paid in 2006 for managing household batteries was equivalent to over \$950.00 per ton and the total Household Hazardous Waste disposal and management costs paid by the California Integrated Waste Management through Grant No. HD13 was \$68,419.43 for the year, and

WHEREAS, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors has approved a tipping fee increase from \$30/ton to \$70/ton, with a portion of that increase expected to be spent on activities related to the management and disposal of hazardous wastes disposed by local residents, 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 and are expected to increase substantially in the short term unless policy changes are made; and

WHEREAS, costs paid by local governments to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Glenn County supports statewide efforts to require producers to share responsibility for hazardous product management costs; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a proven policy approach in which producers assume responsibility for management of waste products and

WHEREAS, the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is an organization of California local governments working together in promoting transparent and fair EPR systems in California; 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 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of the County of Glenn that by adoption of this Resolution, the County of Glenn urges the California Integrated Waste Management Board to continue action to implement the Framework for an EPR System in California to manage Universal and other waste products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn urges the California Legislature to enact framework EPR legislation that will encourage producers to design products that are less toxic and easier to reuse or recycle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Planning and Public Works of Glenn County and/or his or her designee be authorized to send letters of support and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR Framework legislation and related regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board Supervisors of the County of Glenn be authorized to sign the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) Pledge of Support which endorses the Framework Principles for Product Stewardship Policy and will educate and advocate in support of product stewardship and EPR policies and programs.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn at a regular meeting held on June 16, 2009.

AYES: Supervisors McDaniel, Viegas, and Murray (Chairman)

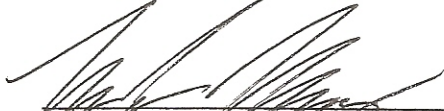
NOES: Supervisors Quarne and Soeth

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

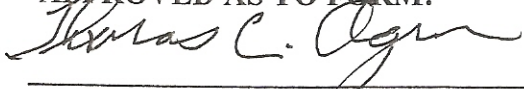


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County of Glenn County, California



Mike Murray, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of Glenn, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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