

A RESOLUTION OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Supporting Extended Producer Responsibility Framework Approach

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. 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. Universal Waste management costs are currently paid by taxpayers and rate payers and are expected to increase unless policy changes are made. 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 County of Ventura supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for Universal Waste products and other product waste management costs. Furthermore, the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors' adopted a new *Green Procurement Policy* resolution on March 27, 2007. This action reaffirmed the original policy decision dated April 17, 1990 to help expand markets for the use of recovered materials by establishing greater Government preferences for products made with such materials, consistent with the demands of efficiency and cost-effectiveness; 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. When 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, the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is an organization of California local governments working to speak with one voice 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

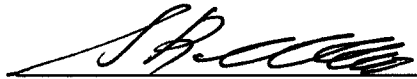
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors due hereby urges the California Integrated Waste Management Board to continue taking timely action to implement the Framework for an EPR System in California to manage Universal and other waste products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors urges the California Legislature to enact framework EPR legislation which will give producers the incentive to design products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) Pledge of Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors 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; and

On motion of Supervisor Parks,
Second by Supervisor Long, the foregoing
Resolution passed and adopted on March 3, 2009.



Steve Bennett
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: MARTY ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California

Date: March 3, 2009

By: Carrie Court

Deputy Clerk of the Board

