

RESOLUTION NO. 02-23-10-01
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORNING
SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

WHEREAS, approximately 42,000 tons of discarded materials and products are currently sent to disposal from the County of Tehama each year at a cost of \$43.22 per ton; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2006 California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective and banned landfill disposal of certain products that are deemed hazardous, including household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, thermostats and other items that contain mercury, and electronic devices such as, televisions, cell phones, microwave ovens, printers, and computers; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the list of waste products determined to be hazardous or problematic will continue to grow and will therefore be banned from landfills as demonstrated by the 2007 ban of treated wood and the 2008 ban on sharps; 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, the costs to manage Universal Waste and problematic products are currently borne by taxpayers and rate payers and, because of the bans these costs are increasing substantially and will continue to do so unless policy changes are made; and

WHEREAS, data from City and County annual reports show that, statewide, less than ten percent of the household hazardous waste and Universal Waste generated is being collected and 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 and products designed for disposal; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency spent the equivalent of \$1,260 per ton to properly manage household alkaline batteries and \$.17 per foot to manage fluorescent tubes; and

WHEREAS, if Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency were able to collect all of the batteries and fluorescent tubes generated in Tehama County, such a service would greatly exceed the household hazardous waste budget of the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Corning City Council located in the County of Tehama supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for Universal Waste and other products they create; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers have cradle-to-cradle responsibility for the products they create and sell and are responsible for designing and managing effective end-of-life systems for those products; and

WHEREAS, EPR incorporates the cost of disposal and recovery for discarded products, reduces the financial burden on local governments, encourages reuse/recycling, and encourages producers to consider the health and environmental costs associated with the products they create and include those costs in the product price, thereby creating an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and are less toxic; and

WHEREAS, EPR framework legislation is a holistic approach that establishes transparent and fair principles and procedures for applying EPR to categories of products and ensures a level playing field for all producers of those products; and

WHEREAS, the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is a non-profit organization of California local governments working to speak with one voice in advocating for transparent and fair EPR systems in California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corning wishes to incorporate EPR policies into the City's procurement practices to reduce costs and protect the environment; and

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

WHEREAS, the California League of Cities adopted a policy statement in support of a framework approach to EPR, the National Association of Counties and the National League of Cities adopted resolutions in support of a framework approach to EPR and the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials adopted a Product Stewardship Framework Policy Document;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Corning that by adoption of this Resolution the Corning City Council urges the California Legislature to:

- Continue taking timely action to implement the Framework for an EPR System adopted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board in 2008 to manage problematic products, and urge the Department of Toxic Substances Control to implement the Green Chemistry initiative to manage Universal Waste and other toxic products; and
- 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 Corning City Council encourages all manufacturers to share 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corning City Council develop producer responsibility policies such as leasing products rather than purchasing, requiring producers to offer less toxic alternatives and to take responsibility for collecting and recycling their products at the end of their useful life.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Corning on this 23rd day of February 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Strack, Turner and Parkins

NOES: None

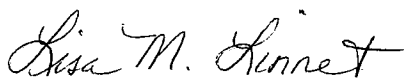
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Leach



Gary R. Strack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk
City of Corning



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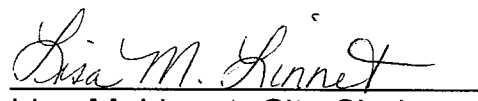
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF TEHAMA) SS

CITY OF CORNING)

I, Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk of the City of Corning, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 02-23-10-01 adopted by the City Council of the City of Corning at the February 23, 2010 regular City Council meeting by the votes listed on the attached copy of the Resolution.

ATTEST:



Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk



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PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is a coalition of local government, their associations and organizations related to solid waste, recycling, resource conservation, environmental protection, water quality, and other cross-media issues (Associates). Together with non-government organizations (NGOs) individuals, and businesses (Partners) across California they form a network supporting product stewardship and extended producer responsibility (EPR). CPSC is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit California corporation that exists by means of your monetary and in-kind contributions in addition to private and public grant funding.

CPSC MISSION: To shift 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.

CPSC FUNCTIONS:

1. Build relationships among local government and other stakeholders to increase capacity and knowledge in order to bring about producer financed and managed systems for life cycle and end of life management of their products.
2. Develop practical local and statewide EPR policy and educational tools such as model ordinances, legislation, newsletters, articles, policy briefings, PowerPoint presentations, etc.

The undersigned supports the mission and functions of the California Product Stewardship Council, has reviewed, understands and endorses the Framework Principles for Product Stewardship Policy, and will advocate in support of product stewardship and EPR.

Affiliation (check one): Associate - Local Government (City, County, Local Government Association)

Partner - Individual, Business, NGO, Other Organization

Gary R. Strack
Signature

February 23, 2010
Date

Gary R. Strack
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