

RESOLUTION NO 10-1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST CONTRA COSTA
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT EXTENDED
PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY AND JOIN THE CALIFORNIA PRODUCT
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (Authority) has determined environmental leadership as one of its goals; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an environmental policy approach in which producers assume financial responsibility for their post-consumer products; and

WHEREAS, EPR aims to encourage producers to make their products more environmentally responsible and to protect local governments and ratepayers from escalating disposal costs; 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, in February 2006, it became illegal for households and small businesses to landfill potentially toxic "universal waste," such as household batteries, fluorescent lights, mercury thermostats, and electronic devices; and

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need for additional convenient locations for proper disposal and recycling of universal and other hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that growing number of toxic products will be banned from landfill in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of Universal Waste, sharps, and other products; and

WHEREAS, proper disposal or recycling of universal and other hazardous wastes is costly and complicated problem currently handled by local governments and ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, local governments do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products; and

WHEREAS, product producers have the power to reduce the toxicity and increase durability of their products; and

WHEREAS, several EPR programs exists to accept items such as rechargeable batteries and cell phone; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of California cities and counties have passed resolutions to support the concept of EPR; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) adopted an EPR Framework Policy in January 2008 which will support the development of statewide EPR programs; and

WHEREAS, in April 2008 the California League of Cities adopted a policy statement in support of a framework approach to EPR; and

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

WHEREAS, in November 2009 the National League of Cities adopted a policy statement in support of a framework approach to EPR;

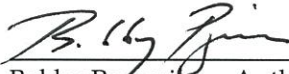
WHEREAS, the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is a non-profit coalition of local governments and regional associations across California working together to promote EPR.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority supports the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and joins the California Product Stewardship Council.

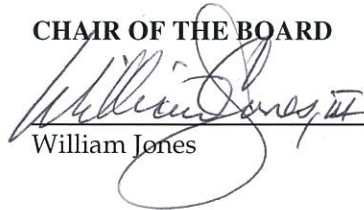
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized to send letters on behalf of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority to the state legislature to support bills that incorporate EPR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

ATTEST:


Bobby Peregrino - Authority Secretary Date 4/8/10

CHAIR OF THE BOARD


William Jones Date 4/8/2010

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority at its meeting of April 8, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors: Bates, Jones, McDonald, Murray

NOES: Directors: None

ABSENT: Directors: Lopez, Morris, Viramontes


Bobby Peregrino, Authority Secretary