

Before the Western Placer
Waste Management Authority

In the matter of:
**SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA PRODUCT
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL**

Resolution No. 10-05

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Western Placer Waste Management Authority at a regular meeting held May 13, 2010, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after this passage.


Chairman, Western Placer Waste
Management Authority

Attest:
Clerk of said Board



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 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 hold 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 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 California 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

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 Western Placer Waste Management Authority spends the equivalent of over \$1,800 per ton to properly manage household batteries and \$1,400 per ton to manage fluorescent tubes; and

WHEREAS, the Western Placer Waste Management Authority supports statewide efforts to ensure producers share in the responsibility for Universal Waste and other products they create; and

WHEREAS, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of Universal Waste, sharps, pharmaceuticals, and other products and economic impacts when waste becomes litter, including ocean litter; 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 into the purchase price and reduces the financial burden on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, EPR encourages reuse and recycling and also encourages producers to consider the health and environmental costs associated with the products they create and to 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 building knowledge and capacity for transparent and fair EPR systems in California; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Placer Waste Management Authority:

1. Urges the California Legislature to continue taking timely action to implement the Framework for an EPR System adopted by CalRecycle in 2008 to manage problematic products, and to urge the Department of Toxic Substances Control to implement the Green Chemistry initiative to manage Universal Waste and other toxic products.
2. 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.

3. Authorizes the Executive Director to send letters to the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the Department of Toxic Substance Control, and the State Legislature and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR product and framework legislation and related regulations.
4. Authorizes the Chairman to sign the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) Pledge of Support.
5. 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.

ATTACHMENTS: CPSC PLEDGE OF SUPPORT



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.

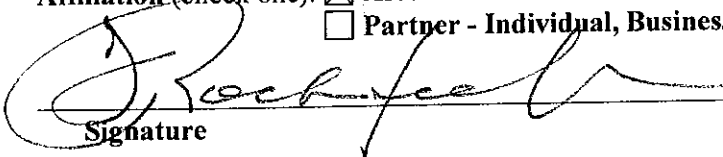
CPSC MISSION: To shift California's product waste management system from one focused on government funded and ratepayer financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

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

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Signature Date 5/13/2010

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