

CITY OF ST. HELENA

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-38

SUPPORT FOR EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

RECITALS

- A. California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) 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 computers, microwave ovens, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios.
- B. It is anticipated that the list of Universal and other waste products determined to be hazardous and therefore banned from landfills may continue to grow as demonstrated by the ban of treated wood effective January 2007 and sharps in September 2008.
- C. State policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are unfunded mandates.
- D. Local governments do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products and costs paid by local governments to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal.
- E. The City Council of St. Helena supports statewide efforts to have producers share in the responsibility for Universal Waste products and other product waste management costs.
- F. There are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of Universal Waste, sharps, and other products.
- G. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume financial responsibility for management of their products at the end-of-life thereby providing an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic.
- H. 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.
- I. The California State Association of Counties, the California League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities and the US Conference of Mayors have all adopted resolutions or policies in support of EPR.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE the City Council of the City of St. Helena resolves as follows:

1. That CalRecycle take the actions necessary to implement the Framework for an EPR System in California to manage problematic products, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control implement the Green Chemistry initiative to manage Universal and other toxic products.
2. That the California Legislature enact product specific and framework EPR legislation which will give producers the incentive to design products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle.
3. That the City Manager of St. Helena be authorized to send letters to the California League of Cities, CalRecycle, and the State legislature and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR Framework legislation and related regulations when deemed appropriate.
4. That the City of St. Helena urges 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 communicating with haulers and local governments about end of life management.
5. That the City of St. Helena develop producer responsibility policies such as leasing products rather than purchasing them and requiring producers to offer less toxic alternatives and to take responsibility for collecting and recycling their products at the end of their useful life.

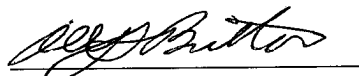
Approved at a Regular Meeting of the St. Helena City Council on June 14, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers White, Sanchez, Nevero, Vice-Mayor Crull

NOES: None

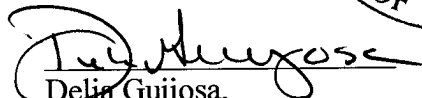
ABSENT: Mayor Britton

APPROVED:



Delford Britton,
Mayor, City of St. Helena

ATTEST:



Delia Guijosa,
City Clerk, City of St. Helena

