

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-6**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

WHEREAS, On February 8, 2006, California state law took effect, making it illegal to dispose of items defined as “universal waste,” including household batteries, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, thermostats, other items that contain mercury, as well as electronic devices including VCRs, microwaves, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios; and

WHEREAS, Decisions regarding the implementation of these statewide disposal bans are often made with little regard for costs to the local government and rate payers; and

WHEREAS, Decisions regarding the design of these products are often made with little regard for waste prevention and recycling, and the costs to local governments and rate payers; and

WHEREAS, There are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with household products that contain toxic ingredients, including mercury, lead, cadmium and other toxic chemicals that when disposed of improperly can contaminate water supplies; and

WHEREAS, Producer Responsibility is an environmental policy approach in which producers assume responsibility – financial and/or physical – for the management of post-consumer products, so that those who produce and use products bear the costs of recycling and proper disposal; and

WHEREAS, When brand owners are responsible for ensuring their products are re-used or recycled responsibly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority does hereby:

1. Encourage 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


- 2. THAT the State and Congressional delegations should introduce and pass legislation which shifts the burden of managing discarded products containing toxic material from local governments to the producers of those products.

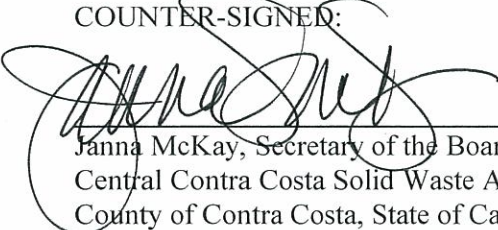
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors this 13th day of December, 2007, by the following vote:

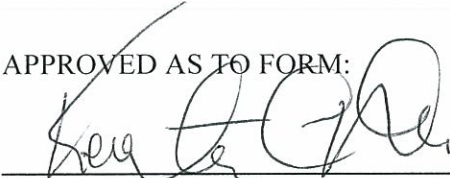
AYES: Members: Andersen, Bird, Piepho, Rainey, Shimansky, Skrel, Smith, Uilkema, Worth

NOES: Members: Anderson, Deschambault, Federighi

ABSENT: Members: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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 Gayle B. Uilkema, Chair  
 Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority,  
 County of Contra Costa, State of California

COUNTER-SIGNED:  
  
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 Janna McKay, Secretary of the Board  
 Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority,  
 County of Contra Costa, State of California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
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 Kenton L. Alm, Counsel for the  
 Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority,  
 County of Contra Costa, State of California