

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO SUPPORTING  
EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

**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 bans landfill disposal of universal waste that are deemed hazardous, such as household batteries, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, thermostats, and other items that contain mercury, as well as electronic devices including video cassette recorders, microwave ovens, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios; and

**WHEREAS**, universal waste management costs are currently funded by the residential rate payers of the County and are expected to increase dramatically in the short term unless policy changes are made; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the list of universal waste determined to be hazardous and therefore banned from landfills will continue to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, as additional products are declared as hazardous by the State, the burden to manage these universal wastes will continue to fall on the ratepayers of local jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for universal waste management costs; and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of universal waste; and

**WHEREAS**, since local government ratepayers rather than product manufacturers currently bear the costs to properly manage universal waste, local governments are in effect subsidizing the production of universal waste; and

**WHEREAS**, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume responsibility for management of waste products and which has been shown to be effective; and

**WHEREAS**, when producers are responsible for ensuring their products are recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is a strong incentive to design and purchase goods that are more durable, easier to recycle, and less toxic; and

**WHEREAS**, it is timely to develop and support EPR legislation to address product stewardship for hazardous products currently banned from landfill disposal and those which will be added to the list of banned items in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2007, the California Integrated Waste Management Board adopted a framework for an EPR system in California as an overall policy priority to guide proposals to seek statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2008, the Board of Supervisors adopted a 2008 legislative policy in support of EPR; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, the County Board of Supervisors supports EPR policies and urges our local representatives in the California Legislature to enact EPR legislation that shifts universal waste management costs from local government to the producer of the product, and which will give producers the incentive to redesign products to make them less toxic and easier to recycle.

On a motion by Supervisor Nottoli, seconded by Supervisor MacGlashan, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2008, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Supervisors,	Dickinson, Nottoli, Peters, Yee
NOES:	Supervisors,	MacGlashan
ABSENT:	Supervisors,	None
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors,	None



In accordance with Section 26103 of the Government Code of the State of California a copy of the document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento on 6/3/08

V. Bolger  
Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Glenn R. Yee  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
of Sacramento County, California

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BY Cynthia Lee  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

ATTEST: Sandra Burnett  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors