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**SUBJECT:** Letter of Support for Staff Recommendations in September Agenda Item #12

Dear Madam Chair and Board Members:

In reviewing the staff recommendations for the September Agenda Item #12, the County of San Bernardino would urge the Board to consider adoption of Option 1. This is the most comprehensive and thorough way to legislate for Extended Producer Responsibility. Organizations such as the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) are in congruence with our recommendation. CPSC is comprised of California local governments and local government associations aiming to transform the solid waste system in California from one focused on taxpayer and ratepayer funded waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design. They currently represent 25 cities and counties, plus other government groups.

The County of San Bernardino joined CPSC in June 2007, adding to the growing number of jurisdictions that support the tenets and mission of CPSC. In addition, we are looking to incorporate EPR into our daily activities (procurement, policies, etc.) and advocate for legislation that preempts the growing ratepayer funded programs maintained by local jurisdictions.

The County strongly supports the staff recommendation that the Board adopt Option 1:

1. Adopt the EPR framework outlined in Attachment 1;
2. Develop a legislation proposal for an overall EPR framework;
3. Continue implementing voluntary product stewardship initiatives; and,
4. Convene an advisory committee to determine and prioritize products for new product stewardship initiatives.

We are grateful to the Board and the Board staff for taking such a leadership role on this important issue, which is necessary to address the "other 50%".

Sincerely,  
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