

Tools for Local Action in Support of EPR

1. Adopt an EPR Resolution

Adapt the *CPSC Model Local EPR Resolution* at
<http://www.calpsc.org/policies/local/index.html>

2. Add Producer Responsibility Requirements to Your Purchasing Policies and Agreements

See *Contracting for Producer Responsibility* at
http://www.calpsc.org/policies/green_purchasing.html

3. Include Product Stewardship/EPR in Your Legislative/Regulatory Platforms

Model Language from: *County of Napa, 2008 Legislative/Regulatory Platform*. Adopted by the Napa County Board of Supervisors January 29, 2008. Section 4: Priority 2

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) - A New Approach for Waste Management.

Local jurisdictions are shouldering an ever increasing cost for the disposal of "Universal Wastes", those toxic and hazardous substances such as batteries, pharmaceuticals, and fluorescent tubes which are banned from the landfill but have no other convenient disposal method. Presently local governments are paying an ever increasing cost for disposal of these items, while the manufacturers and distributors reap the profits from these items. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation would place the responsibility for free and convenient disposal of these and other problematic products back on the manufacturers and remove this cost and logistical burden from local governments. The California Integrated Waste Management Board recently adopted Strategic Directive No. 5 seeking to establish legislation supporting "cradle to cradle" producer responsibility and analyzing various approaches to EPR. Legislators are expected to introduce EPR bills in 2008.

Action:

Support legislation that implements EPR principles and removes the cost burden for disposal of these products from local governments.

4. Include Product Stewardship/EPR in Your Planning Documents

Source Reduction and Recycling Elements (SRRE), Household Hazardous Waste Elements (HHWE) and Annual Reports to the California Integrated Waste Management Board

The CIWMB Annual Report is due in the Spring of each year. You can include Product Stewardship/Extended Producer Responsibility (**PS/EPR**) statements like this in several parts of the Annual Report:

"County X will work to establish and include pledges, policies, resolutions, ordinances and other appropriate mechanisms to demonstrate its support of, and educate the public about, Product Stewardship and Extended Producer Responsibility."

Annual Report - Section B. If you have determined that you need to revise any of your planning documents, Section B is where you tell the CIWMB. Here is a great place to include a statement about PS/EPR

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LGCentral/AnnualReport/Sample/SectionB.htm>

Annual Report - Section C. Existing SRRE and HHWE Program

Implementation Assessment - Any or all of these parts are good places to include a statement about PS/EPR: 5000-ED-ELC Electronic (radio ,TV, web, hotlines); 5010-ED-PRN Print (brochures, flyers, guides, news articles); 5020-ED-OUT Outreach (tech assistance, presentations, awards, fairs, field trips); 5030-ED-SCH Schools (education and curriculum); 6020-PI-ORD Ordinances; 9040-HH-EDP Education Programs; OR even better, use the "Add New Programs" link at the bottom of the page and add a program for PS/EPR.

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LGCentral/AnnualReport/Sample/SectionC.htm>

Annual Report - Section H. Additional Information. Add information about planned or existing PS/EPR efforts in your jurisdiction in this section:

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LGCentral/AnnualReport/Sample/SectionH.htm>

These are only suggestions. If you have questions please contact your Office of Local Assistance person at the CIWMB

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/OLA/Contacts.asp> or Heidi@CalPSC.org .