

National and California EPR Resolutions

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

--Resolution supporting EPR Framework Policy & EPR for lamps, batteries, and paint

“NACo’s adoption of the Extended Producer Responsibility framework is a great step forward for our environment,” says Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County, Minnesota. “Smart design protects the environment and saves money by preventing costly waste.”

Reinhardt was the author of the framework resolution for NACO, in addition to three other product-specific producer responsibility resolutions for paint, electronics, and mercury-containing lamps. The National Association of Counties adopted the resolutions at their annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri July 2008.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC)

- [Resolution Supporting Principles for Product Stewardship](#)

Among the statements made in the resolution in support of product stewardship, the NLC made the following statement urging Congress to respect state’s rights to pursue product stewardship legislation.

“The National League of Cities urges Congress to protect and support the ability of local and state governments to establish producer responsibility legislation.”

This resolution was adopted by the National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee on November 14, 2009.

SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (SWANA)

-- [1] Technical Policy 2.1 Product Stewardship has been posted on the SWANA web site (<http://www.swana.org>) under Technical Divisions/Technical Policies

In 2001, SWANA issued a technical policy on product stewardship[1]. The purpose of that policy was to establish guiding principles for SWANA and its members to use in developing programs to safely and cost-effectively manage products at the end of their useful life. To achieve that result, product stewardship efforts should aim to encourage product Manufacturers to take increasing responsibility to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products and packaging through improved product design and end-of-life management of the products they produce. In that policy, SWANA committed to promote product stewardship in an advocacy role as a voice for its members in the solid waste management profession.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL (CPSC)

-- Mission Statement: *see bottom of page.*

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (CSAC)

-- Adopted Resolution in support of EPR Framework Legislation, December 2, 2008

REGIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL COUNTIES (RCRC)

-- Policy Adopted by RCRC Board, March 21, 2007

“RCRC supports producer responsibility for financing and arranging the collection and recycling of their products at end-of-life. Producer responsibility removes the financial burden from local governments and makes recycling become a cost of doing business. Placing the responsibility with manufacturers/retailers will additionally provide incentive for products to be redesigned in a manner to eliminate or reduce their impact and to increase their recyclability. RCRC prefers producer responsibility through product take-back by the manufacturers/retailers. RCRC will consider the reasonable use of Advanced Recycling Fees and Advanced Disposal Fees.”

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CITIES

--Policy Adopted by League of Cities Board, February 7, 2008

“The League supports legislation implementing the concept of manufacturer responsibility. This includes, but is not limited to, encouraging or providing incentives for e-waste recycling, requiring manufacturers of computer, CRT or other electronic products considered universal wastes, to operate or fund comprehensive, extended producer responsibility programs.”

CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL

-- Resolution on Reducing and Preventing Marine Debris Adopted February 8, 2007

(excerpt) “FURTHER RESOLVES to identify the following top priority solutions from the June 2006, Plan of Action, prepared by the Plastic Debris Project:

1. Reduce the sources of plastic marine debris – The California Redemption Value Program (CRV) has proven to be enormously successful at diverting over 60 percent of aluminum, glass and certain plastic containers to recycling centers. Placing a value on these items has assured that the majority get collected. The state should look closely at extending the CRV or similar Extended Producer Responsibility programs to include other plastics commonly found in marine debris. ...”

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Resolution on Extended Producer Responsibility

-- Adopted June 13, 2007

CALIFORNIA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Extended Producer Responsibility Resolutions and Ordinances

-- Since February 2006, 40 California cities, counties and local government associations have passed variations of an EPR resolution.

CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD (CIWMB)

Strategic Directive-5: PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

-- Adopted February 13, 2007

“It is a core value of the CIWMB that producers assume the responsibility for the safe stewardship of their materials in order to promote environmental sustainability.

Specifically, the CIWMB will:

- Utilize existing Board authority to foster “cradle-to-cradle” producer responsibility.
- Seek statutory authority to foster “cradle-to-cradle” producer responsibility.
- Analyze the feasibility of various approaches to increasing producer responsibility, including during the product design and packaging phases, and make recommendations to the CIWMB Board by December 2007, and annually thereafter.
- Build capacity and knowledge in CIWMB on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) issues and solutions.
- Develop and maintain relationships with stakeholders that result in producer-financed and producer-managed systems for product discards.

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