

RESOLUTION NO. _____
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

WHEREAS, the population is discarding more and more products in the categories of Universal Waste and Household Hazardous Waste which leads to higher management costs; and

WHEREAS, state policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are typically unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, local governments have limited resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products, and added costs are being shifted to taxpayers and ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, costs paid by local governments, taxpayers, and ratepayers to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara supports statewide efforts to have producers share in the responsibility for their products, including the end-of-life management costs; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume financial responsibility for management of waste products; and

WHEREAS, when products are reused and/or recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara wishes to incorporate EPR policies into its procurement practices to reduce costs and protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the California State Association of Counties, the California League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, and the US Conference of Mayors have all adopted resolutions or policies in support of EPR;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this resolution, the County of Santa Barbara supports EPR programs and initiatives and urges the California Legislature to enact EPR legislation that will give producers the incentive to design products that are less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Works Director of the County of Santa Barbara be authorized to send letters to the California State Association of Counties, State agencies, and the State legislature and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR legislation and related regulations when deemed appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Santa Barbara encourages all manufacturers to share in the responsibility for eliminating waste by designing products for durability, reusability, and the ability to be recycled; to use recycled materials in the manufacture of new products; and to provide financial support for collection, processing, recycling, or disposal of used materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Santa Barbara strive to develop producer responsibility policies that favor producers that offer less toxic alternatives and take responsibility for collecting and recycling their products, such as computer equipment and printer toner cartridges, at the end of their useful life.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California on _____ by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Joni Gray, Chair

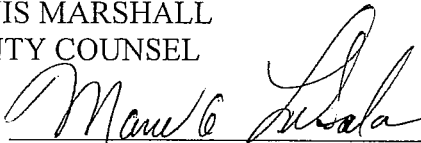
ATTEST:

CHANDRA L. WALLAR
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS MARSHALL
COUNTY COUNSEL

By:  _____
Deputy County Counsel