

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF UPPER VALLEY WASTE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN SUPPORT OF “EXTENDED
PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY”**

WHEREAS, California’s Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) bans from landfill disposal certain products that contain hazardous, toxic, or corrosive materials, including household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, old thermostats and other items that contain mercury, as well as electronic devices such as video cassette recorders, microwave ovens, phones and printers; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the number of products that contain hazardous, toxic, or corrosive materials and are therefore banned by the State of California from landfills will increase over time as demonstrated by the statewide ban of treated wood enacted in January of 2007 and the ban of medical needles and lancets, or “sharps” in September of 2008; and,

WHEREAS, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with the improper management of solid wastes and hazardous wastes; and,

WHEREAS, state policies currently require that local waste agencies accept responsibility, including financial responsibility, for municipal recycling and waste collections, attainment of waste reduction, recycling, composting, hazardous waste, and other “diversion” goals, and enforcement of product disposal bans; and,

WHEREAS, costs of managing products and materials that have served their intended purpose are currently paid by taxpayers or waste service ratepayers and are expected to increase substantially in the short- and long term unless policy changes are made; and,

WHEREAS, waste management and local government agencies in Napa County are finding it increasingly difficult to identify the financial and other resources needed to conduct the required planning, program implementation, oversight, reporting, and administrative duties associated with management of discarded products; and,

WHEREAS, costs incurred by local waste management and city and county agencies to manage wastes are in effect subsidies to producers of products that are designed for disposal; and,

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which manufacturers and producers are required to take responsibility for end-of-life management of their products that has been shown to be effective; and,

WHEREAS, the inclusion of waste management costs in the initial price of products creates an incentive for manufacturers to design products that are durable, easy to repair and recycle, and less hazardous, toxic or corrosive; and,

WHEREAS, EPR framework legislation establishes transparent and fair principles and procedures for applying EPR to categories of products for which improved design and management is in the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, in January of 2008, the California Integrated Waste Management Board (now the Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery - CalRecycle) adopted a framework for an EPR system in California; and,

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Supervisors included EPR in its 2009 and 2010 Legislative/Regulatory Platforms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Upper Valley Waste Management Agency as follows.

- Urges the California Legislature to continue taking timely action to implement the framework for an EPR System in California to manage hazardous and other waste products; and,
- Authorizes the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Director to send letters to the California State Association of Counties, CalRecycle, and State Legislature and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR framework legislation and related regulations; and,
- Encourages all manufacturers to share in the responsibility for eliminating waste by minimizing packaging, minimizing toxic ingredients, designing products for durability, reusability and recyclability; using recycled materials in the manufacture of their products; and providing financial support for collection, processing, recycling, or disposal of their products and packaging.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency of Napa County, California

at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on the _____ day of _____, 2011,
by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS _____

NOES: MEMBERS _____

ABSENT: MEMBERS _____

MARK LUCE, Chair
BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
UPPER VALLEY WASTE MANAGEMENT
AGENCY

ATTEST: JULIA SHACKFORD
Clerk of the UVA Board

By: _____