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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Del Norte HHW Infrastructure Grant Application (16<sup>th</sup> Cycle)

Dear CIWMB:

Napa County wishes to express our support of Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority's HHW grant application to work on developing innovative public/private partnerships to increase the collection of Universal Waste (U-waste).

Napa County has been struggling with how best to manage U-waste because of the scope of the challenge and the many different ideas on how best to collect and manage these materials. The bigger issue is how to fund the programs because the costs to manage U-wastes are so high should we actually be successful in recovering a large percentage of the U-wastes in existence.

Napa County faces a growing challenge regarding the financing and management of all products banned from landfill disposal and is eager to support a transition to increased producer responsibility for the management of their own products at end-of-life, as outlined in the CIWMB's strategic directives adopted in February 2007.

Napa County will be revising and updating its recycled content purchasing policy this year. In support of the project scope outlined in the grant application, Napa County will work with the project consultants to develop EPR procurement policies that encourage EPR for U-waste and develop public/private partnerships to expand the number of collection sites and parties responsible to collect and manage U-wastes.

We applaud Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority for taking the lead in bringing stakeholders together to design public/private solutions to the U-waste disposal problem and to provide technical assistance to local governments in designing policies to support those efforts. We look forward to working with Del Norte and its project team to seek solutions to the issues around end-of-life management of U-wastes.

Sincerely,

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