

## **TOWN OF PARADISE**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 09-19**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2006 California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the Universal Waste Rule bans landfill disposal of certain products that are deemed hazardous, including household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, thermostats, and other items that contain mercury, as well as electronic devices such as video cassette recorders, microwave ovens, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the list of Universal and other waste products determined to be hazardous and therefore banned from landfills will continue to grow as demonstrated by the ban of treated wood effective January 2007 and sharps in September 2008;

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

**WHEREAS**, Universal Waste management costs are currently paid by taxpayers and rate payers and are expected to increase substantially in the short term unless policy changes are made; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products and costs paid by local governments to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Paradise supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for Universal Waste products and other product waste management costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume responsibility for management of waste products and which has been shown to be effective; 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 infrastructure is in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is an organization of California local governments working to speak with one voice in promoting transparent and fair EPR systems in California; and

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**WHEREAS**, in January 2008 the California Integrated Waste Management Board adopted a Framework for an EPR System in California:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE** that the Town of Paradise urges the California Integrated Waste Management Board to continue to implement the Framework for an EPR System in California to manage Universal and other waste products; and urges the California Legislature to enact Framework EPR legislation which will give producers the incentive to design products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Paradise encourages all manufacturers to share in the responsibility for eliminating waste through minimizing excess packaging, designing products for durability, reusability and the ability to be recycled; using recycled materials in the manufacture of new products; and providing financial support for collection, processing, recycling, or disposal of used materials.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, State of California on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, by the following vote:

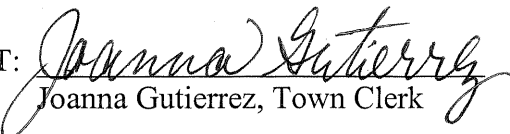
**AYES:** Steve "Woody" Culleton, Joe DiDuca, Scott Lotter, and Frankie Rutledge, Mayor.

**NOES:** None.

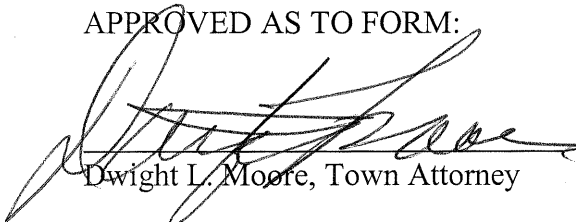
**ABSENT:** Alan White

**ABSTAIN:** None.

Signed:   
Frankie Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Joanna Gutierrez, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Dwight L. Moore, Town Attorney