

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 213

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GOAL OF 75% REDUCTION IN WASTE GOING TO LANDFILLS BY 2010 FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND CIVIC OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda:

Whereas, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) mandated that all California jurisdictions reduce the quantity of solid waste disposed in landfills by 50% by 2000; and

Whereas, the unincorporated communities of Alameda County have met the 50% waste reduction goal; and

Whereas, since 1990 the County has offered a range of recycling and waste reduction programs to County employees to promote a sustainable and healthy workplace; and

Whereas, in 1990 Alameda County's voters passed Measure D (the Alameda County Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative Charter Amendment), setting a countywide goal of reducing the waste going to landfills 75% by 2010; and

Whereas, Alameda County wishes to do its part to achieve the countywide goal of 75%; and

Whereas, Alameda County has adopted a number of programs and policies which support this goal including green building standards, construction and demolition debris diversion requirements, property and salvage center, environmental purchasing practices, commercial and curbside recycling programs, and a food waste collection program; and

Whereas, the General Plans for Castro Valley, Eden Area, and the East County include goals to ensure efficient recycling including coordination with the Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan, promotion of source reduction, recycling, and composting, and zoning to allow waste recovery facilities; and

Whereas, in 2006 the County established a Climate Change Leadership Strategy, and resource conservation and recycling will significantly reduce Alameda County's contributions to climate change; and

Whereas, the County Strategic Vision, in principal, establishes sustainability as a principle for decision-making; and

Whereas, disposing materials in landfills and incinerators causes damage to human health, wastes natural resources and wrongly transfers liabilities to future generations; and

Whereas, taxpayers, consumers, and local governments are currently forced to assume the high financial cost of collecting, recycling, and disposing of materials; and

Whereas, waste is a result of poor product design and producers should design products that can be safely and easily recycled back into the marketplace or nature; and

Whereas, a resource recovery-based economy will create and sustain more productive and meaningful jobs; and

Whereas, in 2001 the California Integrated Waste Management Board set a goal of Zero Waste in its strategic plan for the state; and cities, councils, counties worldwide have adopted a goal of achieving zero waste.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a goal of 75% reduction of waste going to landfills by 2010 for the County of Alameda, in accordance with the countywide 75% waste reduction goal using the existing state of California Diversion rate methodology for measurement; and

Further **Resolved**, that the Board of Supervisors strongly requests local waste and recycling service providers to achieve the 75% goal for unincorporated communities, which will be measured in accordance with the Countywide goal using the existing State of California diversion rate methodology for measurement, and directs the Community Development Agency to provide all practicable assistance to these providers and other public agencies to achieve this goal; and

Further **Resolved**, that these strategies shall be reinforced in General Plans and other community development activities; and

Further **Resolved**, that the Board of Supervisors directs the General Services Agency to develop strategies to achieve the 75% goal for county operations in cooperation with all employees and agencies, which will be measured through internal inventories; and

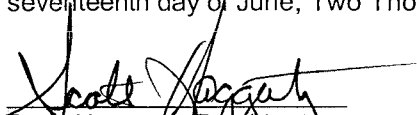
Further **Resolved**, that all agencies will report annually on their efforts to minimize waste generation and promote recycling within their agencies and for services provided to them by outside contractors; and

Further **Resolved**, that County employees are expected to recycle and reuse all materials for which recycling programs are available, and consider the full lifecycle of products when using materials; and

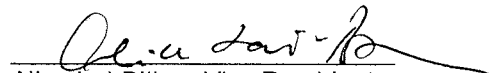
Further **Resolved**, that the County will partner with StopWaste.Org, recycling companies, local businesses, and sustainability advocates to strengthen the County's economy by stimulating sustainable local enterprises that use discarded products and to develop strategies to advance "upstream" waste prevention strategies such as product redesign, process re-engineering, and low-impact lifestyles; and

Finally **Resolved**, that the County will review adopting a Zero Waste goal once the 75% goal is achieved.

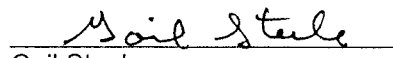
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California this seventeenth day of June, Two Thousand and Eight.



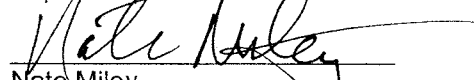
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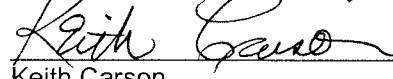
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Supervisor, 3rd District



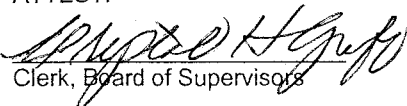
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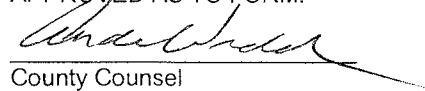
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Keith Carson
Supervisor, 5th District

ATTEST:


Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


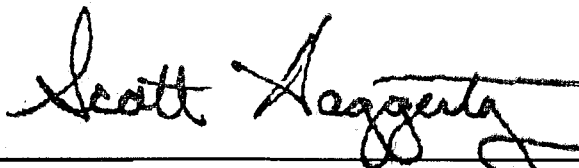
County Counsel

THE FOREGOING was **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by a majority vote of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of June, 2008, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Carson, Lai-Bitker, Miley, Steele & President Haggerty – 5

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None



PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:
CRYSTAL HISHIDA GRAFF
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By: R. Caballero
Deputy