



Resolution #07-02

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICES FY 2007 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, under the California Universal Waste Rule, all universal waste items, including batteries and fluorescent lamps and tubes are banned from disposal in landfills as of February 1, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, regulatory requirements for establishing a universal waste collection infrastructure require mandatory initial training of personnel handling universal wastes and annual refresher trainings; and,

WHEREAS, many rural solid waste management operators and enforcement agency staff are unable to fully participate in established training programs because of high registration fees, long travel distances, limited budgets to pay for transportation and lodging costs, and operational scheduling problems; and,

WHEREAS, in consideration of these challenges, the ESJPA proposes to implement a program that will provide on-site training to rural solid waste management operators, enforcement agency staff, and local retailers at no cost to eligible participants; and,

WHEREAS, the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA), a governmental entity comprised of 22 rural counties, was created to assist member counties with solid waste management programs; and,

WHEREAS, the ESJPA proposes to use the contract services of Regional Council of Rural Counties to provide required grant administration and program implementation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) hereby authorizes joint participation and the submittal of a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Universal Waste Training in Rural Communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the ESJPA or their designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes of this grant and to provide information regarding this program to the USDA upon request. The ESJPA will be the responsible party to provide records to the USDA should an audit be performed.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Board of Directors of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority this 17th day of May 2007.

Effective May 17, 2007.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Bob Pickard, Chair
Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority