State of California AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 98-25

May 21, 1998

Agenda Item No.: 98-5-5

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB) has been directed to administer the Rice Straw Demonstration Project Fund (the Rice Fund) pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 39750-39753;

WHEREAS, the Rice Fund was created to provide cost-sharing grants to proponents of projects which use rice straw in order to speed the development of a market for Sacramento Valley rice straw;

WHEREAS, a grant request entitled "Bioboard Plant for Colusa, California" was submitted by FiberTech USA, Inc. in response to the Rice Fund Invitation for Grant Requests 98-1;

WHEREAS, the above grant request has been independently evaluated by expert reviewers using the funding criteria adopted by the Board at its January 29, 1998, public meeting;

WHEREAS, the ARB staff has reviewed the project and recommend it for funding in the amount of \$750,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board hereby finds that the project meets the program criteria and accepts staff's recommendation to award a grant from the Rice Straw Demonstration Project Fund to the following project:

"Bioboard Plant for Colusa, California" submitted by FiberTech USA, Inc., for a grant award of \$750,000, and designates this project as Rice Fund Project Number 98-02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Officer is hereby directed to initiate administrative procedures and execute all necessary documents to implement this grant award.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 98-25, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.

Pat Hutchens, Clerk of the Board