

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 99-11

April 22, 1999

Agenda Item No.: 99-3-4

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) 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, the following four grant requests were submitted in response to the Rice Fund Invitation for Grant Requests 98-02:

"Phase One Development of the Agriboard Industries L.C. Rice Fiber Based Structural Panel Plant in Sacramento Valley, California" submitted by Agriboard Industries L.C.;

"Medium Density Fiberboard Manufactured From Sacramento Valley Rice Straw Residuals" submitted by Louisiana-Pacific Corporation;

"Colusa Rice Straw Project" submitted by Enviro Board International, Inc.; and

"Production of Citric Acid From Sacramento Valley Rice Straw" submitted by Arkenol Holdings, L.L.C.;

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

WHEREAS, the ARB staff has reviewed the projects and recommends them for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board hereby finds that the projects meet the program criteria and accepts staff's recommendation to award grants from the Rice Straw Demonstration Project Fund to the following projects, in the amounts specified:

"Phase One Development of the Agriboard Industries L.C. Rice Fiber Based Structural Panel Plant in Sacramento Valley, California" submitted by Agriboard Industries L.C., for a grant award of \$665,000, and designates this project as Rice Fund Project Number 98-04;

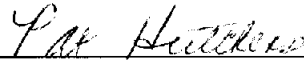
"Medium Density Fiberboard Manufactured From Sacramento Valley Rice Straw Residuals" submitted by Louisiana-Pacific Corporation for a grant award of \$565,753, and designates this project as Rice Fund Project Number 98-05;

"Colusa Rice Straw Project" submitted by Enviro Board International, Inc. for a grant award of \$500,000, and designates this project as Rice Fund Project Number 98-06; and

"Production of Citric Acid From Sacramento Valley Rice Straw" submitted by Arkenol Holdings, L.L.C. for a grant award of \$519,247, and designates this project as Rice Fund Project Number 98-07.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff is hereby directed to initiate administrative procedures and execute grant agreements with the above applicants within 45 days from today for the grant awards to be implemented.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 99-11 as adopted by the Air Resources Board.



Pat Hutchens, Clerk of the Board