

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 99-12

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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, applicants awarded grants from the Rice Fund have had their projects evaluated by technical and business experts, deemed technically and commercially viable, and have been approved by the Board;

WHEREAS, some grants may be terminated, leaving unspent grant money;

WHEREAS, in creating the Rice Fund Program, the Legislature intended the full amount of the money allocated for the Program to be awarded for commercially and technically viable rice straw projects;

WHEREAS, for some of the grant recipients, augmenting their existing grants would shorten their time line to commercialization or increase their usage of rice straw, thus meeting the goal of the Rice Fund Program, which was the intent of the Legislature in creating the program; and

WHEREAS, the ARB staff has developed a procedure by which existing grant recipients would be offered the opportunity to submit proposals for augmenting their existing grant awards in the event that unspent grant monies from a terminated grant become available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board hereby changes the funding criteria of the Rice Straw Demonstration Project Fund to add the subsection *Reallocating Grants* as set forth in the staff report presented to the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the staff to invite existing grant recipients, whose projects are in good standing, to submit proposals to have their existing grants augmented in the event that unspent grant monies become available.