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MGRC ANTITRUST POLICY ***Adopted May 21 2015***

Association Antitrust Compliance Policies and Procedures

It shall be the policy of the Association to be in strict compliance with all Federal and State Antitrust laws, rules and regulations. Therefore:

- I. These policies and procedures apply to all membership, board, committee and other meetings sponsored by the Association, and to all meetings attended by representatives of the Association.
- II. Discussion of prices or price levels is prohibited. In addition, no discussion is permitted of any elements of a company's operations which might influence price such as:
 - a. Cost of operations, supplies, labor or services;
 - b. Allowance or discounts;
 - c. Terms of sale including credit arrangements; and,
 - d. Profit margins and mark ups, provided this limitation shall not extend to discussions of methods of operation, maintenance, and similar matters in which cost or efficiency is merely incidental.
- III. It is a violation of Antitrust laws to agree not to compete, therefore, discussions of division of territories or customers or limitations on the nature of business carried on or products sold are not permitted.
- IV. Boycotts in any form are unlawful. Discussion relating to boycotts is prohibited, including discussions about blacklisting or unfavorable reports about particular companies including their financial situation.
- V. It is the Association's policy that all meetings attended by representatives of the Association where discussion can border on an area of antitrust sensitivity, that the Association's representative request that the discussion be stopped and ask that the request be made part of the minutes of the meeting being attended. If others continue such discussion, the Association's representative should excuse herself from the meeting and request that the minutes show that she left the meeting at that point and why she left. Any such instances should be reported immediately to the President and Executive Director.
- VI. It is the Association's policy that a copy of these Antitrust Compliance Policies and Procedures be given to each officer, director, committee member, official representative of member companies and Association employees annually and that the same be read or understood at all meetings of the membership of the Association.

Antitrust Statement to be read at the beginning of all MGRC board meetings and programs: (President/Chair) reminded the board/committee/membership that MGRC has adopted an antitrust policy which prohibits the Board and committees from engaging in discussion that could result in any anticompetitive activities.