

***South Carolina Mitigation Association***

***Statement of Ethics***

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The South Carolina Mitigation Association was formed in 2013 to promote an active and efficient mitigation marketplace that supports ecological function and economic development within the State. Our mission will be achieved through participation by industry professionals, including mitigation bankers, environmental consultants, engineers and contractors, and in collaboration with regulatory agencies and conservation organizations.

In working toward the above mission it is of utmost importance that each member of the Association treats each other, the regulated community, government agency personnel and the public at large with the utmost degree of professionalism and courtesy.

Each member shall avoid interacting within or representing the Association in a matter that gives rise to a conflict of interest wherein the member's self-interest may be in opposition with that of the Association. If a member finds that a conflict of interest has arisen, that member shall notify a member of the Executive Committee and recuse him or herself from further participation in the particular issue or matter. In addition to the duty of disclosure described above, individual members of the Executive Committee and the organization each represents shall proactively disclose any potential conflict of interest to the Executive Committee prior to SCMA action on or discussion of pertinent issues.

Association members shall seek to restore, enhance and preserve ecological resources with the professional skill necessary to replace those ecological functions lost through permitted impacts to similar resources.

In joining the Association, member organizations and individuals agree to abide by the above Statement of Ethics.