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Appraisal Subcommittee

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

January 17, 2019

Mr. James S. Martin, Bureau Chief
Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers
1102 Q Street, Suite 4100
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: ASC Compliance Review of California's Appraisal Management Company (AMC)
Regulatory Program

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) staff conducted an ASC Compliance Review (Review) of the California AMC regulatory program (AMC Program) on October 2-5, 2018, to determine the AMC Program's compliance with Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended.

The ASC considered the preliminary results of the Review and the State's response to those results. The AMC Program has been awarded an ASC Finding of "Good." The final ASC Compliance Review Report (Report) is attached.

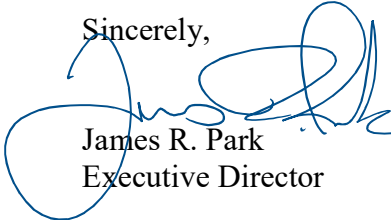
The ASC identified the following area of non-compliance:

- Participating States must enforce and document ownership limitations for State-registered AMCs.¹

ASC staff will confirm that appropriate corrective actions have been taken during the next Review. California will remain on a two-year Review Cycle.

This letter and the attached Report are public records and available on the ASC website. Please contact us if you have any questions about this Report.

Sincerely,



James R. Park
Executive Director

Attachment

cc: Mr. Aaron Klinger, Deputy Bureau Chief, Enforcement
Ms. Loretta Dillon, Deputy Bureau Chief

¹ 12 CFR 34.210 – 34.216; 12 CFR 225.190 – 225.196; 12 CFR 323.8 -323.14; 12 CFR 1222.20 – 1222.26; Policy Statement 8..

ASC Finding Descriptions

ASC Finding	Rating Criteria	Review Cycle*
Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State meets all Title XI mandates and complies with requirements of ASC Policy Statements • State maintains a strong regulatory Program • Very low risk of Program failure 	2-year
Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State meets the majority of Title XI mandates and complies with the majority of ASC Policy Statement requirements • Deficiencies are minor in nature • State is adequately addressing deficiencies identified and correcting them in the normal course of business • State maintains an effective regulatory Program • Low risk of Program failure 	2-year
Needs Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State does not meet all Title XI mandates and does not comply with all requirements of ASC Policy Statements • Deficiencies are material but manageable and if not corrected in a timely manner pose a potential risk to the Program • State may have a history of repeated deficiencies but is showing progress toward correcting deficiencies • State regulatory Program needs improvement • Moderate risk of Program failure 	2-year with additional monitoring
Not Satisfactory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State does not meet all Title XI mandates and does not comply with all requirements of ASC Policy Statements • Deficiencies present a significant risk and if not corrected in a timely manner pose a well-defined risk to the Program • State may have a history of repeated deficiencies and requires more supervision to ensure corrective actions are progressing • State regulatory Program has substantial deficiencies • Substantial risk of Program failure 	1-year
Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State does not meet Title XI mandates and does not comply with requirements of ASC Policy Statements • Deficiencies are significant and severe, require immediate attention and if not corrected represent critical flaws in the Program • State may have a history of repeated deficiencies and may show a lack of willingness or ability to correct deficiencies • High risk of Program failure 	Continuous monitoring

*Program history or nature of deficiency may warrant a more accelerated Review Cycle.

ASC State AMC Program Compliance Review Report

ASC Finding: Good
 Final Report Issue Date: January 17, 2019

California AMC Regulatory Program (State)

State Board Title (Board) N/A	PM: N. Fenochietti	ASC Compliance Review Date: October 2-5, 2018	Review Period: October 2016 to October 2018
Umbrella Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers/ Independent		Number of AMCs on National Registry: 000	Review Cycle: Two Year

Applicable Federal Citations	Compliance (YES/NO) Areas of Concern (AC)			ASC Staff Observations	State Response	Required/Recommended State Actions	General Comments
	YES	NO	AC				
Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Procedures:		X					
Participating States must enforce and document ownership limitations for State-registered AMCs. (12 CFR 34.210 – 34.216; 12 CFR 225.190 – 225.196; 12 CFR 323.8 -323.14; 12 CFR 1222.20 – 1222.26; Policy Statement 8.)				An AMC shall not be registered or included on the AMC National Registry if such AMC, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, is owned by any person who has had an appraiser license or certificate refused, denied, cancelled, surrendered in lieu of revocation, or revoked in any State for a substantive cause. The State limits the requirement to owners of 10% or more.	On December 17, 2018, the State reported that the Bureau is seeking a regulatory proposal to add the substance from 12 CFR 34.214(a) into its regulations.	The State must continue the process of amending its regulations to reflect what is required in Title XI.	During the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance with Title XI and ASC Policy Statement 8.
National Registry:	X						
				No compliance issues noted.	N/A	None	None
Enforcement:	X						
				No compliance issues noted.	N/A	None	None