



The Landscape Stewardship Movement: Conservation for the 21st Century

California's largest and most pressing challenges—such as climate change, the need for clean air and water, and rapidly changing population dynamics—are happening at a pace and scale that demand we work together to solve them. In 2016, six cross-boundary land stewardship groups from across the state took on this challenge by forming the **California Landscape Stewardship Network (CA Network)**.

We are working together to overcome barriers to collaboration, develop and share partnership resources and efficiencies, build awareness of the value of working at this scale, and increase investment among funders and legislators for this expanding movement.

Our conservation approach must evolve to fully leverage the tremendous power of partnerships. The time is now to make collaborative, landscape-scale stewardship the new norm for California!

We envision a California where everyone sees and embraces their role in caring for and sustaining the landscapes that are vital to our collective well-being; where we seek deep understanding and bold collaboration; and where we think, plan, and act beyond our individual boundaries to work at a pace and scale that meets and even exceeds our most pressing challenges.

Current Network Priorities

Statewide working groups are addressing barriers to landscape-scale stewardship in four priority areas: *Funding and Legislation, Communication and Convening, Permitting and Compliance, and Data Sharing.*

Funding and Legislation – Members research and share information grant opportunities, bond funding, or related policy and work build relationships with legislators to advance stewardship and conservation at the local, regional, and national levels.

Communication and Convening – We are creating a common vocabulary, messaging, and communication tools to convey the need and urgency of this work, and the value, impact, and benefits of stewarding lands across boundaries.

Permitting and Compliance – Network members are exploring ways to implement a more seamless approach to cross-boundary project permitting and compliance.

Data Sharing – We are innovating cross-boundary data platforms and systems to promote efficient data sharing at a regional scale.

Landscape stewardship harnesses our collective power to meet shared challenges



Who We Are

The six founding members span a range of 750 miles from northern to southern California. They include federal, state, and local agencies, non-profits, and in some cases academic institutions and private land managers. While some have been working together decades, others are just emerging. Together, they represent nearly 200 other partners and stakeholder groups within their regions.

Current CA Network members are committed to advancing the practice of landscape-scale stewardship across the state. This means that our impact is not limited to the scope, scale, or home geographies of our members. Rather, we are a vehicle to advance and amplify this movement everywhere.

While their compositions, missions, and geographies vary, the founding members all believe that cross-boundary, landscape-scale stewardship is how we care for the places we love, enjoy, and depend upon, and how we continue to renew and sustain these places for current and future generations.

The purpose of this emerging “network of networks” may evolve with time as members’ needs change and the practice of collaborative landscape stewardship advances. However, with this common mission in mind, the CA Network can thoughtfully and intentionally expand to include other partnerships across the state that share these goals.

The six founding CA Network members (light green areas) are building relationships with other networks across the state (darker green areas) to expand the practice, goals, and impacts of landscape stewardship



To Learn More about the CA Network and the activities of its working groups contact Sharon Farrell at sfarrell@parksconservancy.org or visit landscapeconservation.org/california-landscape-stewardship-network/.