



California Landscape Stewardship Network

Vision and Core Principles

Our Vision

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.

Why Now?

Property and organizational boundaries often define how we care for our land, air, and water. However, the needs of the people, animals, and plants that depend upon those resources often do not fall within those same lines.

Moreover, our largest and most pressing collective challenges—such as climate change, the need for clean air and water, and rapidly changing population and economic dynamics—are happening at a scale and a pace that demand that we use our collective resources and experience to meet and exceed them.

While land stewardship partnerships are not a new idea, those committed to long-term action at a regional or landscape level are still not widespread. However, recent shifts within the field towards embracing these kinds of innovative partnerships and a more human-inclusive approach to land stewardship means that this is the right time to make a collaborative, landscape-scale approach the new norm for California.

We believe in...

INTERCONNECTIVITY

Recognizing that human wellbeing and ecological health are intertwined, we work across geographical, jurisdictional, and social lines to holistically and collaboratively secure thriving and resilient ecosystems.

INCLUSIVITY

By encouraging diverse perspectives on common challenges, we strive to empower stakeholders from all backgrounds to actively engage in the movement and derive a shared sense of hope and belonging.

EMPATHY

Through deep listening, we seek to understand the complex historical and emotional connections that bind individuals and communities with their environments—and offer ways to care for these places.

ADAPTABILITY

Given the rapid rate of change across natural and human systems, we value flexibility and agility to respond to our ever-evolving understanding of land management and community needs.

CREATIVITY

Embracing inspired problem-solving and innovative ways of thinking, we overcome institutional barriers, deepen our partnerships, reimagine our roles, and explore cutting-edge technologies and paradigms.

EFFICACY

While respecting and building on the efforts of those who came before us, we focus a keen eye on the future by crafting solutions that are smart, cost-effective, and sustainable for generations to come.