

Collaborative Stewardship Starter & Builder Kit

Resource: Landscape Stewardship Collaborative Agreements & Authorities Matrix - Specific to California State Parks

This matrix is for general guidance purposes only, and provides minimum anticipated reviews for any given agreement type. Staff developing an agreement need to make specific judgements about the wisdom of more expansive reviews based on the size, complexity, review time, and public-facing attributes of the project. Please seek guidance from experienced district and statewide staff about the level of department risk and corresponding department review appropriate to your project.

Agreement Type	Types of Authorities That Can Be Included Under Each Agreement									Agreement Parties					Agreement Signatory Level			
	Funding Transfer		Sub-Contracting	Data Sharing	Land Management (e.g., projects, maintenance, etc.)	Planning & Compliance	Research & Monitoring	Youth Development & Workforce	Land Access	Partners Under This Agreement Typically Include:					Typically Coordinated & Signed at What Level			
	From State Parks	To State Parks								Federal Agencies	Federally Recognized Tribes	State & Other Govt. Agencies	NGOs	Academic Institutions	District	Partnership Office	NRD/CRD/I&ED	HDQTRs [Admin, Legal, Exec]
Charter										X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Co-Governance Agreement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X						X	X
Co-Management Agreement ⁴	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Cooperating Association Agreement		X										X	X		X	X		
Service Agreement	X	?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Cooperative Agreement				X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X ¹	X	X	X		
Data-Sharing Agreement				X								X	X	X			X	
Good Neighbor Agreement					X		X		X			X	X					
Fundraising Agreement ³		X										X	X		X	X		X
Interagency Agreement ²	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X		X	X
Joint Powers Agreement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X
Memorandum of Agreement				X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X	
Memorandum of Understanding				X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Non-profit Operating Agreement	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X		X
Public Operating Agreement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X		X
Public Entity Agreement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X
Proud Partner Agreement		X													X	X		
Scientific Research & Collecting Permit							X		X						X		X	
Shared Stewardship Agreement				X	X	X	X	X	X						X			

¹ This only applies to Parks California, the official, statutory partner of California State Parks

² Interagency agreement : Interagency agreements can apply to agreements with federal agencies, but within the context of State Parks, only state agencies can enter into interagency agreements together. Public Entity Agreements can be used for agreements between other public agencies.

³ Depending on size of donation, may require DOF review. This is also used for logo licensing if collaborative is using state parks name as a part of partner list for fundraising.

⁴ Within CA context, co-management agreements are between state agencies and federally recognized tribes. other co-management agreements fall under operating agreements (public or non-profit)

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