The Stewardship Model of Governance
Stewardship can be understood as the ultimate expression of self-governance; in the midst of Liberty, choosing to take on responsibility for the Common Good. Our “We the People” model of governance, with its twin goals of Liberty and Justice for all, finds its most natural expression in our communities and regions where Engaged Citizen Stewards develop common goals through relational grids that unite people with sometimes disparate ideologies, creating strength from multiple viewpoints. Regional Promising Practices presents examples of this stewardship ethic at work, believing that effective statewide governance will spring from the broad adoption of this ethic by Citizen Stewards across our great state. Stewardship, the bedrock of effective governance.

Issue
Recovering the Stewardship Ethic
We are aware that government is not working. Centralized governance structures continue to cost more and deliver less through increasingly burdensome regulatory structures that hinder prosperity. A broad scale recovery of the Stewardship Ethic amongst our citizenry is the alternative we are looking for. Empowered citizens represent the most efficient delivery system for flexible answers to difficult questions. In each of our cities and regions, citizens need to be encouraged to take the reins.

Stewardship Approach
Citizen Partnership with Institutional Structures
The partnership of engaged citizens with the institutional structures that are currently laboring to resolve our collective challenges will provide the right combination of access and scale with the on-the-ground human touch necessary to implement large scale social change. A culture that is socially sick cannot long be economically prosperous in a manner that is appreciated by a large percentage of its citizens.

Stewardship Solution
Development of Common Goals
Common goals are the uniting force employed by steward leaders to effectively focus large cross-sections of people on a common outcome.
Stewardship by Example
The most effective method for communicating the power of this governance model is to develop working examples of its effectiveness. This is bottoms-up reform. The development of community responses to community challenges is accomplished with one eye on this educational opportunity.

ABC’s
- Regional steward leaders identified and convened
- Steward leaders identify regional challenges
- Steward leaders build a leadership team that can develop common goals capable of unifying the region.
- Citizens learn to embrace their governance responsibilities (stewardship of the common good) through strategic engagement (volunteering with a metrics structure) often working side by side with citizens with different points of view.
- As metrics begin to develop, the leadership team connects with other regions looking to resolve similar issues.
- The leadership team works to connect metric producing initiatives with local and statewide representatives asking that the legislative platform be used to advance a broad adoption of the successful strategy and the stewardship ethic that is its heart and soul.

The California Stewardship Network is Here to Help
- 12 Regions
- Stewardship Driven Solutions
- Sharing Network
- Feedback loop to local and state legislators
- Partnership with California Forward to advance stewardship based policy reform
- California Economic Summit to raise awareness of Stewardship Ethic in general as well as the specific Stewardship Strategies that are producing results.

Come Join Us!