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## ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA STEWARDSHIP NETWORK

In 2008, the Morgan Family Foundation launched the **California Stewardship Network** as a civic venture, investing in 10 economic regions that agreed to focus on breakthroughs led by stewardship teams composed of business, community and government civic entrepreneurs.

Currently, thirteen diverse regions across California have come together to make up the body of the **California Stewardship Network**, developing innovative regional solutions to the state's most pressing economic, environmental, and community challenges. These solutions require "breakthrough innovation" driven by a "new generation" of civic entrepreneurs—diverse regional teams composed of both established and emerging leaders.

**Stewardship** is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to us. This Network focuses on the "stewardship of place"—which requires attention to the economic, environmental, and social dimensions of a region.

**Civic entrepreneurs** are individuals who see an opportunity for change, and bring the same passion and persistence to community problem solving that business entrepreneurs bring to building new ventures. They mobilize teams and collaborate across boundaries to address interrelated economic, environmental, and social challenges. They come from all walks of life—from the business, public, labor, and non-profit sectors. While they have been responsible for important advances in California's regions over the last decade, it is an enduring challenge to grow and replenish the pool of civic entrepreneurs in a strategic and systematic fashion. Civic entrepreneurs are individuals whose focus is stewardship, whose approach is collaboration, and whose outcomes are innovative solutions.

While each regional team has developed its own stewardship strategy, all share a common approach. These strategies are:

- (1) Data-driven,
- (2) Based on economic regions and industry clusters,
- (3) Successful in sustaining the engagement of business,
- (4) Effective at integrating economic, social, and environmental considerations, and
- (5) Innovative in their approach to public-private partnerships in implementation.



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## Member Organizations

**Butte County:** Chico Stewardship Network

**Fresno Region:** Fresno Business Council

**Inland Empire:** Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP)

**Los Angeles County:** Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

**Monterey Bay Region:** Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP)

**Redwood Coast:** Redwood Coast Rural Action (RCRA)

**Sacramento Region:** Valley Vision

**San Diego Region:** San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation

**San Luis Obispo Region:** Economic Vitality Corporation (EVC)

**Sierra Nevada Region:** Sierra Business Council

**Silicon Valley:** Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG)

**Sonoma Region:** Sonoma County Economic Development Board (EDB)

**Ventura County:** Economic Development Collaborative

## California Stewardship Network Mission Statement

“The California Stewardship Network is an alliance of regional leaders committed to the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of our regions and our state. Our ongoing commitment is to grow our circle of steward leaders across California by documenting and sharing *Promising Practices* and by supporting the development of new regional stewardship teams.”