A New Enterprise Model for Stewardship of Multi-Owner Protected Landscapes in the 21st Century

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Abstract
But what do we do when a protected landscape isn’t even owned – much less managed – by an agency with the scope and depth of NPS? What has emerged is a new enterprise model catalyzed by private philanthropy, with a variety of organizations playing different roles that create a whole greater than the sum of its parts. The challenges and advantages of implementing this new model are explored as well as the broad opportunities for innovation and advancing the practice of conservation.

About the speaker:
Michael has overseen all aspects of land stewardship, public programs and business operations for the non-profit Irvine Ranch Conservancy since its founding in 2005. Under his leadership the organization has grown to 25 staff and 400 volunteers who assist with resource management and public access on nearly 35,000 acres of land. Michael has more than 25 years of experience in land protection and conservation science, including senior staff positions with The Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund.