



## ***COLLABORATION BEST PRACTICES***

### **BEST PRACTICES** FOR PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

During the working session on cross-agency collaboration, participants generated the following list of best practices related to collaboration:

- Schedule regular meetings; address time limitations
- Key: Identify stakeholders and orchestrate discussions/debates
- Identify clear, common goals
- Meet with stakeholder groups ahead of time one-on-one. Discuss roles & responsibilities of each party
- Narrow your focus; enables planning for success
- Helpful to have independent consultant or agency to provide 3<sup>rd</sup> eye
- Respect needs of each group involved; get best end result
- Follow up one-on-one with those that will not come to meetings
- In addition to 3<sup>rd</sup> party view, meet at a neutral location
- Do better job of planning for staff transitions; succession planning
- Expect the best from the start; leave baggage behind
- Outside facilitator that is not emotional and represents each interests
- Find a common enemy – something all groups can agree upon.