



COLLABORATE

FUTUREPROOF

BUILD COMMUNITY

Empower Collaboration and Futureproof Your Systems with Open-Source Software

Why choose open-source software?

True open-source software allows anyone to access the underlying code to modify, enhance, or customize. This means that you will not be locked in with a single vendor, where you are subject to their roadmap and future pricing demands. Because open-source software is created using a collaborative process, costs related to development, maintenance, and updates may be shared rather than falling to a single organization. And an open-source approach encourages the formation of a community of users where expertise and best practices are shared.

Is open-source software free?

You are free to use and enhance open-source software with no licensing costs. However, charges may be associated with open-source software when a vendor provides services to customize the product for specific client needs, integrate the product with client systems, and manage the health and security of the server environment. Charges may also apply for support and training.

Liberate your systems from reliance on a single vendor



Futureproof your systems with technology that will never be pulled from the market



Empower collaboration using a platform that is open to all your partners, clients, and constituents



Benefit from a community of users sharing new development and best practices

About our Open-Source Approach

Given the critical importance of collaboration in the fields of natural resource management, conservation, restoration, and environmental policy, it is important to concentrate collective energy on technology that remains in the public domain. Placing an open-source license on publicly funded software promotes innovation and establishes a more equitable and inclusive forum for participation.

Some software service providers position their solutions as using open-source frameworks, but their software is still proprietary. *If users cannot inspect and modify the code, the software product is not open-source.*

“Developing an open-source platform ensures that our investment of public dollars can be shared with other organizations to accelerate the pace and broaden the scope of conservation efforts nationwide.”

– Ken Kasman
Research and Analysis Division Manager
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

BENEFITS OF OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE

	Open-Source Software	Proprietary Software
Customization	Anyone can access the code to make improvements and customizations over time	You are subject to one vendor's roadmap priorities
Platform integrations	External tools can be readily integrated using standards-based web services	Integrations with third party platforms may not be available or may be prohibitively expensive
Security	Improves security and transparency because the software is easily peer-reviewed and vetted	Security protocols are often opaque and fully controlled by the vendor
Costs	Costs for development & maintenance may be shared; users may choose alternate vendors or in-house solutions for maintenance & hosting	One company pays the full cost for development & maintenance; one vendor controls the software along with rates for hosting, support services, etc

OPEN-SOURCE PLATFORMS FROM SITKA TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Product	Development Partners	Description
ProjectFirma™ ¹	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Sitka Technology Group	Empower partnerships to plan, prioritize, and visualize efforts using simple workflows that track financials, map locations, and chart accomplishments
Miradi ²	Foundations of Success, Sitka Technology Group	Enable collaboration and knowledge sharing with a framework that clarifies and strengthens conservation strategies by tying them to desired results
Water Accounting Platform ¹	Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Environmental Defense Fund, Sitka Technology Group	Develop more accurate water budgets, efficiently manage water usage, and enable water trading among landowners
Stormwater Tools ¹	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Orange County Public Works, Geosyntec Consultants, Sitka Technology Group	Create and manage stormwater asset inventories and evaluate stormwater system performance using real-time, map-based dashboard displays

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