

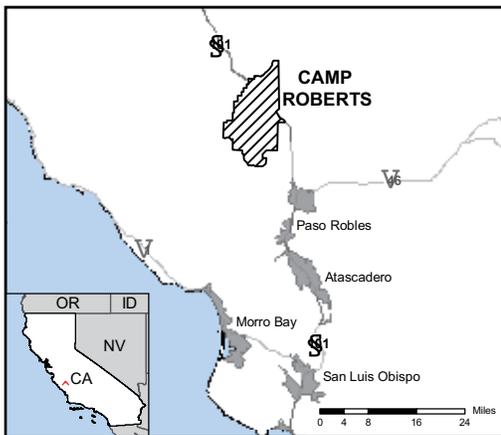


U.S. ARMY :

CAMP ROBERTS : CALIFORNIA



Camp Roberts, located in central California along both sides of the Salinas River in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, is the primary training site of the California Army National Guard. The camp also hosts Army Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve for mobilization, demobilization, and pre-mobilization activities. Camp Roberts’ maneuver areas and significant number of live-fire and simulated ranges make it a very flexible training site for infantry, armor, and artillery units.



Camp Roberts is surrounded by open grazing lands and other agricultural lands, including vineyards, with only some nearby rural development. However, with Highway 101 cutting through the area, the potential to develop these lands is high. Development of the ranch parcels would impact air operations, drop zones during the day and night, as well as artillery

and range operations due to potential noise complaints.

To keep these lands for agricultural use and to protect the post’s readiness mission, a small local land trust, the Ag Land Trust, is working with Camp Roberts to acquire easements to prevent residential development near the camp boundary. The protected land will provide open space benefits and connect to the Big Sandy Wildlife Area, providing safe transportation corridors for species to access nearby habitat and open lands. Keeping the land compatible with the military mission also allows Camp Roberts to maintain its unrestricted training environment.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Brings together new partners to coordinate with existing regional planning efforts, including a Joint Land Use Study
- Preserves habitat for threatened species
- Protects water resources

MILITARY

- Protects live-fire, maneuver, helicopter, and night flying training that produces significant amounts of noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity
- Provides for future mission growth and multiple Service missions



Camp Roberts offers flexible training sites for live-fire exercises (top), and preserves open grazing lands and other agricultural lands that surround the camp (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Ag Land Trust

FAST FACTS AS OF 30 SEP 13

- » Acres preserved: **1,598**
- » Transactions conducted: **4**
- » Partner cost share: **27%**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

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