

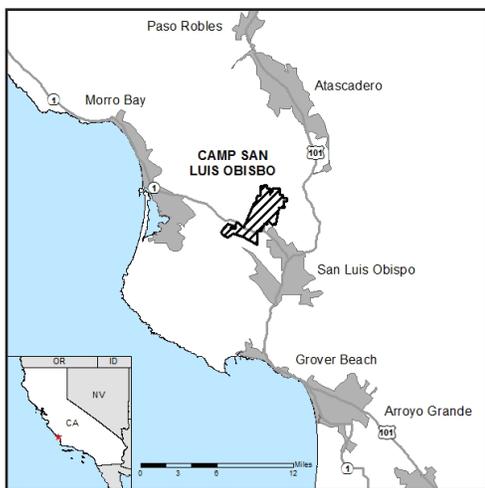


U.S. ARMY :

CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO : CALIFORNIA



Camp San Luis Obispo is one of the largest and most versatile state-owned training areas in California. The post's primary mission is to provide a full spectrum of support for live, virtual, and constructive training of Army National Guard and Reserve Units. The post also supports field training facilities for a wide range of federal, state, and community organizations. The land surrounding Camp San Luis Obispo is mostly public and ranch lands, but some of these properties have been threatened with development for high-end, estate-style, residential housing.



Through REPI, the camp is working with the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, who is establishing conservation easements on adjacent properties that buffer the post from the city of San Luis Obispo to the southeast. Preventing residential development allows the camp to use its airspace and perform other training exercises that could lead to potential complaints about noise or dust.

Importantly, this REPI project also preserves off-post habitat for threatened and endangered species, which reduces the threat of Camp San Luis Obispo being designated critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act. Such a designation would affect the entire installation, and severely impact the flexibility of using training lands. In addition to benefitting species such as the California red-legged frog and Southern steelhead trout, protecting nearby ranches also helps protect the Chorro Reservoir and water resources that are important for the installation. This project is part of local and regional coordinated planning efforts to support the military, agriculture, and the environment.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Supports existing regional planning efforts
- Protects water resources
- Maintains local character

MILITARY

- Protects live-fire and maneuver training
- Protects training capabilities that generate significant amounts of noise



A historical aerial view of Camp San Luis Obispo from 1984 (top). Today, the post provides important habitat for the threatened California red-legged frog (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- American Farmland Trust
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Transportation
- City of San Luis Obispo
- Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo
- Morro Bay National Estuary Program
- Packard Foundation
- San Luis Obispo County
- Sierra Club Santa Lucia Chapter
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2015

- » Acres preserved:
2,099
- » Transactions conducted:
7
- » Total funds expended:
\$5.2 million
- » Project status:
In Progress

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