

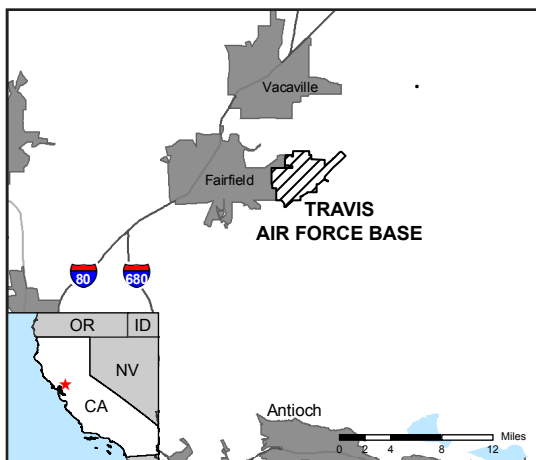


U.S. AIR FORCE :

TRAVIS AFB : CALIFORNIA



Located east of Fairfield near the San Francisco Bay area, Travis Air Force Base (AFB) is known as the “Gateway to the Pacific.” The base supports the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the largest mobility organization in the Air Force, with a versatile fleet of cargo and refueling jets. Travis AFB handles more cargo and passenger traffic through its airport than any other military air terminal in the country. As such, the base also has a significant economic impact and is the largest employer in Solano County.



This REPI project involved Travis AFB’s partner, the Solano Land Trust, acquiring a conservation easement to preserve habitat and agricultural values around the base. The easement protects the land from uses such as wind turbines that interfere with radar, wetlands that attract a bird aircraft strike hazard, or housing development that can lead to

noise complaints and mission restrictions. The preserved land is home to high-quality vernal pool grasslands, including land within a National Natural Landmark, as well as numerous rare species within the vernal pools.

As its mission grows, Travis AFB may need to develop on-base construction projects that require mitigating against disturbances of habitat for threatened, endangered, and at-risk species. Protecting the critical habitat on this property provides an opportunity for the base to seek possible mitigation credits against on-base actions. The partnership also furthers the coordinated planning efforts among the local governments and Travis AFB to ensure compatibility between community noise and safety concerns with military operations.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands that maintain local character
- Preserves habitat for threatened and endangered species
- Protects water resources

MILITARY

- Protects maneuver training capabilities
- Prevents electromagnetic interference
- Increases operational safety



A KC-10 Extender from Travis AFB refuels an F/A-22 Raptor (top). Airmen and Soldiers board a C-130 Hercules aircraft to participate in a training exercise (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Solano Land Trust
- Trust for Public Land

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2019

- » Acres preserved: **147**
- » Transactions conducted: **1**
- » Total funds expended: **\$539 thousand**
- » Project status: **Completed**

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