



## CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO

**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 residential housing.

Through the REPI Program, the installation is working with the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, to establish conservation easements on adjacent properties

that buffer the installation from the city of San Luis Obispo to the southeast. Preventing incompatible development allows the installation uninterrupted use of its airspace and to continue performing other training exercises that could lead to potential complaints about noise or dust.

This REPI project also preserves off-post habitat for threatened and endangered species, which reduces the risk 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 benefiting 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.

### BENEFIT SUMMARY

#### COMMUNITY

- Supports existing regional planning efforts
- Protects water resources
- Preserves threatened and endangered species

#### 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). U.S. Army Reserve combat engineer Soldiers from the 374<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company (Sapper), push a Zodiac boat onto a CH-47 Chinook helicopter at Lopez Lake during a two-week field exercise known as a Sapper Leader Course Prerequisite Training at Camp San Luis Obispo Military Installation, California. (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

### CONTACT

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### FAST FACTS FROM FY 2008 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	11	3,488	\$10.2 million

*Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding*