



ARMY COMPATIBLE USE BUFFER PROGRAM

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CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO ACUB



The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program creates land conservation partnerships between the Army and outside organizations to protect land from development that is incompatible with the military mission.

INSTALLATION BACKGROUND

Camp San Luis Obispo (CSLO) encompasses 5,612 acres along the west coast of California. CSLO provides military support for civil authority, counter-drug training, air assault, small arms training, basic rifle marksmanship, orienteering, combat medic, noncommissioned officer leadership training, officer candidate school, counter-terrorism tactics, common task training, Military Occupational Skill Qualification (MOSQ) schools, non-prior-service training, and pre-command courses. CSLO tenants include California Air National Guard units as well as state and civilian organizations.

Federal, state, and local organizations that train at CSLO include the CA ARNG, U.S. Army Reserve, units of the U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, California Conservation Corps, California Department of Corrections, California Specialized Training Institute, California State Military Reserve, Cuesta Community College, and the California Department of Transportation.

San Luis Obispo County has experienced substantial residential growth over the past several decades. Recent political pressure to further increase the county's housing availability presents a substantial risk for future incompatible development along the boundaries of CSLO. A great deal of the land surrounding the installation currently exists in the form of private ranch lands. Development has been limited to some degree by the availability of potable water as well as through traditional land use controls. However, when the infrastructure to deliver potable water is operational, residential "ranchette" style development is predicted to quickly follow. This has already been the case on numerous properties in the vicinity of the installation. Development adjacent to CSLO will impact training exercises due to residential complaints of noise and suspended particulate matter from vehicle activity

For more information

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and prescribed burning. Additional restrictions can be expected from regulatory encroachment regarding the utilization of water resources.

OBJECTIVE

The ACUB objective at Camp San Luis Obispo is to create a one-mile buffer on the installations east, south, and northwestern boundaries through the purchase of conservation easements. Furthermore, the ACUB program anticipates conservation of up to 1,500 additional acres from 72 separate tracts of land within three miles of CSLO's boundary. Establishing this buffer will enhance the training mission at CSLO by decreasing training related complaints. The buffer will also protect habitat for three federally listed water dependent species found in the vicinity of CSLO, including the California red-legged frog, Southern steelhead trout, and the Chorro creek bog thistle.

PRIMARY PARTNER: LAND CONSERVANCY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

The objective of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is to permanently protect and enhance lands having scenic, agricultural, habitat, and cultural values in San Luis Obispo County through voluntary and collaborative measures. For more information on the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County, visit <http://www.special-places.org/cm/Home.html>.

For more information on ACUB accomplishments, funding and other stakeholders please view the ACUB website at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/acub/acub00.html>

