



## Camp Roberts

### Town Hall Meeting

We are in the area of Camp Roberts. This pristine part of Central California happens to be prime habitat of the Federally Endangered San Joaquin Kit Fox. It is found just north of Paso Robles along California's historic El Camino Real, today known as Highway 101.

The area at Camp Roberts is "classic" central California; blond rolling hills dotted with green puffs of oak trees, and expansive valleys as far as the eye can see. It is part of the Nacimiento and Salinas watersheds covered in rare native plants making it an important home to many native animals including the San Joaquin Kit Fox.

Camp Roberts also happens to be the largest training camp used by the California National Guard, but it's starting to show its age. The facility is in need of serious upgrades. Building renovations began a few years ago, but they are proving to be more expensive than expected. The National Guard is considering abandoning Camp Roberts and relocating.

This reality comes at an interesting time as just a few miles to the south, an area known as Paso Robles is quickly becoming one of the hippest areas in the state with a booming restaurant scene, wineries, golf, art galleries, and easy access to hiking, kayaking, and mountain biking. Camp Roberts is the perfect location for expanding the growth of Paso Robles and providing housing for families that work in Paso Robles.

A development company is proposing to relocate the operations of the National Guard and take over Camp Roberts. They have proposed building needed apartments and homes for the expanding community. The company has plans to convert the historic military barracks into a chic hotel with restaurants operated by world-class chefs, perfect for visitors traveling to the area. They estimate the project will stimulate the local economy, bringing more than \$2,000,000.00 in revenue each year. In addition, this new project would provide needed jobs for over 10,000 workers. What a great way to help the people of California!

Although the land at Camp Roberts has been in use by the US Army and later, California Army National Guard, since the 1940's, most of the 42,768 acres were left untouched, making it a refuge for species like the San Joaquin Kit Fox. A massive development project like the one proposed would expand space humans occupy on a scale never seen in this area before.

**The people of the larger Camp Roberts area can't decide what to do!**

Is it possible to develop Camp Roberts and protect the San Joaquin Kit Fox? Should the community protect Camp Roberts from development and allow the habitat to remain in its natural state? A town hall meeting has been called to discuss the issue and decide what to do.