California Advisory Handbook for Community and Military Compatibility Planning

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The State of California, its cities and counties, and the Department of Defense (DOD) have a long history of partnership. The military has helped fuel our local and state economies by bringing installations, staff and support industry to the State. Military investment has contributed to making California home to technological innovation. This is largely due to the diverse landscape of California, which provides unique training opportunities that allow the US Armed Forces to prepare and stay ready to defend our nation.

California realizes that the military is not only an important part of our past and present; it is also an important part of our future. As our vibrant State continues to grow, we must be proactive to ensure that our local communities and our military bases continue to thrive in an atmosphere of mutual cooperation.

This California Advisory Handbook for Community and Military Compatibility Planning is a milestone towards encouraging local decision makers, land use planners, developers and the military to work together to achieve sustainability. It will serve as a resource to help them develop processes and plans that will sustain local economies, safeguard military readiness and protect the health and safety of California’s residents.

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