

PARTNERSHIP OF THE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT, ANALYSIS, REQUIREMENTS AND TECHNOLOGY (SMART) TEAM

BACKGROUND:

The SMART team was created by Mr. Fatz, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety, Occupational Health) as a result of a trip to Fort Ord where he saw the challenges of the land transfer first hand. He organized the SMART team concept in concert with the California Department of Toxic Substance Control, the Environmental Protection Agency Region IX and the U.S. The team's purpose is to assist with solving land transfer challenges thus helping to ensure safe and timely land transfers of Fort Ord property containing military munitions or unexploded ordnance (UXO). The team consists of senior members of the key decision-making agencies and organizations working in partnership focused on presenting innovative approaches or solutions to regulatory or technological issues hindering the transfer process. The team, drawing on experts from a wide variety of sources, will explore alternative actions to address specific issues or concerns. Their recommendations, arrived at through consensus, will be forwarded to the appropriate agency and/or organization decision authorities for implementation or action. This streamlined solution oriented process neither circumvents the current land transfer process or cedes any agency's legal authorities.

FOCUS:

The SMART team will focus on a number of issues among which are: establishing new venues for public involvement; investigating vegetation clearance; demonstrating promising ordnance detection technology and solving long-term questions, such as institutional controls at UXO sites.

MEMBERS:

The partnership consist of the Installation, the Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, the California Department of Toxic Substance Control, the Army's Hampton Field Office for Base Realignment and Closure, and the Army Secretariat for Installations and Environment. Retired U.S. Army Colonel Dick Wright who has more than 29 years of experience in the OE/UXO field and who served for four years as the Chairman of the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board will facilitate the meetings.

Mr. Wright encourages anyone with a concern to contact him directly at william.wright@mitretek.org