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Development of the Revised Fort Ord Habitat Management Plan (HMP)

Representatives from the Army, USFWS, and Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) met on March 15, 1996 to discuss modifications to the HMP. A telephone conference was held on March 28, 1996 which included a University of California (UC) representative. The discussion resulted in clarifications regarding revision of the HMP, including an agreement by UC or FORA to obtain the landfill parcel and manage a portion of it as habitat subject to review of liability and indemnification. Any final decision regarding acceptance of the landfill parcel is subject to approval by the respective governing body. A detailed amendment the HMP will be prepared by the Army and provided to affected parties for signature prior to publication. The following are the terms of the modifications for the Revised Habitat Management Plan.

- a) The requirement for the landfill parcel to be included as an HMP habitat management area is revised from being an Army responsibility to being a University of California or FORA responsibility. The Army will not be required to restore habitat on the landfill cap nor will the Army be required to perform habitat management activities in the parcel while the landfill is being remediated or in caretaker status.
- b) The University of California (if not UC, then FORA) will apply to obtain the landfill parcel as part of an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) transfer under terms of an existing MOA between the U.S. Army and UC. Following land transfer from the Army, UC or FORA will manage seventy-five percent (75%) of the landfill parcel (including the completed landfill cap) as habitat. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the parcel will be available for development. Other changes in boundaries and trade-offs of development and habitat areas will be made in the HMP as shown on the attached figure (Figure 5-11, Revised Habitat Management Plan for Former Fort Ord). This will satisfy basewide HMP habitat management requirements for all proposed development areas (shown as land areas with no HMP habitat preservation requirements on Figure 5-11).
- c) The other development areas adjacent to the BLM Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA) will be obtained as part of the FORA EDC. In these areas of undeveloped habitat adjacent to the NRMA, FORA will either arrange to have existing native habitat managed or construct and maintain fire breaks and vehicle barriers to separate these areas from the NRMA until such time as roads and other developments are constructed in these locations. (See attached figure for locations of fire breaks along the edge of the NRMA). This will replace the individual development parcel descriptions contained in the original HMP. The revised HMP will rely on this measure to accomplish the desired separation of habitat areas from future development areas. The land use specific requirements for development parcels will be removed in the revised HMP.

Note: Figure 5-11 referred herein is now Figure D-1 and Figure 5-13 in this SEIS.

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The following Agencies indicate concurrence in the elements of the Revised HMP.

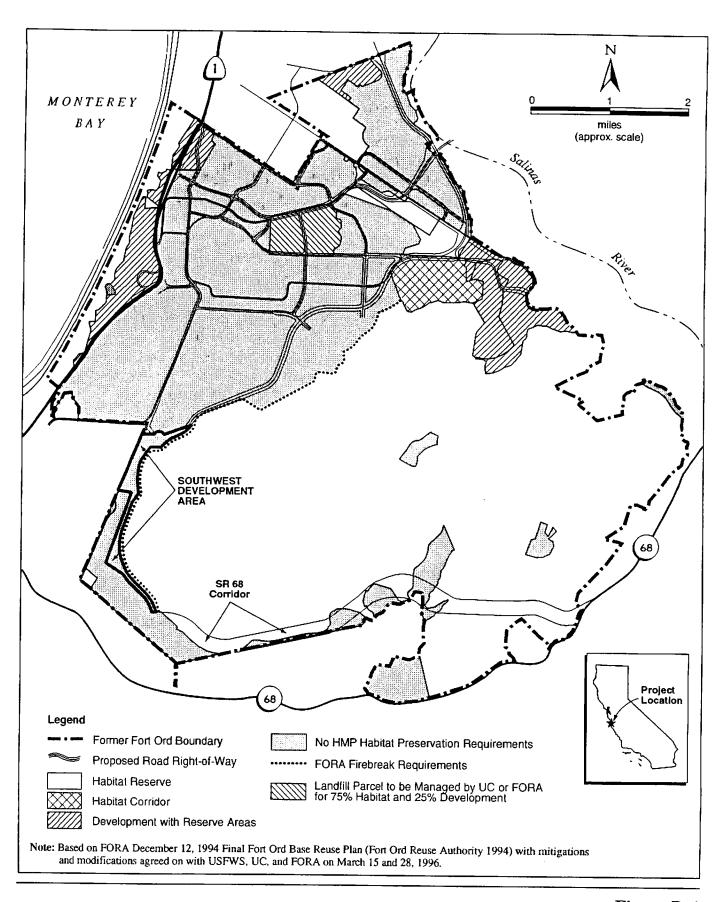


Figure D-1 Revised Habitat Management Plan for Former Fort Ord (same as Figure 5-13) (April 1996)