

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Approval Memorandum and other related documents are available at the following locations:

- Fort Ord Administrative Record, Bldg. 4463 Gigling Rd., Ord Military Community, phone (831) 393-9186 (appointments are recommended);
- California State University Monterey Bay Library, Bldg. 12/Third St., Seaside, CA, phone (831) 582-3733;
- Seaside Branch Library, 550 Harcourt Ave., Seaside, CA, phone (831) 899-2537; and
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