

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team
Meeting Minutes
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Fort Ord, CA**

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Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Community Relations	Update	by Melissa Broadston
Property Transfer	Update	by Derek Lieberman
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Stan Cook
Prescribed Burn Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
Fieldwork	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Site Security Program	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Area C	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Report Status	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Action Items	Review	by Natalie Gordon
Next Meeting	Schedule	by Natalie Gordon

Announcement – The Army provided an update on funding outlook:

1. BRAC headquarters has notified Fort Ord BRAC that MR program funding may be cut for 2020 and 2021. MEC work is funded for 2019. Soil and water cleanup as well as caretaker and safety functions will continue 2020-2021, but it is possible MEC program would have constrained funding.

Community Relations – The Army provided an update on community outreach:

1. Recent activities included: announcing the close of 2018 Prescribed Burn Season (14 Dec).
2. Responses to community comments are in progress for four sets of comments received.
3. Community Involvement Mobile Workshop will be held on 2 Feb. Technical Review Committee will be held 5 Feb. Topics include soil and groundwater cleanup.

Property Transfer – The Army provided an update on recent property transfer actions.

1. FOST 6 Parcel L36: No change. The Diocese of Monterey rescinded its Public Benefit Conveyance (PBC) request for FOST 6 Parcel L36 in 2005. The draft MOA amendment that was resubmitted to ELD on August 2, 2018 was forwarded to the Office of the Army General Counsel on 26 Sep to review on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA) Installations, Housing and Partnerships (IH&P).
2. FOST 11: No change. United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Sacramento District (SPK) Office of Counsel (SPK-OC) initiated review of the disposal package for FOST 11 on 2 Jul and completed deed review on 15 Aug. Once the title report review is complete, disposal package will be submitted to USACE HQ for further review. Disposal package for FOST 11 parcels will be reviewed following completion of FOST 12, parcel S2.1.2 title report.
3. FOST 12: Regional BRAC Coordinator at USACE Southwestern Division (SWD) approved new disposal package for E29b.3.1 and submitted to USACE HQ on 25 Sep. SPK-Real Estate (RE) submitted deed to FORA via email and mailed paper copies for execution on 4 Dec 2018.
4. A meeting between the ELD and the University of California (UC) to discuss the draft deed for S2.1.2 was held on 10 Apr. Two issues involving standard Army deed indemnity language and a reversion clause remain to be resolved. SPK-OC is developing a solution.
5. No changes to FOSET 1/4/5 CERCLA warranty document status. A US EPA remedy complete determination dated 27 Sep was issued for FOSET 5 parcels in Groups 2 and 3 and the Interim Action Ranges MRA. A deed modification for Group 2 properties is in development and will be used as a template for future deed modifications.

ESCA Update – FORA provided an update:

1. FORA provided a written update of the past month's ESCA technical and public outreach activities.

Prescribed Burn Program – The Army provided an update:

1. The Army's prescribed burn season is now closed for 2018.

Fieldwork/BLM Area B - The Army provided an updated on the status of fieldwork:

1. Vegetation mastication of Unit B-2A Trail 62 buffer began on 1/7/2019.
2. Surface removal on Unit B-2A Trail 62 buffer will begin following vegetation mastication. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) will be conducted in Unit B-2A Trail 62 buffer following surface removal.
3. DGM in Unit B is nearly complete. Subsurface removal is planned for trails in Unit B following DGM.
4. Subsurface removal is complete on Trails 16 and 56 in Unit B-3E (12-ft wide trail footprint).
5. Subsurface removal is complete on Trails 15, 16, and 57 in Unit B-3E-NE.

6. Subsurface removal in Unit C is now complete upon finishing Trail 70 this week.
7. Subsurface removal is in progress in Trail 65 in Unit B-3W; it is complete in the 100-ft buffer in B-3W.

Fieldwork/Track 3 Update – The Army provided an update on recent and planned fieldwork.

1. Surface removal for the fuel break and realignment work along Impossible Canyon Road and Wildcat Ridge Road is complete. DGM is complete and target digs are in progress.
2. Grid/Boundary Staking for DGM data gaps along Impossible Canyon Road and Wildcat Ridge is complete.
3. Metal Mapper (MM) 2x2 dynamic survey for the Fuel Breaks QC Digs project is in progress.
4. Mag and dig operations for the Watkins Gate Burn Area (WGBA) mortar pits restoration project are complete. Removal of up to 32 buildings in Impact Area units and Unit B-3W began on 7 Jan.
5. Intrusive investigation of anomalies for the Unit 23 Risk Reduction project began 9 Jan.
6. One demolition operation was completed on 12/19/2018 for 35 MPPEH items, including the four 4.2-inch mortars with smoke filler from Units 3 and B-2A.

Other Activities

1. Ranges 43-48 South fence construction project is in the planning stage.
2. Unit 3 Livens/Stokes investigation is complete.
3. Unit B-2A 4.2-inch mortar with smoke filler investigation is complete.

Range 48 Near-Surface Removal and DGM Survey Presentation

1. Surface removal was performed in Ranges 43-48 Interim Action site after prescribed burning in 2003. In 2016 111 items were found in the ground surface and near-surface within an 11-acre field study area in Range 48. The Army decided to conduct near-surface removal in a 32-acre area in the northern portion of Range 48. Vegetation cutting began on 7 Jan and will complete prior to 1 Feb due to Habitat Management Plan (HMP) species concerns. Following 1 June, near-surface removal will be performed followed by a DGM survey.

Map: Fieldwork Overview 2019 - Impact Area

1. Northern perimeter fence construction.
2. Range 48 vegetation cutting, surface removal, and DGM.
3. Unit 23 Risk Reduction project.
4. Subsurface removal on new fuel break on Impossible Canyon Road and Wildcat Ridge Road.
5. Building demolitions.
6. Fuel Breaks QC digs (advanced classification utilizing the dynamic metal mapper).
7. Annual surface monitoring will be conducted in 2019.

Map: Fieldwork Overview 2019 - BLM Area B

1. Work in Unit C is complete.
2. Work in Units B-3E and B-3-NE is complete.
3. Subsurface removal in Trail 65 in Unit B-3W is projected to finish tomorrow. Building demolition will be done in Unit B-3W.
4. No work in Unit A is planned for 2019.
5. DGM in Unit B is in progress. Following DGM, BLM will approve trail locations, and subsurface removal will be performed on trails.
6. Vegetation cutting, surface removal, and DGM in the Trail 62 buffer in Unit B-2A is in progress.
7. Subsurface removal on Little Moab and West Machine Gun Flats is complete. Other road segments will be done in the spring.

MMRP Site Security Program

1. One trespass incident was recorded since the last MR BCT meeting. Total of 10 incidents in 2018.
2. One munitions incident was reported since the last MR BCT meeting. Total of 9 incidents in 2018.
3. Community Education in 2018: 265 participants.
4. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training in 2018: 310 participants.

Report Status – The Army provided a review and update. The changes to the previous status reports are:

1. Draft Broadway Bypass Advanced Classification (AC) MEC remediation Remedial Action Report (RAR) is in progress.
2. MRS-BLM Vernal Pond Report (Impact Area) is in progress.
3. MRS-BLM Unit 3 Supplemental Report to address additional anomaly investigation as part of Livens/Stokes investigation is in development.
4. Draft Unit 25 RAR was issued 2 Nov. Comments were received from EPA and Fort Ord Community Advisory Group (FOCAG). DTSC doesn't have comments. Responses to comments (RTCs) are in progress.
5. Impact Area MRA Surface Remediation Area Annual Monitoring Report for 2018 will be issued in January.
6. A report for the Munitions with Sensitive Fuzes Field Study is in development.
7. Final Track 3 RD/RA Work Plan Update was mailed 7 Dec.
8. Revised BLM Area B B-3E TM was issued 15 Nov with RTCs. Agency concurrence was requested by 5 Dec. Deadline will be extended due to EPA furlough. DTSC provided concurrence.
9. BLM Area B Unit B-3W TM was issued 15 Nov. Comments were received from EPA and FOCAG. Draft RTCs are in progress. DTSC had no comment.
10. BLM Area B Vernal Ponds Report is in development.
11. BLM Area B Unit C TM was issued 10 Dec. Agency concurrence was requested by 9 Jan. Date for agency concurrence will be extended due to EPA's furlough.
12. Track 1 Plug-In Approval Memorandum BLM Area C was issued for 30-day public review which closed on 30 Nov. Draft RTCs have been provided for agency review.
13. LUC Annual Monitoring Report for 2017-2018 that includes Track 2 Del Rey Oaks MRA was received from FORA.

FFA Schedule – The Army provided an update that there are no changes to the FFA Schedule.

Action Items – Due action items were described as complete and pending items were reviewed.

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 1 Feb and 13 March. The next ESCA meeting will be held on 20 Feb.

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