

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)  
Meeting Minutes  
19 February 2020  
Fort Ord, CA**

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Acronyms

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| BLM   | Bureau of Land Management                         |
| DTSC  | California Department of Toxic Substances Control |
| EPA   | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency              |
| FORA  | Fort Ord Reuse Authority                          |
| USACE | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers                      |

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         |
| Fieldwork   | Update        | by Chieko Nozaki     |
| Site Security Program                               | Update        | by Chieko Nozaki     |
| Report Status                                       | Update        | by Chieko Nozaki     |
| Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule           | Update        | by Chieko Nozaki     |
| Action Items  | Review        | by Chieko Nozaki     |
| Next Meeting  | Schedule      | by Chieko Nozaki     |

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

1. Long term actions underway: The Army continues to conduct outreach related to munitions work and access management in the northern portion of the Fort Ord National Monument.
2. Recent activities included: FortOrdCleanup.com and the kiosks were updated with new trail access information on 1/31. Community involvement workshop with bus tours highlighting the groundwater cleanup and Operable Unit 2 Landfills was held 2/1; 120 community members participated. Technical Review Committee meeting was held 2/4. Subsequent to a tour and briefing given by the Army to a reporter in January, Monterey County Weekly published an article 2/6 on Fort Ord cleanup program.
3. Local news reported an incident on 2/16 in which City of Monterey Police Department was evacuated when a person brought a military device. Monterey County Bomb Squad responded. According to the Police Department the device was not from Fort Ord; it had been purchased by the individual several years prior in an outdoor market in San Jose. The Bomb Squad later confirmed it was inert.
4. Upcoming activities include: Information booth at local Earth Day events including California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and Presidio of Monterey (POM) in April; and guided walk in the Impact Area 5/2.

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

1. FOST 11 (Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1): USACE Sacramento District Real Estate (SPK-RE) submitted draft deed to FORA on 1/18/2019. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) transfers is at Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (ODASA), under review at Office of General Counsel (OGC). On 2/4/2020 FORA provided partial comments on draft deed.
2. FOST 13 (Parcel L36): No change. The amendment to EDC MOA includes L36 and is pending execution by DASA. The draft Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) is under internal review with the Army.
3. FOST 12 (Parcel E20c.1 to FORA): No change. Environmental Law Division (ELD) is coordinating with OGC whether Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) notice will be included.
4. FOST 12 (Parcel S2.1.2 to University of California [UC]): BRAC-D executed Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) recertification on 5/10/2019. SPK-RE sent complete deed to UC on 8/14/2019; as of 1/23, UC was working on necessary documentation for internal approvals.
5. FOSET 1 & 4 CERCLA warranty documents: No change.
6. FOSET 5 CERCLA warranty for non-ESCA parcels (City of Marina and County of Monterey parcels): No change. Under review at ELD.
7. FOSET 5 CERCLA warranty for ESCA CSUMB Parcel S1.3.2 (Group 2): Revised draft was resubmitted to ELD on 7/23/2019. It was provided to SPK-RE on 10/17/2019 and to FORA. When complete, it will be used as a template for other CERCLA warranty documents.
8. FOSET 5 CERCLA warranty for other ESCA parcels (listed by planned deed modification): In progress.

**ESCA Update** – FORA provided a written ESCA Program Status Report and an update:

1. FORA and BRAC will coordinate ESCA and Army signs with other Fort Ord property signs.
2. FORA is working with BRAC to update gate locks to improve law enforcement access to the ESCA Seaside and Del Rey Oaks properties.
3. FORA initiated a program to coordinate and document land use control implementation actions by FORA and local municipal entities involved in managing the ESCA properties. A meeting was held 2/5, information from which was used to develop a monthly report. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/4.

**Fieldwork/BLM Area B and MRS-16** - The Army provided an update on the status of fieldwork:

1. Current trail closure information (as of 2/1/2020) is posted on website and kiosks. Trails within Unit B were reopened for public access after receiving agency approvals. Trails within Units A remain closed.
2. All planned subsurface removals have been completed in Units B-3E, B-3E-NE, B-3W, C, B-2A, and B, and the road segments.
3. Subsurface MEC removal on the 12-ft wide trail footprints has been completed on Unit A Trails 65 (to be abandoned), 66, 67, 68, and 69.
4. Subsurface removal on additional road segments was completed 1/16/2020. Quality control is complete. Teams returned to three areas based on quality assurance findings.
5. Trails in Unit A will be opened for public use pending completion of sign installation and trail preparation this week.

**Fieldwork/Track 3 Update** - The Army provided an update on the status of fieldwork:

1. Fuel Breaks Additional Verification: Metal Mapper (MM) 2x2 dynamic survey was completed 4/16/2019 (25.5 acres). The MM 2x2 cued survey was completed 11/26/2019. 10,200 cued targets were identified for intrusive investigation and were investigated. An additional 225 validation targets were also intrusively investigated. Targets in the northern portion (north of Hawkeye Road) will not be intrusively investigated under the current munitions contract due to its schedule. Based on quality assurance findings several targets were reanalyzed, however, the review did not warrant any additional intrusive investigation.
2. Range 48 Northern Portion: Near-surface MEC removal (up to 6 inches in depth) was completed 12/9/2019. Digital geophysical mapping was completed in 12/17/2019. Quality control was completed 2/3/2020. Quality assurance process is in progress.
3. Demolitions operation was last conducted on 1/8/2020. Nine off-site shipments of munitions decries (MD) have been completed to date.
4. USACE described closeout and transition activities associated with the close of the current munitions contract on 3/31/2020.

**MMRP Safety and Site Security** – The Army provided a description of recent MEC, trespass, and security incidents, community education events, and related training:

1. Trespass Incident Reports
  - a. Last 19 days (1/31/2020-2/18/2020): 2
  - b. 2/12/2020 trespass. BLM law enforcement cited three equestrians for trespassing off trail between Trail 65 and Eucalyptus Road. This is in MRS-16 in the Army-owned portion of the Fort Ord National Monument.
  - c. 2/16/2020 trespass. POM Police Department contacted a cyclist for trespassing off Little Moab Road in the Army-owned portion of the Fort Ord National Monument.
  - d. 2020 year to date: 4
2. Munitions Incident Reports
  - a. Last 19 days (1/31/2020-2/18/2020): 0
  - b. 2020 year to date: 0
3. Community Education Participants
  - a. 2019 total: 240
  - b. 2020 through 2/28/2020: 0
4. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants
  - a. 2020 through 2/18/2020: 14
5. Annual meeting of the MRS Security Committee is scheduled for 2/26/2020.

**Report Status**—The Army provided a review and update. The changes to the previous status report are:

1. Draft MRS-BLM Non-Burn, Technical Information Paper (TIP) for the Impact Area fuel breaks is scheduled for submittal in March. The Army provided a briefing on the upcoming document.
2. MRS-BLM Non-Burn, report on structure removal will be issued in March.
3. MRS-BLM Non-Burn, report on subsurface removal in Watkins Gate Burn Area mortar pit was issued 1/6 addressing agency comments. DTSC and EPA provided letters indicating no comment. The document will be finalized.
4. Draft Ranges 43-48 South Remedial Action Report (RAR) is scheduled for publication in March. The Army provided a briefing on the upcoming document.
5. Draft final MRS-BLM Unit 23 MEC Risk Reduction Activity Technical Memorandum (TM) was issued 2/10. Agency review is requested by 3/14.
6. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 23 RAR was submitted 1/29. Agency review is requested by 3/3.
7. MRS-BLM Unit 31 Technical Information Paper (TIP) was issued 12/18/2019 for agency review. DTSC provided a letter indicating no comment. The Army will address EPA comments.
8. Impact Area MRA Sensitive Fuze-type Munitions Field Study Report was issued 1/14 addressing DTSC comments. DTSC provided a letter indicating no comment. EPA deferred to DTSC. The document will be finalized.
9. Impact Area MRA Surface Remediation Area Annual Monitoring Report was submitted 1/31.
10. BLM Area B B-2A TM was issued 1/9 addressing agency comments. DTSC and EPA provided letters indicating no comment. The Army will respond to community comments.
11. BLM Area B Vernal Ponds geophysical anomaly investigation report was issued 1/14 addressing agency comments. DTSC provided comments. EPA comments are pending.
12. BLM Area B Unit B TM was issued 1/13 addressing agency comments. DTSC and EPA provided letters indicating no comment. The Army will respond to community comments.
13. BLM Area B Unit B TIP for public access was submitted 1/29/2020. The regulatory agencies approved the trail use as described. The Army will respond to community comments.
14. Draft BLM Area B RAR (2017-2019) is scheduled to be issued in March. The Army provided a briefing on the upcoming document.
15. BLM Area B Unit A TIP was issued 12/18/2019. The Army will address agency comments.
16. Annual report of land use control monitoring for three parcels in Track 2 Parker Flats MRA was submitted 2/12.

**FFA Schedule** – The Army will update the FFA schedules to identify the Ranges 43-48 South RAR and BLM Area B RAR (2017-2019).

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 3/18 and 5/1.

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