

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
21 September 2022**

Member/Attendees

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| Maeve Clancy, USEPA | Melissa Broadston, City of Seaside ESCA |
| Erin Corr, USACE (phone) | Ben Havens-Stokes, City of Seaside ESCA |
| Brett Leary, DTSC (phone) | Jason No, Chenega |
| Steve Crane, Kemron (phone) | Cary Stiebel, Chenega |
| Aaron Kochman, Chenega (phone) | Chieko Nozaki, Chenega |
| Nancy Lam, USACE (phone) | Eric Morgan, BLM |
| Derek Lieberman, Ahtna (phone) | Bill Collins, Fort Ord BRAC |
| Duane White, DTSC (phone) | Curtis Payton, USACE |
| Val Valdez, Chenega | Bridget Floyd, USACE |
| Hudson Facchini, Chenega | |

Acronyms

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| BLM | Bureau of Land Management |
| DTSC | California Department of Toxic Substances Control |
| USEPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| USACE | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| ESCA | Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement |
| BRAC | Base Realignment and Closure |

Agenda

| Item | Action | Comments |
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| Community Relations | Update | by Jason No |
| Property Transfer | Update | by Derek Lieberman |
| Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement | Update by City of Seaside | by Ben Havens-Stokes |
| Site Security Program | Update | by Hudson Facchini |
| Fieldwork / Impact Area Munitions Response Area | Update | by Steve Crane -Unit 5 Remedial Action |
| Report Status | Update | by Chieko Nozaki |
| Federal Facility Agreement Schedule | Update | by Chieko Nozaki |
| Action Items | Review | by Chieko Nozaki |
| Next Meetings | Schedule | by Chieko Nozaki -December 8, 2022 |

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

1. Long Term Actions Underway: Fort Ord Annual Report in progress. Analysis of 2021 community survey in progress.
2. Recent Activities: The Community Involvement Workshop (CIW) scheduled for 7/23 was cancelled due to high level of coronavirus transmission. Cancellation notices were sent via mail,

email and website, and Army staff attended the event location on 7/23 to meet community members who might visit the event. Conducted a Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting on 7/26. 8/19 conducted annual munitions safety training to York School (200 in attendance). 9/16 mailed munitions safety presentation offer letters to local schools (41).

3. Upcoming Activities: Publication of Public Comment Period of Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) Number 11 Amendment No. 1 in local newspapers is tentatively planned. Notice of Availability of Basewide Record of Decision (ROD), Site 33, Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) in local newspapers is planned. Notice of Availability of completed Five-Year Review in local newspapers is tentatively planned. On 10/1 Fort Ord Cleanup will participate in Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day with Monterey Off Road Cycling Association. BRAC will support and participate in the Public Lands Day at Fort Ord National Monument (FONM) on 10/22.
4. Community Comments: Responses to community comments on Draft Final Sites 2 and 12 Sites Closure Exit Strategy, will be sent soon.
5. The Army completed annual review of Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol status and found no changes.

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

1. Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 6: Parcel F2.7.2 Site 33
 - a. The ESD addresses Golf Course Maintenance Area removal of residential use restriction. Final ESD signature process was completed on 9/21. USACE Sacramento (SPK) Real Estate (RE) has submitted draft deed to USACE Headquarters (HQ). It will be supplemented with the signed ESD and sent to SPK-Office of Counsel (OC) for concurrence prior to execution.
2. FOST 11: Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1.
 - a. 7/7 Environmental Law Division (ELD) coordinating revised memo to file with Office of General Counsel (OGC), will submit to USEPA and DTSC for review. Target transfer date is 9/30.
3. FOST 12:
 - a. E20c.1 to Seaside – The draft deed is under ELD review and modification.
 - b. S2.1.2 to University of California (UC) pending completion of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) investigation.
4. FOST 13:
 - a. Draft Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) update submitted to BRAC-D and ELD on 8/15. On 9/18 ELD had no comments on draft ECP update. Target transfer date 9/30.
5. FOSET 1 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Warranties
 - a. Parcel L5.1.1 (Public Benefit Conveyance, FAAF MRS-34) – SPK-RE is coordinating with the City of Marina.
 - b. Parcel L5.1.1.1(Economic Benefit Conveyance, FAAF MRS-34) – SPK-RE submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13, execution to be expected in October 2022.
6. FOSET 4 CERCLA Warranty:
 - a. As there have been several property transactions, SPK-RE is coordinating the process with the City of Del Rey Oaks.
7. FOSET 5 Non-ESCA CERCLA Warranties:
 - a. City of Marina Parcels E4.3.2.2, E4.7.1, E5a.1, and L5.10.1 – SPK-RE submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13. County of Monterey Parcel E4.7.2 – SPK-RE submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13. Execution for both is expected in October 2022.
8. PARCEL L20.4 (Oil Well Rd) transfer to Bureau of Land Management (BLM):

- a. Draft ECP updated and submitted to BRAC-D and ELD on 7/26. SPK-RE coordinated with BLM on 9/1. ELD comments on draft ECP update received on 9/18. Target transfer date was 8/31, to be extended. BLM requested the description of environmental conditions used in the transfer package.
- 9. USEPA noted that it responded to a request for environmental information regarding a transferred parcel within the City of Marina planned for a housing project.

Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) – City of Seaside provided an update.

- 1. Recent Actions and Tasks: 7/21 held quarterly presentation at the Seaside City Council meeting. 9/7 held quarterly Long-Term Obligations (LTO) meetings with Police, Permits, Planning and Property Managers. Site inspections are consistently performed from week to week amongst the different jurisdictions.
- 2. Reports: Working with Monterey County for more efficient annual report submittals in the future. Each jurisdiction is required to send the report to Monterey County by 9/30 for internal review prior to submittal to DTSC.
- 3. Trespassing: Seaside and Del Rey Oaks continue to closely monitor the southern areas of Seaside east, bordering Del Rey Oaks. All-terrain vehicles were reported as being used at night. California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Police Department removed a tent located in Parcel E19a.3; no ground disturbances or munitions were found. General Jim Moore Boulevard Shared Pipeline Bypass Project has been delayed due to supply chain issues; after action report will be issued once field work is complete. Final On-Call Construction Support Plan Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project, Phase 4 in Parker Flats Munitions Response Area (MRA), fieldwork is on hold; the bid process has been initiated and work is expected to start late 2022.
- 4. Administrative and Fieldwork Updates: Ongoing updates on ESCA signs, replacing with new ones as needed. Held ESCA refresher training with Monterey Peninsula College (MPC), City of Monterey, and Monterey County. ESCA refresher training to be offered to CSUMB and Del Rey Oaks in October. MPC installed several property signs and are working with ESCA and Cemetery staff to install additional signs. Review and training specific to development of the next annual Land Use Control (LUC) report is underway. Continued monitoring of Eucalyptus Road as daytime parking to the FONM. ESCA is encouraging reusers to check deeds and LUC data.
- 5. Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training
 - a. July: 54 individuals completed the training in July.
 - b. August: 41 individuals completed the training in August.

Site Security Program – The Army provided a description of recent munitions, trespass, and security incidents, community education events, and related training.

- 1. Ongoing and Recent Actions: Presidio of Monterey (POM) Police Department and BLM Law Enforcement perform routine perimeter checks of Impact Area. BRAC office performs three site inspections per week. Six motion activated cameras are in the Impact Area for trespass monitoring. BLM perimeter fence inspection and repairs routinely performed. Parker Flats gate closure during weekend started 8/5. In-person military munitions training performed by POM Police Department and POM Fire Department.
- 2. Anticipated issues and actions: Main program priority remains deterring and/or citing trespassers. Additional fortifications being considered for the area of most trespass, Impossible Canyon North gate.

3. Reports (year to date): 24 year to date reports or evidence of trespassing. Since last meeting, 4 incidents in July and 5 incidents in August. 13 year to date reports of incidental munition encounters. Since last meeting, 1 incident in both July and August. Currently have 200+ Community Education participants from a presentation at York School on 8/19. 143 year to date in-person Munitions Recognition and Safety Training participants. July and August have higher numbers due to the POM Police Department and POM Fire Department trainings.
4. Trespass and Evidence of Trespass Incident Summary Table: Since the last BCT Meeting, there have been 9 new trespass incidents or evidence of trespass. One incident on 7/26 is considered major due to possible ground disturbing actions that could have occurred in the Impact Area. Most of the recent trespasses have occurred near the Impossible Canyon North gate.
5. Munitions Incident Summary Table: Since the last BCT Meeting, there have been 2 new munitions incidents. The first was in a Track 0 area in the University Villages and was confirmed not a military munition. The second incident was of a munitions debris in the Impact Area MRA off Broadway Bypass.

Fieldwork / Impact Area Munitions Response Area – Kemron provided an update on the status of fieldwork.

1. Unit 5 Remedial Action Status Update: Unit 5 munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) surface removal began 7/18. 98% of the Unit 5 surface removal has been performed as of 9/19. Expected completion date is 9/23.
2. Material Potentially Presenting an Explosive Hazard (MPPEH) Finds: 20 MPPEH items have been discovered in Unit 5 during surface removal. Items include: 75mm, 37mm, and 40mm projectiles and practice hand grenades. Items were placed in secure storage in the Explosives Storage Location (ESL).
3. Demolition Operations: The three 40 mm items were destroyed via blow in place operations on 8/4, 8/15, and 8/18. Consolidated shot is planned for 9/26 at the end of subsurface MEC removal in Pond 21.
4. Munitions Debris (MD) Scrap Sorting and Recycling: MD scrap sorting to be performed last week of the month (4,231 lbs. through 9/19).
5. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM): Held a preparatory meeting on 9/12 for Unit 5 DGM and subsurface MEC removal for Pond 21. 5.5 acres of DGM in Unit 5 is complete (3%) as of 9/19. DGM expected completion date is 11/29.
6. Subsurface MEC removal in Pond 21: Expected to be done in 4 days, field operations began on 9/19. USACE Field Biologist is recording the ground disturbance in accordance with the vernal pond investigation procedures. As of 9/19 pond investigations were 21% complete, expected to finish by end of day.
7. Basewide Range Assessment (BRA): BRA site reconnaissance work plan will be finalized after completion of surface removal and observing potential waypoints for inclusion in the proposed BRA walking path through Unit 5. This is expected to occur in early October.
8. 2022 Annual Surface Monitoring (ASM) Update: Project was awarded on 8/31. Currently preparing the work plan. ASM field work will be completed before Christmas.

Report Status and Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule – The Army provided a review and update.

1. A part of the Interim LUC implementation plan for the Impact Area MRA safety information for wildfire response was updated in July. Monterey County is due to submit the Land Use Covenant Annual Monitoring Report for transferred parcels by 12/1.
2. The FFA schedule is current for the MR program.

Action Items – Statuses of action items from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Next Meetings – The next MR BCT meeting was scheduled for 12/8/2022.