

**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 Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)
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 Erin Caruso
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. Recent activities included: hosting a Community Involvement Mobile Workshop (CIW) focused on munitions cleanup and prescribed burns (14 Jul); hosting the Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting (17 Jul); providing a cleanup briefing to Naval Support Activities Monterey Bay/Naval Postgraduate School (2 Aug); leading a bus tour for local senior center (7 Aug); and providing an annual munitions safety presentation to York School (10 Aug).
2. Long term actions underway include: continuing outreach related to munitions cleanup work in the northern portion of the Fort Ord National Monument; responding to email and hotline inquiries and direct notification requests for the 2018 burn season – 680 participants enrolled as of 4 Aug; publishing the draft community survey analysis report; and sending Fort Ord Annual Report, which is expected to be mailed in late August to approximately 65,000 addresses.
3. Upcoming outreach activities include: leading another bus tour for local senior center (17 Aug); providing a habitat management presentation to California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) (27 Aug); and providing an information booth at the Monterey County Fair (31 Aug).

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

1. FOST 6 Parcel L36: No changes from last MR BCT. Parcel will be transferred to FORA as an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) parcel. A draft memorandum of agreement (MOA) amendment is under review by the Army Environmental Law Division (ELD).
2. FOST 11: Executed by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA) on 30 Oct. The draft deed was reviewed by USACE Sacramento District (SPK) Real Estate (RE) and was forwarded to SPK Office of Counsel (OC) on 20 Feb. Legal review of the property disposal package for two parcels described by FOST 11 was completed by SPK-OC. The disposal package is to be submitted to USACE HQ.
3. FOST 12: SPK-RE submitted disposal package for Parcel E29b.3.1 to USACE HQ on 1 May. The USACE Southwest Division (SWD) required the information paper to be revised and resubmitted. Disposal package was approved by the USACE Regional BRAC Coordinator in early August. FORA will likely be asked to re-execute the deed for E29b.3.1. For Parcel S2.1.2 to University of California (UC), a meeting between ELD, SPK-RE and UC was held on 10 Apr to resolve minor comments on the deed. Two issues remain to be resolved by ELD. Disposal package will be submitted to USACE HQ after SPK OC approves title report.
4. FOSET 1/4/5: No changes. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) draft warranty documents are under review with ELD. Once completed, copies will be provided to EPA and DTSC. CERCLA Warranty for Parcel S1.3.2 (Group 2 CSUMB Off-Campus Munitions Response Area (MRA)) and Group 3 parcels (Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRA, Laguna Seca Parking MRA, MOUT Site MRA) are pending finalization of their respective Group 2 and Group 3 Land Use Control Implementation Plan (LUCIP)/Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan and remedy complete determinations. Since LUCIP for Interim Action Ranges (IAR) was finalized, CERCLA Warranty for the IRA MRA is pending remedy complete determination. CERCLA warranty documents for parcels associated with ESCA Group 1 and Group 4 MRAs are pending LUCIP/O&M Plans and subsequent remedy complete determinations.
5. Parcel L20.4 (Oil Well Rd) transfer to BLM: No change. Letter of Transfer (LOT) is under review at OGC to be executed by DASA with an objective of the parcel being transferred by end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. LOT revisions/updates may be required due to time lapse.

ESCA Update – FORA provided an update:

1. Monterey One Water (formerly Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency [MRWPCA]) Pure Water Project Phase 2 work in the northern part of Seaside MRA continues. FORA and Monterey One Water will coordinate pipe installation along Blue Line Road so that one lane will remain open during work.

2. The Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well Site Expansion project planning is in progress.
3. The medical officer's barracks restoration project has been postponed. Permitting is in progress. FORA is working with the agencies on Group 1 properties to finish up documentation, which should be complete around the time that this project, which is a Group 1 property, is ready to begin.

Prescribed Burn Update – The Army provided an update:

- The burn team was onsite week of 6 Aug. During their visit, the burn team identified additional mastication needed in the southern containment line (CL) of Unit A to address heavy regrowth.
- Burn resources are currently unavailable due to multiple large wildfires throughout California and the western U.S.
- The required 8-hr fire training was held on 7 Aug for field personnel.
- Radio communication issues from 2017 prescribed burn were identified and potential solutions and upgrades are being explored.
- The next burn prep meeting is scheduled for 16 Aug and a burn contingency meeting between POMFD and local law enforcement is being coordinated.

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

1. The BLM Area B website and area kiosks are being maintained with current road and trail closure information. The most recent updates were made 13 Aug.
2. Notice and warning signs, trail closures, and boundary fences are in place around the current work areas in Units B, C, B-3W, B-3E and B-2A. Boundary fences are being placed around Unit A as vegetation removal continues.
3. Vegetation removal in support of 2018 prescribed burns has been underway since 4 Jun. Unit 31 mastication is complete and unit is burn ready. Mastication in Unit A containment lines (CL) is in progress and is expected to be complete by 20 Aug.
4. Manual vegetation removal along Trail 62 12-foot trail footprint was started 14 Aug. This work precedes surface MEC removal, person-portable DGM, and subsurface MEC removal on the trail footprint. The MEC removal results will provide additional information on how to address the remaining vegetation along the Trail 62 buffer.
5. Surface MEC removal is complete in Units B (except for one grid) and C. Surface MEC removal is in progress in Unit A CLs.
6. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) is complete in Unit B-3E except for the area of heavy tree density that includes Toro manzanita near Trail 56. Due to planned future use and BLM's request to retain trail character, no additional vegetation cutting to collect DGM data is recommended. The portions of Trail 56 that have no DGM data will be subsurface cleared using analog method.
7. DGM is complete in Unit B-3W except for approximately five acres that were inaccessible due to dense stands of trees. DGM is in progress in Unit C burn area.
8. The new temporary fuel break road, named Lion's Revenge Road, on the north side of Unit A is complete. Planning for subsurface MEC removal in Area B trails is underway.
9. To address possible additional unknown filler items that could be present in Unit B-2A, investigation of DGM targets with the potential to be 4.2-inch mortars was started on 7 Aug using Metal Mapper 2x2 to cue the anomalies and develop a target list. Intrusive investigation of targets of interest will occur following advanced classification work.

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

1. In Unit 3, DGM targets above the 250mV threshold that have the potential to be a Livens or 4-in. Stokes mortar projectile were previously investigated. A total of 126 targets within areas of interest were intrusively investigated. To remove uncertainty 189 DGM targets above the 250mV threshold that are outside of the original areas of interest, will be investigated. The work is

expected to be conducted concurrently or subsequent to the Unit B-2A 4.2-in investigation in Area B so that any unknown filler items can be addressed at one time.

2. Vegetation removal began along approximately 14 acres of fuel breaks designated for realignment or additional DGM (e.g. under asphalt) on Impossible Canyon and Wildcat Ridge Roads. DGM and subsurface MEC removal activities will begin following mastication.
3. The Unit 23 Risk Reduction MetalMapper 2x2 cued survey of 1,279 target picks (from EM-61 survey) for potential near-surface large ordnance items is complete. Intrusive investigation of the anomalies will begin as soon as a target dig list is finalized.
4. Additional verification fieldwork will be conducted in specific segments of fuel breaks as part of the Fuel Breaks Quality Control (QC) work. This activity is scheduled to begin once Unit A is burn ready.
5. Impact Area restoration projects and erosion control activities are ongoing, including the Watkins Gate Burn Area (WGBA) mortar pits and Austin Road latrine depression. Work to remove up to 32 buildings in Impact Area units and Unit B-3W is expected to proceed in late August.
6. No detonation operations nor scrap sorting have been conducted since the last MR BCT meeting.
7. Target digs for subsurface removal in the second half of Broadway Bypass are complete. A remedial action report (RAR) is in development.
8. The Munitions with Sensitive Fuzes Field Study MetalMapper 2x2 dynamic and cued surveys and excavation of target digs are complete. A study findings report is in development.
9. The Vernal Pools Investigation final target dig list has been developed and Metal Mapper 2x2 is scheduled to begin cuing these targets in late August.
10. Current data from the approximately 56,000 linear feet (LF) of transects that were completed as part of the Units 13/17/20 Field Evaluation Phase 2 field work have been evaluated and a report of findings and recommendations is in development.
11. Annual Surface Monitoring report is in development.

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

1. No trespass incidents were recorded since the last MR BCT meeting.
2. No munitions incidents were reported since the last MR BCT meeting.
3. Community Education for 2018 – 265 participants.

BLM Area C – The Army provided an overview of BLM Area C as a Track 1 site.

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

1. Draft final MRS-BLM Units 1/2/3 Remedial Action Report (RAR) was issued 31 May. Comments were received from DTSC and EPA had no comment. A call was held with DTSC and response to comments (RTCs) are in progress.
2. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 28 RAR was issued 31 May. Comments were received from EPA and DTSC and RTCs are being developed.
3. The MRS-BLM Unit 25 RAR is in development.
4. Draft Track 3 Remedial Design (RD)/Remedial Action (RA) Work Plan Update was issued on 11 Jun for agency review. Comments were received from EPA, DTSC and CAG. RTCs are being developed.
5. Draft final BLM Area B Units B/C Prescribed Burn After Action Report was issued 31 May. Comments were received from EPA and MBARD. DTSC had no comment. RTCs are being finalized.
6. BLM Area B B-3E-NE TM (Revision A) was issued 10 Jul. Comments were received from CAG and EPA. DTSC had no comment. RTCs are being developed.
7. Draft Track 1 Plug-In Approval Memorandum BLM Area C was issued 31 Jul. Comments are requested by 5 Sep.

FFA Schedule – The Army provided updates to the FFA Schedule:

1. Draft updated FFA schedule for BLM Area C is awaiting agency approval.

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for September 12 at 10am and October 10 at 10am in the Fort Ord BRAC conference room.

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