

**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 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. Recent activities include: participating in a Fire Contingency Briefing to local fire and law enforcement agencies (12 Sep) and providing a cleanup presentation at the annual Monterey County Hazardous Waste Symposium (25 Sep).
2. Long-term activities underway include: continuing outreach activities related to munitions cleanup work in the northern portion of the Fort Ord National Monument; responding to burn program inquiries and direct notification enrollment requests; and completing evaluation of the 2017 Community Survey/publishing the draft analysis report. The 2019 Community Survey form was updated following regulatory agency review. Direct Notification Program as of 24 Sep – 952 participants.
3. Upcoming activities include: hosting a bus tour for Monterey County Health Department (25 Oct); participating in Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Fort Ord National Monument (FONM) Public Lands Day (27 Oct); providing a Fort Ord presentation for California Geology Symposium (1 Nov); and providing a Fort Ord cleanup presentation at the Invasive Weeds Symposium (10 Nov).
4. Public notices of availability of two records of decision for the ESCA areas are pending publication.

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

1. FOST 6 Parcel L36: Parcel will be transferred to FORA as an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) parcel. A draft memorandum of agreement (MOA) amendment was reviewed by the Army Environmental Law Division (ELD) and forwarded to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) 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: 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. SPK-OC completed deed review on 15 Aug and the disposal package will be submitted to USACE Headquarters (HQ) for further review following FOST 12, Parcel S2.1.2.
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. The disposal package was approved by USACE Regional BRAC Coordinator and submitted to USACE HQ on 25 Sep. 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: Groups 1 and 4 Records of Decision (RODs) have been signed. Land Use Control Implementation Plans (LUCIPs) for Group 1 and Group 4 are at the draft stages. LUCIPs for Group 2 CSUMB Off-Campus Munitions Response Area (MRA), Group 3 parcels, and Interim Action Ranges (IAR) have been finalized and an US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) remedy complete determination dated 27 Sep was issued for FOSET 5 parcels in Groups 2 and 3 and the Interim Action Ranges MRA. Group 2 deed modification is at FOBRAC for internal review.
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. LOT revisions/updates may be required due to time lapse.

ESCA Update – FORA provided an update:

1. FORA provided a written update of the past month's ESCA technical and public outreach activities. The FORA ESCA Team has completed known ESCA munitions response field work. Two projects on ESCA property are operating under FORA Rights of Entry with FORA provided UXO Awareness Training and Construction Support Plans (CSP): they are the Pure Water Project and the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Wellsite Expansion Project. FORA and the Project teams are coordinating access so that Army, BLM and others can continue to access the Seaside ESCA Parcels during construction.

Prescribed Burn Update – The Army provided an update:

1. Burn preparation for BLM Area B Unit A is complete. A request by Monterey County Regional Fire District (MCRFD) for additional vegetation removal along Watkins Gate Road east of Addington Road and outside of the secondary containment line (CL) resulted in the removal of downed trees and debris along that section of Watkins Gate Road but no additional cutting was deemed necessary by Presidio of Monterey (POM) Fire Department.
2. Batteries have arrived for the newly acquired tactical radios, which have been programmed and for which training was provided to the contractors.
3. There are potential burn days in the approaching week. Meteorology is monitoring the weather and Kemron is checking on equipment availability.
4. Fuel moistures continue to show low live fuel moisture and marginally high dead fuel moisture levels.

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 next update is planned for 11 Oct.
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. Trail closures and boundary fences are being removed from Unit A pending the prescribed burn.
3. Required vegetation removal in support of 2018 prescribed burns in Unit 31 and Unit A containment lines (CLs) is complete. Some additional non-critical mowing in secondary and tertiary CLs continues.
4. Surface MEC removal is 100% complete in Unit B following removal of large debris from the remaining grid. Surface MEC removal is complete in Unit A CLs and the 16 acres north of Lion's Revenge Road. Surface MEC removal, conducted concurrently with subsurface MEC removal, in the 12-foot trail footprint of Trail 62 in Unit B-2A, was completed on 13 Sep.
5. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) in Unit C burn area is complete. DGM in Unit B burn area is in progress.
6. Subsurface MEC removal in the 12-foot wide Trail 62 footprint in Unit B-2A is complete. Subsurface MEC removal in the Unit B-3W 100-foot buffer and in Trails 16 and 56 in Unit B-3E is in progress.
7. Intrusive investigation of 69 targets of interest for the Unit B-2A 4.2-inch mortar with unknown filler investigation is in progress.

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

1. In Unit 3, intrusive investigation of the remaining 189 DGM targets above the 250mV threshold (outside of the original areas of interest) is in progress.
2. Vegetation removal to support fuel break realignment or additional DGM (e.g. under asphalt) on Impossible Canyon and Wildcat Ridge Roads is complete. Surface MEC removal in the fuel break grids is in progress. DGM and subsurface MEC removal activities will begin following completion of surface MEC removal.
3. The Unit 23 Risk Reduction MetalMapper 2x2 cued survey of 1,279 target picks for potential near-surface large ordnance items is complete and a target dig list has been finalized. Intrusive investigation is expected to begin following completion of higher priority work.
4. Mowing is in progress to support additional verification fieldwork to be conducted in specific segments of fuel breaks as part of the Fuel Breaks Quality Control (QC) work.
5. Preliminary work has begun on the Watkins Gate Burn Area (WGBA) mortar pits restoration project. Work to remove up to 32 buildings in Impact Area units and Unit B-3W is expected to proceed following additional asbestos and lead-based paint sampling.
6. No detonation operations were conducted since the last MR BCT. MD scrap sorting, which was restarted on 29 Aug was completed in early September and will remain on hold pending additional MD accumulation.

7. Intrusive investigation of 436 targets of interest across approximately 15 vernal ponds (in the Impact Area MRA and BLM Area B) as part of the Vernal Pools Investigation began on 10 Oct. An approach to perform target excavation while minimizing impacts to the ponds is being implemented and a USACE geologist is assisting the UXO team with the process.

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 draft document has been reviewed by the agencies and comments were received. The document will be updated based on the comments. The document will also be updated to provide the results of additional surface MEC removal work in the 16 acres north of Lion's Revenge Road. Public review will be scheduled following agency review of the revised document.

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

1. Draft MRS-BLM Non-Burn Fuelbreaks Remedial Action Report (RAR) for Broadway Bypass is in progress. Proposed issue date of 19 Oct may be revised.
2. MRS-BLM Non-Burn Vernal Ponds Field Work Variance (FWV) will be issued to document special methods used in target excavation as part of that work.
3. Final MRS-BLM Units 1/2/3 RAR was issued 27 Aug. A Revised Final MRS-BLM Units 1/2/3 RAR was issued on 27 Sep to address revisions to Figures 4 and 7.
4. MRS-BLM Unit 3 FWV to address additional anomaly investigation for potential 4-inch Stokes with unknown filler was issued 3 Oct.
5. Draft final MRS-BLM Unit 28 RAR is in agency review. Comments are requested by 10 Oct. DTSC letter has been received.
6. The MRS-BLM Unit 25 RAR is in development.
7. Draft final Track 3 Remedial Design (RD)/Remedial Action (RA) Work Plan Update was issued on 31 Aug and is in agency review. Comments are requested by 10 Oct. DTSC letter has been received.
8. BLM Area B B-3E-NE Technical Memorandum (TM) (Revision A) was issued 10 Jul. Responses to comments received were forwarded to the regulatory agencies on 30 Aug. Letters of concurrence have been received from EPA and DTSC.
9. BLM Area B B-3E TM was issued 28 Sep and is in agency review. Concurrence is requested by 1 Nov. DTSC letter has been received.
10. BLM Area B B-2A FWV to document procedures for the 4.2-inch investigation was signed on 19 Sep.
11. Draft Track 1 Plug-In Approval Memorandum BLM Area C was issued 31 Jul. Comments are being addressed.

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

1. Track 2 and Track 3 Draft FFA schedules are in agency review.

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

The next meeting of the MR BCT were scheduled for November 14 at 10am in the Fort Ord BRAC conference room. Currently there is no plan to hold a December MR BCT.

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