

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team  
Meeting Minutes  
1 February 2019  
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
Fieldwork	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Site Security Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
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 included: 24 Feb briefing and tour for POM Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.
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.
4. Outreach related to trail access in BLM Area B munitions cleanup areas continue to be implemented. Current access map shows trails in most of the work areas (including Unit A) as closed. The Army is evaluating the units and working with BLM so that some of the trails can be reopened for public access as soon as possible.

**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 The Diocese of Monterey rescinded its Public Benefit Conveyance (PBC) request for FOST 6 Parcel L36 in 2005.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 memorandum of agreement 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: 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. SPK-RE (Boyd) submitted draft deed to FORA for review on 31 Jan.
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, mailed paper copies for execution on 3 Dec 201, and sent follow-up email on 24 Jan.
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. One issue remains to be resolved by USACE HQ. SPK-RE (Boyd) submitted disposal package to USACE HQ on 1 Feb.
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 representative did not attend but, a written ESCA Program Status Report was provided for all.

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

1. The website and BLM Area B kiosks are being maintained with current road and trail closure information. The most recent updates were made on 17 Jan.
2. Notice and warning signs, trail closure fences, and boundary fences are in place around the current work areas in Units B, C, B-3W, B-3E, and B-2A. Trails within Unit A were closed with trail barriers and signs to support current work.
3. Evaluation is in progress to reopen trails in Units B-3E and B-3E-NE for public access as soon as BLM trail preparation activities are complete.
4. Mastication and manual cutting of the Unit B-2A Trail 62 buffer and along the 12-ft wide trail alignments in Unit A began in Jan and are complete.
5. Surface MEC removal on the Unit B-2A Trail 62 buffer began on 28 Jan.
6. DGM in Unit B is in progress.

7. DGM will be conducted in the Unit B-2A Trail 62 buffer following completion of surface MEC removal. DGM data will be reviewed to identify targets that could potentially represent unknown filler type munitions. Those targets will be investigated.
8. Subsurface MEC removal on the 12-ft wide trail footprints has been completed in Unit B-3E, Unit B-3E-NE, Unit B-2A, Unit B-3W, and Unit C.
9. Subsurface MEC removal on the 12-ft wide trail footprints is planned or in progress on: Unit A (will be analog work) and Unit B following completion of DGM.
10. Subsurface MEC removal in the Unit B-3W 100-foot buffer is complete. Four structures in Unit B-3W have been removed.
11. Subsurface removal on additional road segments will be scheduled.

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

1. Fuel Break fieldwork on Impossible Canyon Road and Wildcat Ridge Road is in progress. Grids are in various stages from target reacquisition to intrusive investigation.
2. Fuel Breaks QC Dig dynamic surveys utilizing the Metal Mapper (MM) 2x2 began on 22 Oct and are in progress. Cued MM 2x2 survey has been performed on 3 road grids and 437 preliminary targets were excavated (completed 10 Jan). This information will be used to refine the classification process. Cued survey and dig list development will occur periodically until dynamic survey is complete. A second MM 2x2 unit is scheduled to be deployed 4 Feb.
3. Unit 23 Risk Reduction cued survey of 1,279 targets utilizing the MM 2x2 was completed on 25 Jul and a dig list was finalized. Intrusive investigation of the cued anomalies began 9 Jan.
4. Range 48 Northern Portion Near-surface MEC Removal mechanical and manual vegetation cutting in the 32-acre removal area is complete. Near-surface MEC removal (up to 6 inches in depth) began 15 Jan. Fieldwork in grids with sensitive species will be suspended early February to the end of May due to habitat conservation requirements.
5. No demolition operation was conducted since the last MR BCT. Eight off-site shipments of MD have been completed to date.
6. Mag and dig operations for the Watkins Gate Burn Area (WGBA) mortar pits restoration project began on 21 Nov and were completed on 26 Dec. Restoration activities are planned to begin shortly.
7. Work to remove up to 32 buildings in Impact Area units and Unit B-3W began on 7 Jan. This work includes Iron Triangle cleanup and activities at the OU2 landfill.
8. Vegetation cutting began 24 Jan and is complete, as part of preparation for installation of a northern perimeter fence to separate the Impact Area MRA from the transferred property.

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

1. Two trespass incidents were recorded since the last MR BCT meeting. Both incidents occurred on 25 Jan and involved bicyclists riding on BLM trails that were closed for fieldwork.
2. No munitions incidents were recorded since the last MR BCT meeting.
3. Three security incidents were recorded since the last MR BCT meeting. On 22 Jan a Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) work crew didn't follow Impact Area access protocols. The Army will follow up with PG&E. On 22 Jan Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) work crews reported four large booms and smoke near Barloy Canyon Rd. Monterey County Bomb Squad is now using the former Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) location for training and will notify BRAC prior to future training. On 29 Jan an unattended vehicle was found to have collided with Monterey County's gate on Gigling Road near 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Monterey County Sheriff's office was notified. Gate is intact but a post was bent.
4. Community Education Participants – Year to Date: 0

5. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants – Year to Date: 0

**Overview: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Area B Technical Information Paper (TIP) for Trail Access**

1. The Army presented an overview of the document and proposed process for agency approval to reopen trails that have been closed during munitions response activities. There is a high level of community interest for recreational use in this area.
2. According to the process described in the site-specific work plan, agency approval is needed to reopen the trails.
3. For Units B-3E and B-3E-NE, surface removal and DGM have been completed, and subsurface removals along trail alignments have also been completed. Trail construction and restoration by BLM has begun. The Army will use existing mechanisms to inform the public once approval is obtained from the regulatory agencies.
4. BLM described its initial trail development activities. BLM is able to conduct ground-disturbing activities within the 12-ft wide area. Over time, as recreational uses occur, the trails would become approximately 18-inch wide paths. Due to the way the trails are prepared and presence of poison oak in some areas, BLM expects users to stay on designated, signed trails. BLM personnel regularly monitors user activities. BLM anticipates trail development in Units B-3E and B-3E-NE will start to be completed by next week although work schedule is dependent on field moisture conditions.
5. The Army anticipates submitting the document during the week of 4 Feb and follow up with the regulatory agencies to receive timely approval.

**Overview: 2018 Track 3 Surface Area Monitoring Report**

1. The Army presented the report of 2018 monitoring of the Impact Area units where surface removal was previously conducted. At least 1% of all units/areas are monitored annually. Enhanced monitoring procedures are implemented in specific areas. Monitoring is continued until vegetation growth is sufficient to minimize erosion that could expose munitions items.
2. Units 6 and 33 are recommended for removal from monitoring schedule as no MEC or MEC-like MD item has been discovered during the past four years of monitoring, and no MEC incident reports have been received. Agencies will review the report and provide feedback.

**BLM Area C** - Public review period ended 30 Nov. Draft responses to public comments have been provided for agency review.

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

1. The draft Broadway Bypass Fuel Break Remedial Action Report (RAR) is in production.
2. The draft Vernal Ponds Report (anomaly evaluation/investigation for Pond 16 in the Impact Area MRA) is in development.
3. Field Work Variance for near-surface removal in a northern portion of Range 48 was issued.
4. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 25 RAR was issued on 2 Nov. Comments were received and responses to comments are in development.
5. The Impact Area MRA Surface Remediation Area Annual Monitoring Report 2018 was issued 25 January.
6. The BLM Area B B-3E and B-3-ENE Technical Information Paper for public access on trails is expected to be issued the week of 4 February.
7. BLM Area B B-3W Technical Memorandum: draft responses to comments have been provided to the agencies for review.
8. BLM Area B Vernal Ponds Report (anomaly evaluation/investigation) is in development.
9. Comments have been received for the BLM Area B Unit C Technical Memorandum. Army will address the comments.

**FFA Schedule** – The Army requested agencies review draft revised FFA schedule for the Track 3 program by 5 February.

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 13 March and 10 April.

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