

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

Members/Invited Attendees

|                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Maeve Clancy, EPA           | Stan Cook, FORA (phone)          |
| Brett Leary, DTSC           | Steve Crane, Kemron              |
| Roman Racca, DTSC (phone)   | Maggie Sheatzley, Kemron (phone) |
| Bill Collins, Fort Ord BRAC | Erin Caruso, Gilbane (phone)     |
| Eric Morgan, BLM            | Kevin Siemann, Gilbane           |
| Curtis Payton, USACE        | Alex Kostera, NAEVA (phone)      |
| Duane Balch, USACE (phone)  | Derek Lieberman, Ahtna           |
| Dana Gentry, USACE          | Melissa Broadston, Chenega       |
| Kyle Lindsay, USACE         | Tom Ghigliotto, Chenega          |
| Amber Ginorio, USACE        | Aaron Kochman, Chenega           |
| Kyle Bayliff, USACE         | Chieko Nozaki, Chenega           |
| Terra Salamida, USACE       | Cary Stiebel, Chenega            |

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: In response to a BCT recommendation, FortOrdCleanup.com was updated to note recent site security actions. An environmental cleanup presentation was provided 12/3/2019 to a community group in response to their request. The Army provided a tour and briefing to a reporter from Monterey County Weekly. A letter was sent to local schools inviting them to participate in a munitions safety presentation offered by the Army.
3. Upcoming activities include: Community involvement workshop 2/1; Technical Review Committee meeting 2/4; 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 in January 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).
2. FOST 13 (Parcel L36): 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 is working on necessary documentation for internal approvals.
5. FOSET 1 & 4 CERCLA warranty documents: No change.
6. FOSET 5 CERCLA warranty for Parcel S1.3.2 (California State University Monterey Bay [CSUMB] Off-Campus Munitions Response Area [MRA]): 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.
7. FOSET 5 CERCLA warranty for other parcels: In progress.

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

1. FORA is coordinating with various agencies to designate City of Seaside as the ESCA successor.
2. Monterey One Water Pure Water project construction is complete; it is in operations and maintenance phase.
3. Aquifer Storage and Recovery site expansion project: excavation is underway with unexploded ordnance (UXO) support provided by Arcadis.
4. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Phase 2 project began 1/27. Teichert Construction is the contractor and Weston Solutions was selected as the UXO construction support contractor.
5. FORA and BRAC will coordinate ESCA and Army signs with other Fort Ord property signs.
6. FORA assisted in a 1/17 response by Seaside fire and police departments to a report of a fire and a homeless camp, and a discovery of another homeless camp, in the ESCA Seaside properties.

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

1. Current trail closure information (as of 7/3/2019) is posted on website and kiosks. Trails within Units A and B are 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. Quality control is complete. Quality assurance process is in progress.
5. The Army described the proposal to reopen the trails in Unit B for public use as described in the technical information paper submitted on 1/29. The regulatory agencies approved the trail use.

**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 conducted from 10/22/2018 to 4/16/2019 (25.5 acres). The MM 2x2 cued survey was completed 11/26/2019. 10,200 cued targets have been identified for intrusive investigation and have been investigated. Targets in the northern portion (north of Hawkeye Road) will not be intrusively investigated under the current munitions contract due to its schedule. USACE described quality assurance and validation activities.
2. Range 48 Northern Portion: Near-surface MEC removal (up to 6 inches in depth) was completed 12/9/2019. Digital geophysical mapping was conducted in the work area. Quality control/quality assurance processes are in progress.
3. Demolitions operations were conducted on 11/20/2019, 12/11/2019, and 1/8. Nine off-site shipments of munitions decries (MD) have been completed to date.
4. USACE described current and anticipated 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 76 days (11/08/2019-1/23/2020): 5
  - b. 12/3/2019 evidence of trespass (minor). Impact Area fence wire was cut and concertina wire was pulled back (couple hundred yards south of Bitter Gate across from Del Rey Oaks). No tracks or signs of camps found inside Impact Area. POMPD responded.
  - c. 12/3/2019 evidence of trespass (minor). Impact Area fence adjacent to Nowhere Gate across from ESCA/Seaside: barbed wire bent and brush trampled. Damage may have been done earlier in the year; inconclusive whether damage was recent. No tracks or evidence of camp found in nearby Impact Area. POMPD responded.
  - d. 12/10/2019 evidence of trespass (minor). Impact Area fence clips removed (20 feet south of Bitter Gate across from Del Rey Oaks property). No tracks or evidence of camps found inside Impact Area. POMPD responded.
  - e. 1/8 evidence of trespass (minor). Impact Area fence clips removed and concertina wire pushed back (a few hundred yards south of Bitter Gate across from Del Rey Oaks property). No tracks or evidence of camps found inside Impact Area. POMPD responded.
  - f. 1/10 evidence of trespass (minor). Impact Area fence clip gone and concertina pushed back (east of Impossible Canyon North Gate near the Military Operations in Urban Terrain [MOUT] site). No evidence of trespass or camps found inside the Impact Area. Report made to POMPD.
  - g. 2019 total: 34
  - h. 2020 year to date: 2
2. Munitions Incident Reports
  - a. Last 76 days (11/08/2019-1/23/2020): 2
  - b. 12/4/2019 MD from a signal, illumination, ground, was found northeast of Pond 101EE off of Watkins Gate Road near Hennekens Ranch Road in BLM property. Removed by project UXO personnel.

- c. 12/19/2019 an AN-M8 series smoke grenade was found by workers at a construction site in Marina (3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue near California Avenue). The USACE Ordnance and Explosives Safety Specialist (OESS) and contract UXO Safety Officer determined the item was a pyrotechnic with the pin present, i.e. discarded military munitions (DMM). The Monterey County Bomb Squad transported the item to their facility and detonated it there.
- d. A follow-up information on previously-reported incident (11/7/2019) was provided. The item found at the OU2 Landfill was identified as a 3.5-in. rocket motor (MD). It was found on the ground surface approximately 15 feet from a dirt access road and 75 feet from a pile of oversized wood waste and dirt in the “borrow area” between cells E and F (closer to F). The item may have been entrained in the wood waste and dirt that was dumped in the borrow area. Personnel who handled the wood waste and dirt had completed munitions recognition and safety training. They recognized and reported the item as required. The item was removed by project UXO personnel to the scrap bin for recycling. No additional follow-up action is warranted.
- e. 2019 total: 9
- f. 2020 year to date: 0
- 3. Community Education Participants
  - a. 2019 total: 240
  - b. 2020 through 1/14: 0
- 4. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants
  - a. 2019 total: 271
  - b. 2020 through 1/14: 11
- 5. Annual meeting of the MRS Security Committee is scheduled for 2/26.

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

- 1. MRS-BLM Non-Burn, report on structure removal will be issued in February.
- 2. MRS-BLM Non-Burn, report on subsurface removal in Watkins Gate Burn Area mortar pit was issued 1/6 addressing agency comments. DTSC provided a letter indicating no comment. EPA response have been requested.
- 3. Draft Ranges 43-48 South Remedial Action Report (RAR) is scheduled for publication in February.
- 4. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 23 MEC Risk Reduction Activity Technical Memorandum (TM) was issued 10/22/2019. DTSC had no comment. The Army will address EPA comments.
- 5. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 23 RAR was submitted 1/29. Agency review is requested by 3/3.
- 6. MRS-BLM Unit 31 Technical Information Paper (TIP) was issued 12/18/2019 for agency review.
- 7. Impact Area MRA Sensitive Fuze-type Munitions Field Study Report was issued 1/14 addressing DTSC comments. Agency review is requested by 2/18.
- 8. Impact Area MRA Surface Remediation Area Annual Monitoring Report is scheduled to be issued in February.
- 9. BLM Area B B-2A TM was issued 1/9 addressing agency comments. DTSC provided a letter indicating no comment. EPA response is requested.
- 10. BLM Area B Vernal Ponds geophysical anomaly investigation report was issued 1/14 addressing agency comments. DTSC provided comments. EPA comments are pending.
- 11. BLM Area B Unit B TM was issued 1/13 addressing agency comments. DTSC provided a letter indicating no comment. EPA response is requested.
- 12. BLM Area B Unit B TIP for public access was submitted 1/29. The regulatory agencies approved the trail use as described.
- 13. Draft BLM Area B RAR (2017-2019) is scheduled to be issued in February.
- 14. BLM Area B Unit A TIP was issued 12/18/2019. Agency review is requested.

**FFA Schedule** – The regulatory agencies approved the update to the Track 3 FFA schedule for the Unit 23 RAR.

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 2/19, 3/18, and 5/1.

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