

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
17 July 2020
Conference Call**

Members/Invited Attendees

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Acronyms

BLM	Bureau of Land Management
DTSC	California Department of Toxic Substances Control
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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
Munitions Contract	Update	By Curtis Payton
Site Security Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
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 is analyzing the results for the 2019 Community Surveys and the 2019 – 2020 Community Involvement Activities. The draft Annual Report that is distributed to over 65,000 community members is in development.
2. Recent activities included: Emailed and mailed notices regarding the cancellation of the 18 July Community Involvement Workshop. Sent photos of building demolitions in Marina to USEPA Community Involvement Coordinator. Responded to public inquiries.
3. Upcoming activities: 18 July Community Involvement Workshop and 7 September Monterey County Fair Information booth have been canceled. 21 July Technical Review Committee will proceed. 14 August a pre-recorded munitions safety message will be broadcast to York School students. A letter offering munitions safety training to local schools will be sent out in the fall.

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

1. Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 11: Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1. USACE Sacramento District (SPK) Real Estate (SPK-RE) (Boyd) submitted draft deed to Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) and some comments were received. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Amendment No. 8 was executed. FOST 11 properties will be conveyed to the City of Seaside and then transferred to their designated recipient.
2. FOST 12: Parcel E20c.1 to FORA: no change. Environmental Law Division (ELD) is coordinating with Office of General Counsel (OGC). The parcel will be conveyed to the City of Seaside.
3. FOST 12: Parcel S2.1.2 to UC. On 10/8/2019 University of California (UC) said revisions to indemnification provision are insufficient and UC will have additional comments. SPK-RE requested full list of comments on 11/5/2019; followed up on 12/9/2019, 1/23/2020, 2/4/2020, and 4/8/2020. UC is working on necessary documentation for internal approvals.
4. FOST 13: MOA Amendment No. 8 executed on 6/16/2020. The parcel will be conveyed to the City of Seaside and then transferred to the designated recipient. FOST 13 was provided for EPA review; EPA sent concurrence letter on 6/1/2020.
5. FOSET 1: CERCLA Warranty for Parcel L5.1.1 (Fritzsche Army Air Field [FAAF] Munitions Response Site (MRS) -34): BRAC-D submitted to USACE-HQ on 5/20/2020.
6. FOSET 4: CERCLA Warranty for Del Rey Oaks Parcels E29a, E29b.1, E31a, E31b, E31c, and E36 (MRS-DRO.1, MRS-DRO.2, MRS-43): BRAC-D submitted to USACE-HQ on 5/20/2020.
7. FOSET 5:
 - a. Non-ESCA CERCLA Warranties (City of Marina and County of Monterey parcels overlying Operable Unit Carbon Tetrachloride [OUCTP]): BRAC-D submitted to USACE-HQ on 5/20/2020.
 - b. ESCA CERCLA Warranties:
 - i. California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Parcel S1.3.1 (Group 2) recorded on 6/26/2020.
 - ii. Seaside Group 1 Parker Flats Munitions Response Area (MRA) (4 parcels) and Seaside MRA (4 parcels) recorded on 6/26/2020.
 - iii. Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) Group 1 Parker Flats MRA (2 parcels), Group 3 Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Site MRA (2 parcels), Interim Action Ranges MRA (5 parcels) recorded on 6/26/2020.
 - iv. City of Del Rey Oaks parcels L.20.13.1.2 and L20.13.3.1 (Group 3) recorded on 6/26/2020.
 - v. City of Monterey Parcel E29.1 (Group 3) recorded on 6/26/2020, Group 4 Future East Garrison MRA (4 parcels) recorded on 6/26/2020.
 - vi. Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD) Parcel L6.2 (Group 3) recorded on 6/26/2020.

The transfer of the ESCA properties from FORA to the designated recipients is at various stages of completion. Stan Cook has indicated that deeds for the ESCA properties in City of Seaside and County of Monterey have been recorded.

ESCA Update: City of Seaside provided handouts and an update.

1. FORA ended on 30 June 2020. The City of Seaside has been designated FORA's ESCA Successor and also the Federally designated local redevelopment authority with the ability to accept Army properties and transfer them to the Jurisdictions under the Army/FORA Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) Memorandum of Agreement. FORA ESCA Staff Stan Cook and Laura Vidaurri have to the City of Seaside.
2. Copies of ESCA Standard Monthly Long-Term Obligations Management Program activity reports for June and July were provided. Seaside ESCA staff are meeting with local jurisdictions' management staff quarterly, and with police, planning, permitting and property management staff quarterly. Seaside ESCA staff are conducting quarterly property inspections.
3. EPA is preparing a letter stating their acceptance of the City of Seaside as the EPA/FORA Administrative Order On Consent and local reuse authority successor.

Munitions Contract Update – USACE provided an update on the status of the munitions contract.

1. Due to constrained funding, a new 5-year multimillion dollar contract to continue prescribed burns and munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) cleanup will not be awarded in Fiscal Year (FY) 20 or FY21.
2. Following the expiration of the previous munitions contraction on 3/31/2020, outstanding documents were submitted under a partnership with Leisnoi as the prime contractor and Kemron in a subcontractor role. Any documents not completed by the 6/30/2020 contract expiration date will be finished by USACE.
3. The Army is planning to solicit a new large contract in 2022 for award of a 5-year contract for MEC cleanup.
4. A short term "Interim MEC" contract is being solicited for completion of annual surface monitoring, unexploded ordnance (UXO) safety support (escorts, construction support, and MEC find identification and disposition), maintenance of the license for the Explosives Storage Locker, and other potential small scale MEC issues. Optional tasks may be included: encampment cleanups, guarding of certain munitions finds, and other actions requiring rapid response for which a pre-funded exercise of option can be performed verbally. Contract is expected to be awarded in August of 2020 and would be available for three to five years.
5. SPK provided a report of a completed response to a gasoline spill incident (associated with a vehicle accident in 2019) to BCT for information.

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

1. Trespass Incident Reports. All fence breaches have been repaired. The Army works with BLM to repair fences within days. The total number of incidents reported in the last 71 days since prior BCT meeting (5/1/2020 – 7/10/2020): 13
 - a. 5/1/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach between the Nowhere and Broadway West gates. This is the same location as 3/30/2020 fence breach and within 100 feet north of the 3/10/2020 and 3/23/2020 fence breach location.
 - b. 5/3/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach north of Nowhere Gate. This is a spot previously noted for trespass. The evidence is not clear whether the concertina was cut in the past and not fully repaired, or if it is a new intrusion point.

- c. 5/3/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach south of Broadway West Gate. This is likely not a recent intrusion as there were no tracks and the ends of the cut wire are weathered enough to suggest that it has been at least 6 months to a year.
 - d. 5/4/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach south of Bitter Gate.
 - e. 5/6/2020: Impact Area MRA - Bicycle tracks found on Riso Ridge Road.
 - f. 5/10/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach beside the Wildcat Ridge gate with a clear trail through the vegetation. There were bicycle tracks estimated to be 3-5 days old on the road as soon as it turned to dirt below the communications site. More bicycle tracks (same size and pattern) were found on Hawkeye Road.
 - g. 5/22/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach north of Nowhere Gate along Blueline Rd. in the vicinity of four prior breaches. A sock and two metal rods (unknown purpose, looked similar to tent poles, but only 9 inches long) were found nearby.
 - h. 6/21/2020: Impact Area MRA evidence of trespass - bicycle tracks were observed on Riso Ridge Road between Historical Area (HA) 36 and Chinook Road. The tracks appeared to be between several days to a week old and likely came up the hill from the direction of Tongue Ridge. The tracks were visible on the road for a few hundred yards.
 - i. 6/21/2020: Impact Area MRA fence evidence of trespass – concertina wire was lifted and lowest barbed wire strand loosened just east of MOUT gate. Footprints with the same tread found on both sides of the fence and inside the MOUT site.
 - j. On 7/8/2020 at 2:30 pm, Chenega staff observed an individual exit MRS-16. The individual continued walking west on Parker Flats Road away from federal property. BLM Rangers investigated the area on 7/9/2020 and did not find evidence of illegal camps.
 - k. On 7/9/2020 at approximately 3:30 p.m. BLM staff found evidence of an Impact Area fence breach along South Boundary Road. The bottom fence wire was loosened and the concertina wire was cut and pulled out. A foot path in the grass inside the fence was observed. No individuals were seen.
 - l. On 7/12/2020 at 1510 hours, BLM Law Enforcement discovered evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA. A roll-up door on a metal building at the MOUT site was partially open. No one was present. Graffiti of unknown age was seen on the building. New graffiti that was not present two weeks ago was observed on other MOUT buildings. A probable access point for trespassers was an area of fence within two fence lengths east of the MOUT gate (Impossible Canyon North).
 - m. On 7/12/2020 at 1724 hours BLM Law Enforcement found evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA just south of Watkins West Gate. Concertina wire had been cut and pushed down as if stepped on. An indistinct trail and faint, older tracks were observed.
2. 2020 trespass incidents year to date (1/1/2020 – 7/10/2020): 35
- a. January: 2 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
 - b. February: 2 incidents (BLM Area B)
 - c. March: 10 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
 - d. April: 8 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
 - e. May: 7 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
 - f. June: 2 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
 - g. July 1-10: 4 incidents (1 in MRS-16; 3 in Impact Area MRA)
3. Munitions Incident Reports
- a. Last 71 days since prior BCT meeting (5/1/2020 – 7/10/2020): 3
 - i. 5/13/2020: workers demolishing buildings on Imjin Parkway in Marina (west of 910 2nd Ave.) discovered a munition. Project UXO personnel identified it as Grenade Rifle Smoke M23 Series (munitions debris - MD). It was removed for scrap/recycling.

Cook agreed that the outdated maps on ESCA map boards should be removed. Stan Cook also provided that due to recent transfers of ESCA properties from FORA to the designated recipients, the current landowners will be asked to review and update signs on their properties.

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

1. Draft Technical Information Paper (TIP) for the Impact Area fuel breaks, Volumes 1 and 2, have been submitted to the agencies for review.
2. The second version of Structure Removal Report addressing agency comments was issued 15 May has been submitted to the agencies for review. EPA has no comment.
3. Draft Ranges 43-48 South Remedial Action Report (RAR) was issued on 21 May and is with the agencies for review.
4. MRS-BLM Unit 23 RAR was finalized on 26 June (OE-0979A.6).
5. MRS-BLM Unit 31 TIP was finalized on 15 May (OE-0975A.6).
6. BLM Area B Unit B TIP for public access on trails was finalized 15 May (OE-0987A.6).
7. Draft BLM Area B RAR was issued on 15 May. DTSC provided comments. EPA comments are pending.
8. Draft final BLM Area B Unit A (2018 Unit) TIP was finalized on 15 May (OE-0974A.4).
9. Track 2 BLM Area B & MRS-16 Interim Land Use Control Implementation Plan (LUCIP) Update was issued on 5 May. DTSC provided a letter indicating no comment. Community comments were received. EPA will provide comments.
10. MRS Security Program Annual Report (2019) is scheduled to be issued in July.
11. MRS Security Program 2020 Update is in progress and is scheduled to be issued in July.
12. Deed modification and CERCLA warranty document status will be tracked.

FFA Schedule –The Army will update the schedules.

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

The next meeting of the MR BCT is scheduled for 22 October 2020.

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