

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
22 October 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 2019 Community Survey results will be issued in December.
2. Recent activities included: The Annual Report was distributed to 67,000 community members around the Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula. The website was updated with several news articles.
3. Upcoming activities: A letter offering munitions safety training to local schools will be sent out this fall. A dry run for the Technical Review Committee (topic: soil and water cleanup) will be scheduled for January 2021. A Community Involvement Workshop may be scheduled for February 2021. The Army is exploring options for in-person outreach that can be held in 2021.

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 Real Estate Division (SPK-RE) is coordinating deed revisions with the Army Environmental Law Division (ELD) and Sacramento District Office of Counsel (SPK-OC).
2. FOST 12: Parcel E20c.1. Draft deed is under review at ELD.
3. FOST 12: Parcel S2.1.2 to University of California (UC). Additional UC comments on the draft deed were received on 10/5/2020.
4. FOST 13: Parcel L36. Draft deed is in progress: SPK-OC and ELD will review it concurrently.
5. FOSET 1: CERCLA Warranty for Parcel L5.1.1 (Fritzsche Army Air Field [FAAF] Munitions Response Site 34 [MRS-34]). SPK-OC completed review on 10/6/2020. SPK-RE is preparing the disposal package.
6. FOSET 1: CERCLA Warranty for Parcel L5.1.1.1 (FAAF MRS-34): Document was sent to SPK-OC 9/16/2020. SPK-RE is preparing the disposal package.
7. 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): Warranty document was sent to SPK-OC on 9/16/2020. SPK-RE is preparing the disposal package.
8. FOSET 5:
 - a. Non-ESCA CERCLA Warranties (City of Marina and County of Monterey parcels overlying Operable Unit Carbon Tetrachloride Plume [OUCTP]): Warranty document was sent to SPK-OC on 9/16/2020. SPK-RE is preparing the disposal package.
 - b. ESCA CERCLA Warranties: recorded on 6/26/2020.

Bill Collins made the agencies aware of an inquiry from the City of Seaside regarding planned development on Bayonet Blackhorse, the former Fort Ord golf course. It is outside of areas with munitions-related Land Use Controls, so there is no requirement for a construction support plan. He recommended munitions recognition and safety training for the construction personnel.

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

1. The City of Seaside is now the local reuse authority with the ability to accept properties under EDC MOA.
2. ESCA is holding quarterly Land Use Control implementation meetings with the jurisdictions. The next meeting is scheduled for 11/4. There was no meeting in October, however, property inspection was conducted.
3. Stan Cook described the status of unauthorized bike tracks located east of California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) in a parcel that had been transferred to the State of California. The tracks were initially detected in May 2019, expansion of which was detected in May 2020, and continued existence was observed in October 2020. The City of Seaside has been in communication with Cal-Vet point of contact regarding corrective actions under consideration. The regulatory agencies noted the need for timely action to address the risk of potential munitions exposure. The City of Seaside, plans to meet (teleconference) with Cal-Vet and follow up with a letter in coordination with the Army and the regulatory agencies.

4. EPA described the status of Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) as part of the ESCA transition from Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) to the City of Seaside. After much coordination and accommodating Seaside's input, the AOC Statement of Work has been updated and sent to the City of Seaside for acceptance, clarifying the scope of work the City of Seaside would conduct under the AOC. EPA plans to send a formal letter to the City of Seaside to sign the AOC.

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

1. An interim MEC contract was awarded to KEMRON Environmental Services, Inc.
2. The 2020 Annual Surface Monitoring field activities are due to start in November. A subsequent surface monitoring will be conducted in the spring.

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

1. Status of follow-up actions from annual Security Committee Meeting and past BCT meetings.
 - a. Since late June, Presidio of Monterey Police Department (POMPD) has implemented daily and nightly patrols around the Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA) perimeter.
 - b. Planned road gate naming system has been approved by City of Seaside, BLM, and Monterey County. Gate signs with numbers will be purchased and a list will be provided to jurisdictions and Emergency Dispatches.
 - c. City of Seaside, BLM, and Monterey County approved the plan to install multi-lock devices on five gates. Three estimates are required by SPK; two estimates have been received to date.
 - d. Purchase of additional concertina wire to fortify the Impact Area fence in key locations is in progress.
 - e. Approved purchase order for motion-activated cameras was forwarded to SPK purchasing department in July.
 - f. Purchase of warning signs to be installed around the perimeter of BLM Area B Unit A is in progress.
 - g. BRAC staff doing site inspections 3 or more times weekly using the buddy system.
 - h. BRAC continues to disseminate the message that the use of metal detectors on former Fort Ord is prohibited due to the possible presence of explosive hazards.
2. Current priorities
 - a. BRAC office is obtaining three estimates so SPK can select a contractor to provide and install multi-user gate access systems on five high traffic gates: PFC-1, PF-1, 8-1, G-1, and B-2. This will enable City of Seaside to close the last unsecured gate on Parker Flats Rd by the Veterans Cemetery main entrance.
 - b. Purchase of signage for Unit A, signage for gates, extra concertina, and security cameras.
 - c. The bottom wire of the Impact Area fence was found to be broken in several locations along South Boundary Road following vegetation cutting by an inmate crew. The BRAC office is coordinating with Monterey County to fix the breaks.
 - d. Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) accepted the property transfer of the MOUT site in early October. Because MOUT users must pass through Army property, the BRAC office has been coordinating with MPC on site access and security. BRAC met with MPC and explained the land use control requirements on Army property. MPC will coordinate with the City of Seaside regarding construction support and training requirements for ground disturbing work on MPC property. MPC plans to install a fence around the MOUT site. The Army will request coordination on fence and gate locations to facilitate access.
3. Anticipated issues in the near future

- a. Preventing trespass at Impossible Canyon North gate near the MOUT site. POMPD is investigating trespass incidents following receipt of surveillance camera footage from BLM. Extra concertina wire is being purchased to place on top of the gate.
4. Trespass Incidents Overview
- a. Since the last BCT meeting (17 July – 19 October; 95 days), 18 trespass reports. 12 of these were close to the MOUT site.
 - b. 2 in BLM Area B; 16 in Impact Area MRA
 - c. BLM Law Enforcement provided surveillance camera footage on 10/19/2020 depicting several trespass incidents.
 - d. No trespassers apprehended and no citations issued.
 - e. Year to date (1/1/2020 through 10/19/2020): 49 trespass incidents (34 trespass incidents total reported in 2019)
5. Trespass Incidents Details
- a. **July 8, 2020**; 2:30 pm: Chenega staff observed a male trespasser emerging from MRS-16, an Army-owned area of the Fort Ord National Monument.
 - b. **July 9, 2020**; 3:30 p.m.: BLM staff found evidence of an Impact Area fence breach along South Boundary Road.
 - c. **July 12, 2020**; 3:10 p.m.: BLM Law Enforcement discovered evidence of trespass into the MOUT, finding a roll-up door was partially open and new graffiti that was not present two weeks prior.
 - d. **July 12, 2020**; 5:24 p.m.: 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; there was an indistinct trail and faint, older tracks.
 - e. **August 24, 2020**; 2:20 p.m.: Chenega staff observed two bicyclists coming out from an off-trail area (Unit B-2A) south of East Machine Gun Flats Road in the Army-owned portion of the Fort Ord National Monument.
 - f. **September 4, 2020**; 10:45 a.m.: BRAC and Chenega staff observed evidence of trespass through the Impact Area MRA fence just east of the Impossible Canyon North gate near the MOUT site. Fence wires were stretched; footprints present.
 - g. **September 8, 2020**: Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate near the MOUT site showed two apparent juvenile males bicyclists enter at 4:20 p.m. and exit on 5:17 p.m.
 - h. **September 16, 2020**: Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate showed a juvenile male entering at 4:29 p.m. and exiting at 4:50 p.m.
 - i. **September 16, 2020**: Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate near the MOUT site showed two adults entering at 3:05 p.m and exiting at 4:16 p.m. Two days later a drone was found lying on the ground by the fence. The drone was determined to have been lost by Naval Postgraduate School staff during authorized use. Assume the drone discovery was part of one of the previous trespass incidents.
 - j. **September 21, 2020**: BLM staff observed evidence of trespass through the Impact Area MRA fence along South Boundary Road; approximately midway between Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca and York School. Fence wires were stretched.
 - k. **September 22, 2020**: POMPD observed evidence of trespass through the Impact Area MRA fence at the Range 43 gate on Eucalyptus Road. Concertina wires were cut east of the gate.
 - l. **September 26, 2020**: Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate near the MOUT site showed two joggers pass by heading toward the gate at 7:05 a.m.
 - m. **October 2, 2020**: Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate near the MOUT site showed one male jogger entering at 11:00 a.m. and exiting at 11:13 am.

- n. **October 2, 2020:** Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon gate near the MOUT site showed one male bicyclist entering at 2:08 p.m. and exiting at 3:14 p.m.
 - o. **October 8, 2020:** Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate showed one male bicyclist entering at 5:51 p.m.; two bicyclists exited at 6:38 p.m.
 - p. **October 10, 2020:** Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate showed two males entering at 5:29 p.m. and it is probable they exited at 7:16 p.m. but images were unclear.
 - q. **October 10, 2020:** Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate showed two males entering at 12:26 p.m. and exiting at 1:45 p.m.
 - r. **October 12, 2020:** Surveillance camera footage near the Impossible Canyon North gate showed one apparent juvenile entering on foot at 11:52 a.m. and exiting at 4:39 p.m. On October 13, 2020; 10:30 a.m., Chenega staff observed evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA near the MOUT site. Footprints and bicycle tracks were found outside and inside the fence and near the MOUT entrance. **Assume video footage and tracks are part of the same incident.**
- 6. Munitions Incidents
 - a. No munitions incidents reported since the last BCT meeting.
 - b. Year to date (1/1/2020 through 10/19/2020): 6
 - 7. Community Education Participants
 - a. Year to date (1/1/2020 through 10/19/2020): 240
 - 8. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants
 - a. Year to date (1/1/2020 through 10/14/2020): 52

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

- 1. Draft Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuelbreaks Technical Information Paper (TIP) Volume 2 was issued on 26 June. Army provided responses to comments by DTSC and EPA. Draft final is scheduled to be issued in November.
- 2. Draft Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuelbreaks TIP Volume 1 was issued on 29 June. Army provided responses to comments by DTSC and EPA. Additional data review was necessary due to discrepancies detected. Draft final is scheduled to be issued in November.
- 3. Draft final Ranges 43-48 South Remedial Action Report (RAR) was issued on 18 September and is with the agencies for review.
- 4. BLM Area B RAR was issued on 2 October and is with the agencies for review.
- 5. The Track 2 BLM Area B & MRS-16 Annual LUC Monitoring Report (2020) is scheduled to be issued by 30 April 2021.
- 6. Track 2 BLM & MRS-16 Interim LUCIP Update was issued on 18 September.
- 7. Track 2 Parker Flats MRA (three parcels) Annual Monitoring Report (2020) is scheduled to be issued by 28 February 2021.
- 8. MRS Security Program Annual Report (2019) was issued on 31 August.
- 9. MRS Security Program Annual Report (2020) is scheduled to be issued on 31 May 2021.
- 10. MRS Security Program Update was issued on 16 September.
- 11. Deed releases and CERCLA warranty document status will be tracked.
- 12. EPA described the status of planned partial deletion of Fort Ord from the National Priorities List (NPL). EPA Region IX has submitted all documents to EPA HQ for approval in early November. Fort Ord will be included in a consolidated notice to appear in the Federal Register in late November. A 30-day public comment period will be held. The Army provided draft outreach materials for EPA use. If comments are received EPA will provide a responsiveness summary. Final notice is expected in May 2021. Deletion will be effective immediately upon the final notice.

FFA Schedule –No changes.

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were tentatively scheduled for 13 January and 10 February 2021.

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