

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
13 January 2021**

Due to Covid-19 precautions, the meeting was held via conference call.

Members/Invited Attendees

Maeve Clancy, EPA (phone)	Abraam Guirguis, City of Seaside (phone)
Brett Leary, DTSC (phone)	Melissa Broadston, Chenega (phone)
Bill Collins, Fort Ord BRAC (phone)	Betsy Hibbits, Chenega (phone)
Eric Morgan, BLM (phone)	Aaron Kochman, Chenega (phone)
Kyle Lindsay, USACE (phone)	Bart Kowalski, Chenega (phone)
Curtis Payton, USACE (phone)	Chieko Nozaki, Chenega (phone)
Derek Lieberman, Ahtna (phone)	Tom Ghigliotto, Chenega (phone)
Lesley Milton, City of Seaside (phone)	Val Valdez, Chenega (phone)
Chris Callaghan, City of Seaside (phone)	

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>
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Lesley Milton
Site Security Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
2020 Surface Monitoring	Update	by Curtis Payton
Partial National Priorities List (NPL) Deletion	Update	By Maeve Clancy
Property Transfer	Update	by Derek Lieberman

ESCA Update: City of Seaside provided an update.

1. Lesley Milton at the City of Seaside is the current ESCA point of contact. Two staff members, Chris Callaghan and Abraam Guirguis, have been hired to fill Stan Cook’s and Laura Vidaurri’s roles and are undergoing training and orientation.
2. ESCA is holding quarterly Land Use Control implementation meetings with the jurisdictions regarding land use control activities and management of signs, trespass, and outreach. The jurisdictions are working to update various signs for consistency.
3. Lesley Milton 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 and in the municipal jurisdiction of Monterey County. The tracks were initially detected in May 2019, expansion of which was detected in May 2020, and their continued existence were

observed in October 2020. Since then, the City of Seaside met with the Cal-Vet manager and visited the site several times. The entrances and exits to the tracks have been broken down. The rest of the tracks will be dismantled once an excavation permit from Monterey County is obtained. BLM assisted with outreach to recreational users. No additional ramps have been constructed. Cal-Vet staff plans to monitor the area three times a week.

Site Security Program – The Army provided a description of recent munitions, 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. BRAC staff are conducting site inspections 3 or more times weekly.
 - b. Presidio of Monterey Police Department (POMPD) and BLM Law Enforcement are patrolling the Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA) daily.
 - c. Purchases in progress
 - i. Danger signs to install around the perimeter of Unit A
 - ii. Five multi-lock gate systems and installation
 - iii. Six motion-activated cameras
 - iv. Concertina wire; large and small coils
 - d. Safety Signage
 - i. Gate signs for high use perimeter gates
 - ii. No Parking Fire Lane signs for gates at 8th & Gigling
 - iii. Explosives Storage Location replacement signs
2. Anticipated issues in the near future
 - a. Deterring and/or citing trespass into the Impact Area MRA.
3. Trespass incidents overview
 - a. Trespass incidents reported since the last BCT update (10 Dec 2020 – 11 Jan 2021; 32 days): 8
 - i. 7 in Impact Area MRA (1 close to Military Operations in Urban Terrain [MOUT] site); 1 in BLM Area B.
 - ii. 6 incidents involved evidence of trespass; 2 incidents involved observation of trespass.
 1. Two trespassers seen in the MOUT site on 16 December were stopped and warned by POMPD after they exited.
 2. A drone was observed flying over the Impact Area MRA on 16 December.
 - iii. No citations issued.
 - b. 2020 (1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020): 73 trespass incidents.
 - i. By comparison, 34 trespass incidents were recorded in 2019 and 10 in 2018.
4. Munitions incidents
 - a. One munitions incident reported since the BCT December update.
 - i. On 12/28/2020, BLM received a report that a bicyclist had seen a possible munitions item on Trail 50 on 12/25/2020. The item was no longer on the trail and could not be located by Chenega staff. Evaluation of the photograph indicates the item was likely a signal, illumination, ground (model unknown); munitions debris.
 - b. 2020 (1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020): 8
5. Community education participants
 - a. 2020 (1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020): 240
6. Munitions recognition and safety training participants

- a. 2020 (1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020): 59

2020 Surface Monitoring – USACE provided an update on the status of surface monitoring.

1. The 2020 Annual Surface Monitoring field activities were completed in December. Internal review of the report is in progress, and recommendations will be presented at the next BCT meeting. One item was categorized as material potentially presenting an explosive hazard, and was placed in a storage location. A detonation will be scheduled at a future date.

Partial NPL Deletion – the U.S. EPA provided an update on the partial deletion process.

1. The notice of proposed partial deletion was published in the Federal Register on 20 November 2020, followed by a 30-day public comment period ending on 21 December. Four comments were received. EPA will develop a responsiveness summary.
2. For this partial deletion to be completed as scheduled, EPA approval must be completed by 9 April for publication at the end of May. It will be a combined national notice for a group of sites including Fort Ord.

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
 - a. The FOST had been signed (in 2017) prior to the change that ended Army’s participation in the State Covenant to Restrict the Use of Property (CRUP) process. There is a need to amend the FOST to document the changes. The amendment will remove the reference to Army participation in the State CRUP process; and update the processes for response to incidental munitions discoveries and annual reporting of land use controls.
 - b. The Army will hold a 7-day public comment period for the FOST amendment. The Army will provide a draft document and a draft public notice for agency review.

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

The next meeting of the MR BCT is scheduled for 10 February 2021.

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