

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

Members/Invited Attendees

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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>
Community Relations	Update	by Melissa Broadston
Property Transfer	Update	by Derek Lieberman
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Chris Callaghan and Sheri Damon
Site Security Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
Fieldwork/Impact Area Munitions Response Area	Update	by Curtis Payton
Report Status	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Action Items	Review	by Chieko Nozaki
Next meetings	Schedule	by Chieko Nozaki

Community Relations - The Army provided an update on community outreach.

1. Recent Activities: The Army issued the 2021 community outreach survey in May. Completed surveys were accepted through June 30, 2021. On May 14, US EPA published a final notice on Superfund partial deletion for Fort Ord. The news was published in the Monterey County Weekly. Fort Ord BRAC responded to questions/comments from CSUMB and from two community members submitted on the FortOrdCleanup.com comment form.
2. Upcoming Activities: In July, Associated Press is expected to publish an article related to the April site visit and briefing. Publication of the public comment period for Findings of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) Number 11, Amendment No. 1 in local newspapers is tentatively planned. July 20: Technical Review Committee (topics: munitions and ESCA). August: Tour for Naval Support Activities staff. August: Initiate outreach for Fort Ord 5th Five-Year Review which will be completed in 2022. August: Send semiannual offer letter to schools for munitions safety presentation. August: Send annual munitions safety training letter to local contractors. August 11: Munitions safety presentation to York School. September 3 (tentative): Information table at the Monterey County Fair. September 17 (tentative): US EPA Federal Facility Excellence in Site Reuse award presentation and partial deletion recognition event. September 18: Guided Nature Walk. October 23: Information table for National Public Lands Day at the Fort Ord National Monument.

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

1. Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 6: Parcel F2.7.2
 - a. This parcel includes Site 33, the Golf Course Maintenance Area at Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course.
 - b. The property was transferred with a restriction on residential use, but the site developer has completed additional remedial actions and requested removal of the restriction.
 - c. The Army can prepare a deed modification upon regulatory agency concurrence.
2. 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 provided a draft FOST amendment and public notice on 13 January to USEPA, DTSC, Seaside, and Monterey County for review. USEPA requested an update to the USEPA contact information. DTSC provided a comment letter. Fort Ord BRAC responded to the DTSC comment letter and provided a draft memorandum to file for coordination. DTSC is still coordinating a response to the Army on the draft memorandum to file and USEPA will not submit comments until after this. The 7-day public comment period will be held after the execution of the memorandum.
 - c. The Army will provide the draft deed to USEPA and DTSC for review after USACE HQ review. The draft revised deed was sent to the City of Seaside. The Army will execute the deed after DTSC has a CRUP in place with the City of Seaside. The City of Seaside has been provided a draft CRUP for review.
3. FOST 12: Parcels E20.c.1 and S2.12
 - a. Draft deeds are in progress.

- b. A process similar to FOST 11 may be required because the Operable Unit 1 (OU1) Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) states a CRUP will be established between the Army and the State.
- 4. FOST 13: Parcel L36
 - a. Draft deed is in progress. Comments were received from USACE Office of Counsel and the draft deed is still under review with the City of Seaside.
- 5. Letter of Transfer: Parcel L20.4
 - a. The letter of transfer had been staffed for signature in 2013. The letter of transfer was updated and resubmitted to Army Environmental Law Division in May; however, it may be necessary to do a new Environmental Condition of Property Report Update due to the time lapse.
- 6. CERCLA warranty documents for non-ESCA early transfer parcels are in progress. Draft documents for parcels in Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) 1 and FOSET 5 were sent to the City of Seaside for review in June.

ESCA Update - City of Seaside provided an update.

- 1. ESCA Modification 15 has been finalized. It provides funding for agency oversight and insurance extension.
- 2. Seaside ESCA staff and jurisdictions have been conducting regular inspections of the ESCA properties. No unauthorized ground-disturbing activities have been found recently.
- 3. Upcoming projects that require preparation of construction support plans include: Eucalyptus Road stormwater project and California American Water Company pipeline in Seaside. A construction support plan for the installation of fence and gates at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training facility was finalized on 6 June. Addendum to the Seaside programmatic plan addressing the Pure Water Project Phases 3 and 4 has been submitted to the regulatory agencies and the Army for review. After-action reports have been submitted for California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Phase 2, and four projects under the Pure Water Project construction support plan.
- 4. Seaside ESCA has updated the fortordsafety.com online munitions safety training site.
- 5. ESCA is conducting quarterly Long Term Obligations (LTO) meetings to discuss land use control implementation. At the next meeting in August, EPA plans to provide a follow-up on Superfund partial deletion. The plan for land use covenant annual report for the July 1 – June 30 time period will also be discussed.
- 6. Due to staff turnover, Sheri Damon will be the interim point of contact for the Seaside ESCA program.

Site Security Program – The Army provided a description of recent munitions, trespass, and security incidents, community education events, and related training. A status report detailing BRAC field check activities and findings was provided.

- 1. Status of follow-up actions from annual Security Committee Meeting and past BCT meetings
 - a. Presidio of Monterey Police Department (POMPD) and BLM Law Enforcement patrol daily
 - b. BRAC staff site visits three or more times weekly
 - c. Six motion-activated cameras are deployed; locations have been rotated. Machine learning software technology is being implemented.
 - d. Planned purchases
 - i. Danger signs for the Unit A perimeter are being printed

- ii. Explosives Storage Location (ESL) replacement signs are being printed
 - iii. Five multi-lock gate devices are being fabricated
 - iv. “No Trespassing” signs for Army-owned portion of FONM
 - v. Concertina wire
 - vi. Radio batteries
 - e. Planned safety signage
 - i. BRAC is providing input to ESCA’s coordination of name and “No Parking Fire Lane” signage for high use perimeter gates
 - f. Security Program 2020 Annual Report was issued
- 2. Anticipated issues in the near future
 - a. Deterring and/or citing trespass into restricted areas with explosive hazards.
- 3. Trespass Incidents Overview
 - a. Trespass incidents reported since the last BCT meeting (4/9/2021 – 7/8/2021): 7
 - i. One incident was discovered from surveillance camera footage
 - ii. No citations issued
 - b. Trespass Incidents year to date (1/1/2021 – 7/8/2021): 42
- 4. Trespass Incident Details
 - a. May 5, 2021: A drone was observed flying over the Impact MRA at 10:00 a.m.
 - b. May 5, 2021: Impact Area MRA fence breach on the south side of Wildcat Ridge Gate found at 11:51 a.m.
 - c. May 18, 2021: Impact Area MRA fence breach east of Impossible Canyon North Gate near the MOUT site found at 1:30 p.m.
 - d. June 1, 2021: Irrigation pump reported missing from inside Impact Area MRA at HA 26 near Austin South Gate.
 - e. June 2, 2021: Unauthorized trail with bicycle tracks observed in BLM Area B, Unit A, east of Watkins Gate Road.
 - f. June 25, 2021: Bicycle tracks discovered on Austin Road south of Range 23 and Nowhere Road inside the Impact Area MRA.
 - g. July 6, 2021: Surveillance camera footage documented three teenage males entering the Impact Area MRA near the MOUT site at 6:20 pm and exiting at 8:00 pm.
- 5. Munitions Incidents Overview
 - a. Munitions incidents reported since last IPM meeting (4/9/2021 – 7/8/2021): 6
 - b. Munitions incidents year to date (1/1/2021 through 7/8/2021): 12
- 6. Munitions Incident Details
 - a. April 26, 2021: Munitions debris (MD) from grenade, hand, practice, M62 found at Sea Haven home construction site in Marina (Russell Way).
 - b. April 27, 2021: Munitions debris (MD) from a simulator, projectile, airburst, M74 Series was found during biological monitoring in the Unit 31 buffer inside the Impact Area MRA.
 - c. May 26, 2021: Two piles of munitions debris (MD) from 155mm projectiles, shrapnel, MKI and 75mm projectiles, shrapnel, MKI were found in Unit 23 of the Impact Area

MRA.

- d. May 27, 2021: One pile of munitions debris (MD) from 155mm projectiles, shrapnel, MKI and 75mm projectiles, shrapnel, MKI was found in Unit 23 of the Impact Area MRA.
 - e. May 27, 2021: Munitions debris (MD) from a Grenade, Rifle, Smoke, WP, M19A1 was discovered during biological surveys south of Pond 10 in Unit 21 in the Impact Area MRA.
 - f. June 23, 2021: Munitions Debris (MD) from a Projectile, 37mm, TPT M51A1 found by biologists in Unit 7 in the Impact Area MRA.
7. Community Education Participants
 - a. Year to date (1/1/2021 through 7/8/2021): 0
 8. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants (in-person)
 - a. (1/1/2021 through 7/8/2021): 55

Fieldwork / Impact Area Munitions Response Area – USACE provided an update on the status of upcoming fieldwork.

1. Contracting action for 2021 surface monitoring is underway. The contract is expected to be awarded in August with fieldwork beginning in the fall.
2. Contracting action for Unit 5 remedial action is also underway. The contract is expected to be awarded in August. The fieldwork would begin after work plan development in the fall.
3. BRAC provided in April a presentation on the evaluation of areas with high density anomalies associated with impact area where military munitions with sensitive fuzes were fired. The effort would address the risk to BLM workers from potentially encountering sensitive fuze-type UXO exposed from erosion or changes in site conditions. Further evaluation of digital geophysical mapping (DGM) data density and the advanced geophysical classification (AGC) techniques is in progress. A presentation is planned for a future BCT meeting to discuss technical alternatives.
4. Fuel Break Technical Information Paper (TIP): publication of draft-final version is pending.

Report Status – The Army provided a review and update.

1. The FFA schedules are current.
2. Draft Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuelbreaks TIP Volume 2 was issued on 26 June 2020. Army provided responses to comments by DTSC and EPA. The draft-final version is planned for publication in August 2021.
3. Draft Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuelbreaks TIP Volume 1 was issued on 29 June 2020. Army provided responses to comments by DTSC and EPA. Additional data review was necessary due to discrepancies detected. A final summary of changes has been provided to the regulatory agencies. The draft-final version is planned for publication in August 2021.
4. Track 2 BLM Area B & MRS-16 Annual LUC Monitoring Report (2020) was submitted on 20 April.
5. MRS Security Program Annual Report (2020) was submitted on 25 June.
6. Deed releases and CERCLA warranty document status will be tracked

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

The next meeting of the MR BCT was scheduled for September 17, 2021.

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