

# Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) Program Update at the Fort Ord BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) Meeting: February 13, 2025

# **Recent Actions and Tasks**

## **Coordination with Jurisdictions/Recurring Meetings**

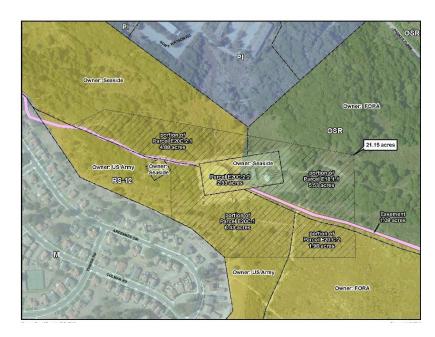
- Site inspections: ESCA weekly inspections, Del Rey Oaks weekly inspections, Monterey Peninsula College and City of Monterey monthly inspections, County of Monterey weekly inspections, and California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery bi-weekly inspections.
- Provided ESCA update at the January 16, 2025, Seaside City Council Meeting.
- ESCA hosted the February 5, 2025, Long Term Operations quarterly meeting.
- ESCA scheduled an "ESCA Refresher/Read Your Deed" class for the staff of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District on February 24, 2025.
- ESCA issued annual ESCA Land Use Control notifications (reminder of munitions safety training requirement and how to obtain training) to utilities, contractors, land holders, and property managers in January 2025.

### Trespassing/Munitions Incident(s)

 The Presidio of Monterey Police observed illegal camping on the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. There was no associated intrusive activity at the campsite. Cemetery staff confirmed the campers vacated the property. This area has been added to their regular patrols. There have been no other ESCA trespassing events to report since last BCT meeting on December 5, 2024.

### Potential Property Transfer (Sale) of ESCA Property

- The Nurses Barracks (Glover/Parker Flats Apartments a portion of parcel E18.1.3) is still contingent. ESCA continues to monitor.
- A portion of ESCA Parker Flats Parcel E18.1.1 will be transferred from Seaside to the Marina Coast Water District. This is a parcel adjacent to the two water tanks.



**Documentation, Construction, and Ground Disturbing Activities** 

Projects with Construction Support	Status
(CSP) Plans	
Pure Water/Monterey One Water Pipeline Phase 4	Construction is on-going. Fieldwork started week of January 22, 2024. Intrusive work is now moving to the Monterey County-owned portion of this project along Eucalyptus Road.
Monterey Peninsula College Military Operation in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Utility Pole Anchor Bolt Repair – Anomaly Avoidance.	On-hold. Advised Pacific Gas and Electric they would need Construction Support. Contacted Monterey Peninsula College and Pacific Gas and Electric to discuss potential work. New! Terradex Alert 1391921 issued on 18NOV24 PG&E to inspect MOUT Site pole and determine if intrusive work is necessary. The Army and ESCA participated in a meeting with PG&E to discuss possible programmatic plan for future activities on ALL ESCA land and general access assess issues for land with munitions-related land use restrictions. ESCA provided data to the PG&E representative for use with their mapping system.
Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project.	On-hold, soon to reissue as draft final. Soil management locations have been coordinated within the City; non-residential soil will be deposited in non-residential areas:  Blue Line Road and southern boundary with Del Rey Oaks.
Projects with ESCA Notifications (less than 10 cubic yards in area(s) with low probability for Munitions and Explosives of Concern)	Status
Coming Soon! Fort Ord Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) soil borings in the California State University Monterey Bay ESCA parcel.	ESCA sent a notification regarding hand-augured soil borings in the California State University Monterey Bay ESCA Parcel. Data will support future Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) trail in this location. Construction of the trail is anticipated late 2025. Project proponents understand an approved Construction Support Plan will be required for project.
California Central Coast Veterans Cemetary	ESCA send a notification regarding installation of 5 bollards at the cemetery property. There were no munitions encountered for this project. There is no further action.

### **Administrative and Fieldwork Updates**

- Met with Monterey County Parks representatives and goat herder to evaluate locations for grazing.
- Met with the Army and Pacific Gas and Electric representatives to discuss land use controls and memorializing land use controls and points of contact within the PG&E geographic information system. Also discussed the importance of contracted UXO support for PG&E easements, particularly those locations with moderate to high probability to encounter munitions. ESCA provided additional GIS data to PG&E.
- Installed gate signs at Blue Line Road between Del Rey Oaks and Seaside boundaries.



### Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training (FortOrdSafety.com)

December: 13

Total participation for 2024: 1,328

January: 69

# **Upcoming Actions and Tasks**

Field Work See notes above.

### Administrative and Field Work

- Continued work with individuals, typically new hires, to orient them to their ESCA properties with a combination of data for phone and an overview of munitions-related Land Use Controls specific to their properties.
- ESCA will reinitiate offer of ESCA refresher training session for Del Rey Oaks.
- After all the ESCA refresher training is complete, jurisdictions will be encouraged to "read their deeds" and back check land use covenant data.
- ESCA will participate in Army's 2025 Community Involvement Workshops, Technical Review Committees, Annual Site Security meeting, and BRAC Cleanup Team meetings specific to munitions.
- ESCA will continue coordination with California Department of Toxic Substances Control to assess/respond to TerraDex alerts in and near ESCA sites.