

Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
BRAC Conference Room
February 13, 2025 @ 13:30

Member/Attendees

Curtis Payton, U.S. Army BRAC, Fort Ord Office
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 Derek Lieberman, Ahtna
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Acronyms	Organization Name
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
DTSC	California Department of Toxic Substances Control
ESCA	Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Agenda

Item	Action	Comments
Community Relations	Update	By Jason No
Property Transfer	Update	By Derek Lieberman
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement	Update by City of Seaside	By Melissa Broadston
Site Security Program	Update	By Hudson Facchini
Fieldwork Status	Update	By Melanie Enman By Linda Temple
Report Status	Update	By Chieko Nozaki
Federal Facility Agreement Schedule	Update	By Chieko Nozaki
Action Items	Review	By Chieko Nozaki
Next Meetings	Schedule	By Chieko Nozaki

Community Relations: BRAC Community Relations provided an update on community outreach.

- Recent Activities:
 - Received an inquiry from the office of a County Supervisor via the Presidio of Monterey (POM) Public Affairs Office (PAO) on 12/11/2024 regarding Army property at Fort Ord.
 - The Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 12 Amendment No. 2 public comment period was announced via local newspapers and on the Fort Ord Cleanup website on 12/26/2024.
 - Received two community inquiries via email requesting the FOST 12 Amendment No. 2 comment period to be extended. On 1/2/2025 announced in local newspapers that the public comment period was extended until 1/27/2025.
 - Received an inquiry from Marina Coast Water District regarding a monitoring well installation.
 - Received inquiry from a community member requesting additional information on FOST 12 Amendment No. 2 public comment period.
 - The Online Community Involvement Workshop was announced via the website on 1/28/2025. The mailing announcement was sent to 713 addresses on 2/5/2025. Local newspaper advertisements were published on 2/6/2025. The email announcement was sent to 2,144 emails on 2/7/2025.
 - Received inquiry from the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network on 2/7/2025.
 - A local radio station inquired about the Online Community Involvement Workshop on 2/7/2025. A newscast was issued on 2/10.
 - The Online Community Involvement Workshop went live on 2/8/2025.
 - The Technical Review Committee Meeting was held on 2/11/2025. Received community inquiry regarding property transfers on 2/11/2025.
 - A local newspaper inquired about the Online Community Involvement Workshop on 2/1/2025. An article appeared on 2/13.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - The Guided Nature Walk is tentatively scheduled for 5/10/2025.

Property Transfer: Ahtna provided an update on recent property transfer actions.

- Priority 1: FOST 12 Parcel E20c.1: FOST Amendment No. 2 to clarify the Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) type was issued for public comment on 12/26/2024. The comment period closed on 1/27/2025. Comments were received and draft responses are in progress.
- Priority 2: FOST 11 Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1: Draft Covenant to Restrict the Use of Property (CRUP) is in development. A comment resolution meeting was held with BRAC-FO and DTSC on 1/10/2025. Revisions proposed by DTSC were forwarded to Environmental Law Division (ELD) and Office of Deputy Chief of Staff G-9 BRAC Branch (BRAC G-9) on 1/28/2025.

Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement: City of Seaside provided an update.

- City of Seaside is the ESCA Successor after the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) ended in 2020. The selected remedies for most ESCA areas are land use controls (LUCs). Seaside ESCA coordinated LUC implementation with local jurisdictions and land managers. ESCA holds quarterly LUC meetings with the property managers of the former Fort Ord.
 - City of Seaside hosted a quarterly ESCA Long-Term Obligations (LTO) meeting with local jurisdictions on 2/5/2025.
 - City of Seaside ESCA presented LUC implementation at the Munitions Safety Standdown conference in December 2024.

- POM Police Department (PD) observed an illegal encampment on the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery property. The illegal encampment was removed accordingly. No associated intrusion activities involved. No other reports of trespassing has been recorded since the previous meeting.
- A portion of ESCA Parker Flats Parcel E18.1.3 will be transferred from Seaside to the Marina Coast Water District.
- The Pure Water / Monterey One Water Pipeline Project Phase 4 construction is currently ongoing. Intrusive work is now moving to the Monterey County-owned portion of the project along Eucalyptus Road.
- California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery installed 5 bollards on the cemetery property. No munition encountered and no further action is needed.
- The Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project draft final construction support plan is in progress. Soil management has been coordinated with the City.
- Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) soil borings work in CSUMB ESCA parcel is currently at the permit stage.
- Discussed on 12/16/2024 land use controls and points of contact within the PG&E geographic information system with PG&E and Army representatives. Discussed importance of contracted unexploded ordnance (UXO) support for PG&E easements.

Site Security Program: The BRAC support team provided a description of recent munitions, trespass, and security incidents, community education events, and related training.

- Surveillance:
 - POMPD and BLM Law Enforcement Impact Area patrols (daily)
 - BRAC Site Inspections – approximately five per week
 - Six motion-activated cameras at rotating locations since 5/28/2021
 - Continued testing the independent surveillance system in the Impact Area MRA.
- Maintenance of Impact Area fence, signs and gates
 - BLM perimeter fence inspections and repairs (weekly)
 - Replaced broken Impact Area locks (Evolution Gate south)
 - Reinforced concertina wire in areas of trespass concern (Impossible Canyon Gate north)
 - Impact Area road sign fixed (Darwin and Evolution Road)
 - One large UXO sign to be updated (South Boundary Road near Laguna Seca)
- Other Activities
 - The ongoing weekend closure of Parker Flats Gate started on 8/5/22.
 - Supported PG&E power line work and inspections in the Impact Area MRA.
 - BLM performing Impossible Canyon Road fuel-break re-route in Impact Area MRA.
 - The 2025 Munitions Response Site (MRS) Security Program Committee Annual Meeting date is scheduled for 2/27/2025 @ 13:30.
- Community Education Participants
 - A total of 1140 participants in 2024.
- Incident Summary Tables
 - Twenty-eight (28) trespass incidents were recorded in 2024. Thirty-one (31) reports of incidental munitions were recorded in 2024.
 - Munitions Recognition and Safety Training was provided in-person to 166 participants in 2024.

Fieldwork Status:

Kemron provided an update to the status of fieldwork.

- No fieldwork has been conducted since the last meeting.
- Documents
 - Volume 3 of the draft Fuel Breaks (FB) supplemental subsurface removal Technical Information Paper (TIP) was delivered to regulators for review on 10/29/2024. Comments were received from Fort Ord Community Advisory Group (FOCAG), DTSC, and USEPA.
 - The draft Unit 5 Remedial Action Report (RAR) is in development. Target for publication in March.
 - The Fuel Breaks RAR will be prepared following the regulatory review of the FB TIP Volume 3.
- Other Activities
 - Kemron is providing UXO escort as requested by USACE.
 - There are currently 0 items stored in the Explosives Storage Location (ESL). The ESL holds enough explosives that can support one or more detonations.
 - Kemron Senior UXO Supervisor (SUXOS) continues to perform ESL inspections on a weekly basis.
 - Conducted the annual ESL grounding certification on 1/14/2025. Ground rod is functioning properly.

Ahtna provided an update to the status of the fieldwork.

- No fieldwork has been conducted.
- Documents
 - Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Addendum anticipated draft delivery in March 2025.
 - Unit 17 Site Specific Work Plan (SSWP) anticipated draft delivery in March 2025.
 - The Unit A SSWP draft delivery in March 2025.
 - Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update is being updated in conjunction with POM Fire Department (FD) and BRAC. Appendices will include Air Monitoring Plan, and a Site Security Plan. Anticipated draft delivery is in April 2025. Community notification plan will be submitted separately.

Relocation of Impact Area fence along Eucalyptus Road: Chieko Nozaki

- BRAC described the planned fence re-location and supporting information to support future road maintenance. The fence line would be adjusted by approximately 15 feet south. The road and the adjacent area will be managed by BLM as part of the Fort Ord National Monument.

Report Status and Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule: BRAC support team provided a review and update. Draft FFA schedule updates previously provided to BCT were further reviewed, and BCT approved the current schedule described during the meeting.

- Impact Area MRA Fuel breaks Supplemental Subsurface Removal Orion/Watkins Gate Technical Information Paper (TIP) Volume 3. Response to comments in progress.
- The MRS-BLM Unit 5 Remedial Action Report. Proposed draft issue date is March 2025.

- MEC Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Addendum. Proposed draft issue date is end of February 2025.
- Unit 17 SSWP. Proposed draft issue date is end of February 2025.
- BLM Area B Unit A SSWP Update. Planned draft issue date is March 2025.
- BLM Area B Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update. Proposed issue date is April 2025.

Action items: Statuses of action items from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Next Meetings: The next MR BCT meeting is scheduled for 5/9/2025.

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