Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) Program Update at the Fort Ord BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) Meeting: September 18, 2025

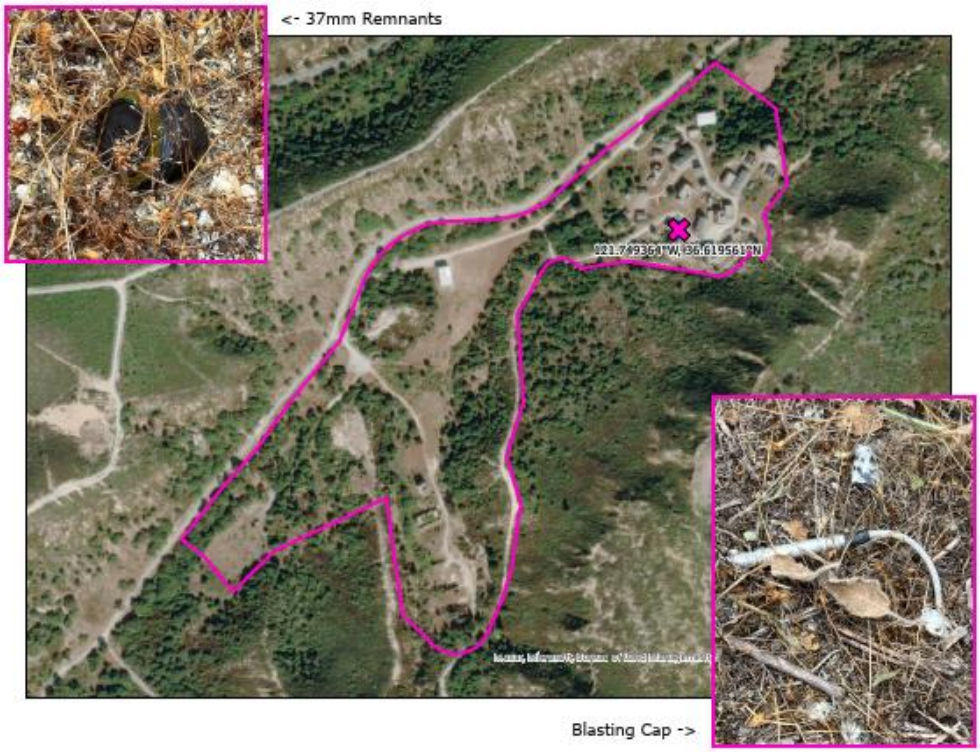
Recent Actions and Tasks

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.
- Continued assistance to Monterey County with data collection for the Annual Land Use Control Report.
- ESCA continues to work with Pacific Gas and Electric to develop a programmatic Construction Support Plan for their infrastructure located in properties with Land Use Controls related to munitions.
- Participated in Army's July Community Involvement Workshop, Technical Review Committee, and BRAC Cleanup Team meeting specific to munitions.
- Hosted the August 6, 2025, Long Term Operations quarterly meeting.

Trespassing/Munitions Incident(s)

- There have been no trespassing events in ESCA lands since the July 24, 2025, BCT meeting.
- On August 14, 2025, 37mm remnants and an expended blasting cap were discovered at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site. The discovery was reported to the Army Base Realignment and Closure Office and Monterey County Bomb Squad by Stan Cook. Mr. Cook was supporting Monterey Peninsula College (the property owner) at this location. The Monterey County Bomb Squad responded to the incident and the items were identified as a 37mm training round and an expended commercial blasting cap. The Bomb Squad confirmed the items were nonhazardous spent debris and removed them from the site for disposal. See map at right.

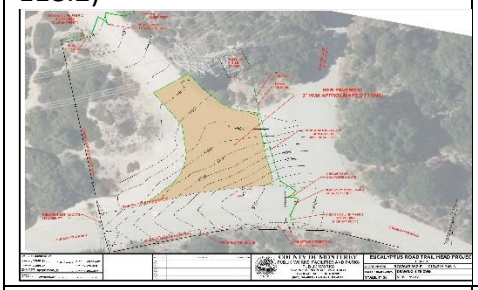


Potential Property Transfer (Sale) of ESCA Property

- The Nurses Barracks (Glover/Parker Flats Apartments, a portion of parcel E18.1.3) is still contingent. ESCA continues to monitor. ESCA provided information to the prospective purchaser on requirements for various levels of intrusive work.
- A portion of ESCA Parker Flats Parcels E18.1.1 and E20c.2 (map at right) will be transferred from Seaside to the Marina Coast Water District. This is a parcel adjacent to the two water tanks on the hill in Parker Flats.

Documentation, Construction, and Ground Disturbing Activities

Projects with Construction Support (CSP) Plans	**Status**
Pure Water/Monterey One Water Pipeline Phase 4	Construction is ongoing. Fieldwork is expected to wrap up by mid-October.
Monterey Peninsula College Military Operation in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) • Utility Pole Anchor Bolt Repair – Anomaly Avoidance. • Utility Pole Inspection and treatment	Two intrusive projects on the same pole. Both are on hold pending completion of programmatic Construction Support Plan for PG&E properties in land transferred outside the Federal Government which also have munitions-related land use controls.
Laguna Seca adjacent to Barloy Canyon PG&E Utility Pole Repair (located in moderate to high probability area for encountering munitions)	Intrusive project on several poles located just off Barloy Canyon in the Laguna Seca munitions response area with grids identified as moderate to high probability of encountering munitions. This project is also wrapped into the pending programmatic Construction Support Plan for PG&E properties on land transferred outside the Federal Government which also have munitions-related land use controls noted above.
Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project.	Contractor selected. Proposed construction date is late September Construction Support Plan will soon be issued as final with changes made based on comments from Army and updated Point of Contact information.

ESCA Notifications: Less than 10 cubic yards in area(s) with low probability for Munitions and Explosives of Concern	**Status**
Monterey County Parker Flats Trailhead/Turn Around Improvement (Parcels L20.18 and E18.2) 	Proposal to upgrade turn around/parking area at Parker Flats Cut Off and Eucalyptus with 1.2 cubic yard soil disturbance related to fence and gate installation. Initial project considered removal of pavement and road base (80 cubic yards) but was revised to place pavement on existing surface. **Terradex Alert ID number (for initial 80 cubic yard project) is 26753618.** Revised plan indicates cumulative ground disturbance of 1.2 cubic yards. Project on hold pending discussions with neighboring property owners and completion of the Monterey One Water pipeline project.
City of Seaside Construction Laydown Area in (Parcel E34)	No Further Action. Proposed use of ESCA parcel as a laydown area for materials used at another site (San Pablo Traffic Calming). Proposed intrusive activities included digging post holes and some soil disturbance. A different area (not in ESCA) was selected. **Terradex Alert ID number is 26860102.**
California American Water pipeline extension and connection into existing infrastructure (Parcel E23.1)	Installation of additional potable water pipelines from California American wells located off General Jim Moore Boulevard (between Fitch Middle School and Golf Course) to the water facility off General Jim Moore Boulevard. Not all project is located in ESCA area. ESCA is currently confirming location and estimated cumulative disturbance in ESCA property. **Terradex Alert ID number is 26888132.**
City of Seaside Traffic Calming on San Pablo (Parcel E34)	Kraemer Engineering will be hand-digging holes for post holes to support the San Pablo Avenue traffic calming project at Parcel E34. The plan calls for minimal ground disturbance. Post holes will be drilled into the sidewalk. See red dots on photo below. **This activity is related to Terradex Alert Number 26895062.**

Administrative and Fieldwork Updates

- Reminded (second time) York School to repair erosion at the hairpin turn on Blue Line Road. York School contact person was receptive and requested a map and additional information. Map and information were provided. York School replied that they would address the area with a tractor.

Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training (FortOrdSafety.com)

- July: 145
- August: 156

Upcoming Actions and Tasks

Administrative and Field Work

- Participate in tailgate safety meeting for the Seaside Storm Water Infiltration repair project.
- Provide an ESCA review for the American Planning Association Mobile Workshop (Bus Tour) on September 30.
- 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.
- Reinitiate offer of ESCA read your deed/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.
- Continue coordination with California Department of Toxic Substances Control to assess/respond to TerraDex alerts in and near ESCA sites.
- Continue assistance to Monterey County with data collection for the Annual Land Use Control Report.
- Work with Monterey County Assessor’s Office to update and correct Fort Ord parcel data.