

Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
BRAC Conference Room
September 18, 2025 @ 13:30

Member/Attendees

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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 community inquiry on 7/22/2025 regarding a staff survey for the upcoming Community Involvement Workshop (CIW).
 - Held outreach on 7/23/2025 regarding a controlled detonation that was held on 7/24/2025.
 - Held the CIW and open house on 7/26/2025 (46 participants).
 - Held the Technical Review Committee meeting on 7/29/2025.
 - Held a York School Safety Presentation on 8/21/2025. (180 participants)
 - Held an information table at the Monterey County Fair on 8/29/2025. (200 participants)
 - Mailed Fort Ord Community Advisory Group (FOCAG) response to comments (RTCs) on 9/15/2025.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - Community Surveys and Interviews are to begin in October 2025.
 - The Annual Newsletter will be formulated in November.

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

- Priority 1: Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 11 Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1: DTSC accepted the Covenant to Restrict Use of Property (CRUP) as written on 5/9/2025. The City of Seaside may now sign the CRUP instead of the Army. Once final, it will be sent to City of Seaside.
- FOST Amendment No. 2: BRAC – Fort Ord Field Office (FO) comments were received on 9/9/2025. The revised draft FOST Amendment was then submitted to BRAC-FO on 9/9/2025.

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 coordinates 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 8/6/2025 and will host the next quarterly meeting in November.
- No trespassing incidents have been recorded since the previous meeting.
- One incidental discovery of munition debris occurred on 8/14/2025 in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site.
- The Pure Water / Monterey One Water Pipeline Project Phase 4 construction is currently ongoing. Fieldwork is expected to be finished in mid-October time frame. There has not been any munitions discovery. After-action report will be developed for the construction support applied to the project.
- ESCA is assisting Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to develop programmatic construction support plan to support its routine operation and maintenance activities at locations subject to the construction support requirement.
- The Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project contractor has been selected. The construction support plan will be issued as final with changes and comments from the Army and updated Point of Contact (POC) information included. The proposed construction start date is late September.
- Monterey County Public Works held a meeting regarding the improvement of vehicle turn-around area and additional gate placement on Eucalyptus Road west of Parker Flats Cutoff Road.

Project on hold pending discussions with neighboring property owners and completion of the Monterey One Water pipeline project.

- Awaiting plans for the California American Water pipeline extension and connection into existing infrastructure. ESCA is currently confirming location and estimated cumulative disturbance in the ESCA properties.
- Discussed with York School the erosion repair at the turn on BlueLine Road near Foul Bore gate. Additional information was requested and maps were provided. York School has cleared vegetation in the immediate area and will continue repairs with tractor in near future.
- The local jurisdictions began the process of developing the annual report of land use covenants.

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

- Surveillance:
 - Presidio of Monterey (POM) Police Department (PD) and BLM Law Enforcement Impact Area patrols (daily)
 - BRAC Site Inspections – approximately five times per week
 - Six motion-activated cameras at rotating locations since 5/28/2021
 - The independent camera system is fully operational with five cameras
- Maintenance of Impact Area fence, signs and gates
 - BLM perimeter fence inspections and repairs (weekly)
 - One large, unexploded ordnance (UXO) sign to be updated (South Boundary Road near Laguna Seca)
 - Replaced fence clips on the barbed wire fence of the Impact Area MRA
 - Replaced an Army lock at Rancho Saucito Gate located off South Boundary Road
- Other Activities
 - The ongoing weekend closure of Parker Flats Gate started on 8/5/2022.
 - Supported PG&E planned work and inspections in the Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA) as needed.
 - Supported the Naval Postgraduate School with site visits to maintain weather stations located in the Impact Area MRA.
 - Munitions Response Site (MRS) Security Program Annual Report has been finalized.
- Community Education Participants
 - 826 participants year to date.
- Incident Summary Tables

Twenty-four (24) trespass incidents have been recorded year-to-date in 2025. Four (4) trespass incidents have occurred since the previous meeting. Three incidents were detected by the independent camera system and were recorded on Impossible Canyon Road.

Twelve (12) reports of incidental munition encounters have occurred year-to-date in 2025. Three (3) munition incidentals have occurred since the previous meeting.

Munitions Recognition and Safety Training was provided in-person to 143 participants year-to-date in 2025.

Fieldwork Status:

Kemron provided an update.

- No fieldwork has been conducted since the last meeting.

- Documents
 - Volume 3 of Fuel Breaks (FB) Technical Information Paper (TIP), supplemental subsurface removal: The draft-final document was submitted on 7/29/2025. USEPA and DTSC provided letters indicating no comment. A transmittal will be provided to memorialize that the draft-final will be considered final without revision.
 - Unit 5 Remedial Action Report (RAR): Draft-final version was submitted on 6/30/2025. USEPA and DTSC had no comment. The document was finalized via a transmittal correspondence on 8/14/2025.
 - The FB 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.
 - The explosives storage location (ESL) transfer from Kemron to Ahtna was accomplished on 7/25/2025.
 - The Annual Surface Monitoring (ASM) for 2025 is pending contracting action.

Ahtna provided an update to the status of the fieldwork.

- Documents
 - Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Addendum: The final was delivered on 7/31/2025.
 - Unit 17 Site Specific Work Plan (SSWP): The final was delivered on 7/31/2025.
 - The Unit A SSWP: The final was delivered on 8/29/2025.
 - Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update: Draft final was delivered on 8/7/2025. Received letters indicating no further comments from EPA and DTSC on 9/5/2025. Received comments from FOCAG on 9/8/2025 as well as from MBARD on 9/17/2025. The final is scheduled for delivery as soon as possible.
- Fieldwork Status
 - Preparation for Unit A prescribed burn field activities began in June 2025. The preparation work includes vegetation cutting in containment lines around Unit A and biological support, as well as the placement of dip tanks and water supply tanks. Two old dip tanks have been removed; four new dip tanks and water towers have been deployed and filled. Property managers are being informed of the field work. No commuter road closures are expected during these operations. Signage and road guards are used on roads as needed. Mechanical and manual cutting of the containment lines are complete, with exception of canopy areas, chipping, and grids with the presence of species protected under the Habitat Management Plan; completion is pending POMFD approval. Air monitoring sensors have been deployed and are working properly.
 - Unit 17 field work tasks began on 8/4/2025. The work includes biological support, vegetation cutting, grid and stake work area, technology aided surface MEC removal, and Digital Geophysical Mapping. Mechanical vegetation cuts began 8/4/2025 and 24 acres have been completed so far. Manual vegetation cutting and grid corner staking began on 9/16/2025. Current work started in the north-west portion of Unit 17 remediation area. Instrument aided surface MEC removal is anticipated to begin in early October.

Additional Updates

- Additional prescribed burn related actions since the last meeting include: additional community outreach, communications to local organizations regarding the burn site preparation activities,

and continued Direct Notification signups. The burn team is monitoring the weather and fuel conditions.

Report Status and Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule: BRAC support team provided a review and update.

- Impact Area MRA FB TIP Volume 3 Supplemental Subsurface Removal Orion/Watkins Gate: Draft final was issued on 7/29/2025. Received comments from FOCAG on 8/31/2025 (pertained to different content). Received letters indicating no further comment from USEPA and DTSC on 9/5/2025. Draft-final will be considered final.
- Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuel breaks Remedial Action Report (RAR): Kemron will begin developing after the TIP completion.
- MEC QAPP Addendum: Final was issued on 7/31/2025.
- BLM Unit 17 SSWP: Final was issued on 7/31/2025.
- BLM Area B unit A SSWP Update: Final was issued on 8/29/2025. Received a community member comments on 9/8/2025.
- BLM Area B Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update: Draft final was issued on 8/7/2025. Received no further comment from USEPA and DTSC on 9/5/2025. Received FOCAG comments on 9/8/2025 and MBARD on 9/17/2025. The final will be issued as soon as possible.
- The land use covenant Annual Monitoring Report by local jurisdictions will be issued by 12/1/2025.
- The MRS Security Program Annual Report was issued on 8/12/2025.
- Analysis of the 2023 Community Survey and 2023-2024 Community Outreach Program will be provided to the regulatory agencies in September.

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

Next Meetings: The next MR BCT meeting is scheduled for 12/11/2025.

9/24/2025

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