

Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
BRAC Conference Room
December 11, 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 Iris Klotz
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:
 - Contacted local organizations in October 2025 regarding the status of the prescribed burn.
 - Contacted the Monterey County Health Department Public Information Officer on 10/1/2025 regarding the prescribed burn.
 - Sent prescribed burn information to the local Homeowners Associations on 10/10/2025.
 - Sent the Direct Notification Program text opt-in alert on 10/15/2025. As of 12/4/2025, there was a total of 208 opted in for phone calls and 294 opted in for text messaging.
 - Received an inquiry on the information line on 10/21/2025 regarding the Dunes State Park project.
 - Posted a detonation notice on the Fort Ord Cleanup website for operations that occurred on 11/4/2025.
 - Received an inquiry from the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network on 11/5/2025 regarding the detonation notice.
 - Contacted Monterey County Emergency Services on 11/17/2025 regarding the prescribed burn notification.
 - Received a community inquiry via the website on 11/18/2025 regarding questions about the Fort Ord Cleanup from California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) students.
 - Received a community inquiry via the website on 11/21/2025 requesting map data.
 - Mailed the 2025 community survey to 690 addresses on 11/24/2025.
 - Emailed the 2025 community survey to 2,165 addresses on 11/25/2025.
 - Received an inquiry from the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) on 11/25/2025 regarding scheduling of MCWD monitoring wells installation.
 - Received an inquiry from York School on 12/3/2025 regarding breaks in fence line in transferred Fort Ord property.
 - The Annual Newsletter was distributed, including mailing to 76,000 addresses. It was made available on fortordcleanup.com website on 12/10/2025.
 - The report, Analysis of the 2023 Community Survey and 2023-2024 Community Outreach Program, was finalized on 12/10/2025.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - The Online Community Involvement Workshop is planned for February 2026.
 - The Technical Review Committee Meeting is planned for February 2026.
 - A list of the Fort Ord Cleanup Community Outreach Events planned for 2026 was presented.

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 Army will sign the CRUP. An amendment to the FOST will be filed prior to conveyance.

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 11/5/2025 and will host the next quarterly meeting in February.
- No trespassing incidents have been recorded since the previous meeting.

- No incidental munition incidents have been recorded since the previous meeting.
- The Pure Water / Monterey One Water Pipeline Project Phase 4 construction is nearly completed. An After-Action Report for the construction support is in progress.
- There are two Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) intrusive projects on the same pole being planned in the Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site, owned by Monterey Peninsula College (MPC). Both are pending completion of a programmatic Construction Support Plan for PG&E activities in lands transferred outside of the Federal government. Planned activities include utility pole anchor bolt repair and utility pole inspection and treatment.
- An intrusive project by PG&E to repair several poles is being planned off Barloy Canyon Road in the Laguna Seca Munitions Response Area (MRA). The grids are identified as moderate to high probability of encountering munitions. It will be addressed in the planned programmatic Construction Support Plan for PG&E activities in land transferred outside of the Federal government.
- The Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project construction is underway. Project is expected to finish in December 2025.
- The California American Water pipeline extension and connection project will require a Construction Support Plan. This is the installation of additional potable water pipelines from California American wells located off General Jim Moore Blvd. Not all this project falls within ESCA properties.
- PG&E is installing a natural gas pipeline in segments of the ESCA CSUMB Off-Campus MRA parcel, which includes trenching. A Construction Support Plan will be prepared for this upcoming work.
- A manufactured homes redevelopment project is planned in the “nurses barracks” site within City of Seaside. Seaside ESCA has provided the land use control information to the developer.
- Monterey County Parker Flats Trailhead Improvement included an upgrade to the turnaround/parking area at the Parker Flats Cutoff and Eucalyptus Road and fence/gate installation. Project is intended to be completed by end of December 2025.
- City of Seaside conduit installation is complete. Seaside Public Works Department hand dug and installed an electrical line in a portion of ESCA parcel E23.1.
- The online munitions recognition and safety training website was down for a few days in November.
- The York School erosion repair at the turn on Blueline Road near Foul Bore Gate was completed in October.

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 barbed wire fence clips as needed

- Replaced broken/loose barbed wires as needed
- Fixed broke range gate locks as needed
- 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 MRA as needed
 - Supported detonation operations in the Impact Area MRA
- Community Education Participants
 - 826 participants year to date.
- Incident Summary Tables
 - Thirty-one (31) trespass incidents have been recorded year-to-date in 2025. Five (5) trespass incidents have occurred since the previous meeting. Four incidents were detected by the independent camera system and were recorded on Impossible Canyon Road.
 - Thirteen (13) reports of incidental munition encounters have occurred year-to-date in 2025. One (1) munition incidental has occurred since the previous meeting.
- Munitions Recognition and Safety Training was provided in-person to 169 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: Final was submitted on 9/18/2025.
 - The FB Remedial Action Report (RAR) pre-draft development is in progress.
 - The Annual Surface Monitoring Work Plan is in development. The monitoring will address units monitored in 2024 and Unit 5. Due to contractual issue, Unit 25 will not be monitored in 2025 and will be included in the field effort in 2026. Due to contractual issue the field work start date has been delayed to 1/5/2026.
- Other Activities
 - Kemron is providing UXO escort as requested by USACE.

Ahtna provided an update.

- Documents
 - The Unit A Site Specific Work Plan (SSWP) Addendum: The final was delivered on 8/29/2025. The Army responded to comments from public member on the Final SSWP on 12/8/2025.
 - Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update: Draft final was delivered on 8/7/2025. 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 mechanical and manual vegetation cutting of the containment lines (approximately 275 acres) has been completed. POM Fire Department approvals complete. Water supply tanks are set up, air monitoring sensors are deployed, and the suppression helibase perimeter fence has been completed.
 - Unit 17 field work tasks began on 8/4/2025 with boundary surveys and the mechanical vegetation cutting (in progress). Grid corner staking and manual vegetation cutting began on 9/16/2025. Field operations include erosion control and biological support.

- Unit 17 surface removal of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) began on 10/15/2025. 20 acres completed to date out of 118 acres projected. Completion in the current work areas is expected in May-June of 2026. Inaccessible areas are being delineated during surface removal. Quality Control and Quality Assurance procedures are being implemented. A blow-in-place operation was conducted on 11/4/2025 to address 12 items discovered during mechanical vegetation cutting. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) Instrument Verification Strip (IVS) is currently being installed. DGM survey in accessible portions of the current work areas is expected to take place from 1/5/2025 to May-June of 2026.

Prescribed burn program: The Army team continues the effort to prepare for the prescribed burn during the current season. Weather, fuel, and other conditions continue to be monitored. The Army is addressing an administrative issue that requires internal coordination with BRAC Headquarters. The burn plan will be finalized following its resolution. An extension of the burn season into January is under consideration.

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: Final via transmittal on 9/18/2025. Army responded to a community comment on 9/26/2025.
- Impact Area MRA Non-Burn FB RAR: Draft is anticipated in April 2026.
- BLM Area B Unit A SSWP Update: Final was issued on 8/29/2025. Received a community member comment on 9/8/2025. The Army responded to the comments on 12/8/2025.
- BLM Area B Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update: The final will be issued as soon as possible.
- The Land Use Covenant Annual Monitoring Report by local jurisdictions was issued on 11/24/2025.
- Track 2 Parker Flats MRA (FOST11 Parcels) annual monitoring report of land use controls is expected to be issued in February 2026.
- Track 2 Parker Flats MRA (F2.6) annual monitoring report is expected to be issued on 2/27/2026.
- The Munitions Response Site Security Program Annual Report is expected to be issued in March 2026.
- Analysis of the 2023 Community Survey and 2023-2024 Community Outreach Program has been submitted. The community survey was distributed on 11/25/2025.

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

Next Meetings: The next MR BCT meeting is scheduled for 2/19/2026.

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