



# Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) Program Update at the Fort Ord BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) Meeting: February 11, 2022

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## Recent Actions and Tasks

### Coordination with Jurisdiction/Recurring Meetings

- Quarterly Presentation at the Seaside City Council Meeting: January 20.
- Quarterly Long Term Operation (LTO) Meetings with Jurisdictions: February 2.
- Quarterly LTO Meetings with Police, Permits, Planning and Property Managers: December 1.
- Site inspections: ESCA weekly inspections, Del Rey Oaks weekly inspections, City of Monterey monthly inspections, County of Monterey weekly inspections, California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) monthly inspections.

### Reports

- Monterey County submitted Annual Land Use Control Report by Monterey County in December. ESCA will work with Monterey County to make future submittals more efficient.
- ESCA sent annual reminders of Land Use Control munitions safety training requirements to all jurisdictions and property owners (CCCVC, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, and Glover Enterprises).

### Trespassing

- Discovered and responded to five homeless encampments in southern portion of Seaside Munitions Response area. Within one day of discovery, Seaside Public Works and ESCA notified residents of trespassing and pending cleanup. Army also notified all site security members. Area cleared of debris within four days of discovery. Post-cleanup observations: minimal soil disturbance and no evidence of munitions. Immediately following encampment cleanup, completed fence repairs that were the likely avenue for trespassers. ESCA continues to monitor the area.
- Monterey Peninsula College removed bridges from illegal “pump track” in Parker Flats. MPC is preparing a report to document the incident and all follow-up measures.
- California State University Monterey Bay noted a trespass (someone drove a vehicle in circles in the sandy restoration area leaving wheeled tracks) on the Spineflower Restoration Area in their ESCA property. The disturbance was minimal and the restoration area was roped off and signed “off limits” to prevent future disturbances. Other than monitoring, no further action is required. See photo at the right.



## Construction and Ground Disturbing Activities

- Final Programmatic On-Call Construction Support Plan Roadways and Utilities Seaside Munitions Response Area, November 5, 2019
  - Pure Water Project Phases 3 and 4 Construction Support Requirements submitted as Attachment A and Table 1, July 6, 2021
    - This work is on-going.
  - General Jim Moore Boulevard Shared Pipeline Bypass Project, Attachment A and Table 1 for September 24, 2021
    - This work is ongoing but expected to wrap up in the next month with arrival of isolation equipment.
- Draft On-Call Construction Support Plan Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project – Phase 4 in the Parker Flats MRA, November 16, 2021
  - Comments from Army and DTSC received. USEPA deferred review to DTSC. ESCA issued redline strike-out and draft response to comments on January 27 based on Army and DTSC comments. The final version will be produced after clarifications and edits are made to the redline/strike-out version. Pure Water will begin the bid process when the Construction Support Plan is final.
- Final Programmatic Construction Support Plan Addendum for MOUT Site. Intrusive activities at Monterey Peninsula College’s Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT)/Munitions Response Site 28 Site were conducted January 18-19, 2022. Work was documented in two attachments to the Final Programmatic Anomaly Avoidance Construction Support Plan (CSP). These two attachments were provided to the Army, EPA, DTSC and BLM on January 14, 2022. Both of these activities support requirements related to the pre-construction California Environmental Quality Act reporting requirements at the MOUT site. Drones were NOT used to conduct the aerial survey. The MOUT site fence construction completion is projected by the end of 2022.
  - Wetlands Delineation. Attachment A-2 Soil Disturbing Activities for MRS-28 Wetlands Delineation was prepared as the second amendment to support ground disturbing or intrusive activities (disturbing less than 10 cubic yards of soil) to be conducted in the MRS-28 MOUT training area. Anomaly avoidance was conducted for ground disturbing activities related to the MRS-28 wetland delineation. ESCA will provide clarifying edits to this attachment for the final file version.
  - Aerial Survey Site Preparation. Attachment A-3 Soil Disturbing Activities for MRS-28 Aerial Survey Site Preparation and Survey Control Point Installation was prepared as the third amendment to the Final Programmatic Anomaly Avoidance Construction Support Plan (CSP) to support ground disturbing or intrusive activities (disturbing less than 10 cubic yards of soil) to be conducted in the Munitions Response Site (MRS-28) (the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training area). Anomaly avoidance was conducted for ground disturbing activities related to the MRS-28 aerial survey site preparation and survey control point. ESCA will provide clarifying edits to this attachment for the final file version.



## Administrative Updates

- Ongoing removal of old ESCA signs and cleanup of sign-related debris.
- Completed annual notification to property owners/jurisdictions.
- The City of Monterey passed a metal detection prohibition in December.

## Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training

December: 61 Participants

January: 48 Participants

## Upcoming Actions and Tasks

### Coordination with Jurisdictions/Recurring Meetings

- Presentation at the February 15 Technical Review Committee.
- Presentation (recorded) at February 12 Community Involvement Workshop.
- Army Annual Munitions Site Security Meeting: February 22.
- Quarterly Presentation at the Seaside City Council Meeting: April 21.
- Quarterly LTO Meetings with Police, Permits, Planning and Property Managers: March 1.
- About to be re-started: discuss pollution limited liability (PLL) insurance with jurisdictions.
- It is currently not necessary to re-start the sign committee. Committee notes have been circulated and sign development is being coordinated by ESCA with each jurisdiction.

### Report(s)

- Construction Support Plan for portion of Phase 4 of the Pure Water Project to be conducted in the Parker Flats Munitions Response Area (see image below)
  - Project will disturb more than 10 cubic yards of soil in an area with a low probability of MEC, therefore on-call construction support is required.
  - The project will be conducted by excavating a trench approximately 10 feet deep, installing up to 20-inch diameter pipe and backfilling the soil. The pipeline will connect to the planned pipeline shown in the Pure Water Project Phases 3 and 4 project as shown in the Attachment A submittal, July 6, 2021.
  - On-call Construction Support Plan is based on the Land Use Covenant Implementation Plan LUCIP construction support template with project specific changes highlighted for an easier review. ESCA provided a red-line strikeout version plus draft response to comments January 27. The final version will be issued once the remaining clarifications are complete.



## Construction and Ground Disturbing Activities

- Geotechnical boring activities are planned in the Parker Flats Munitions Response Area related to the design of the Phase 4 Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project. Less than 10 cubic yards of soil to be disturbed in an area with low probability of MEC therefore, in accordance with the Land Use Covenant Implementation Plan no UXO Construction Support Plan is required.

• Overview of geotechnical boring activities planned in the Parker Flats MRA related to the design of the Phase 4 Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project.



## Administrative

- Ongoing: removal of old ESCA signs and cleanup of sign-related debris.
- Discuss group policy purchase of pollution limited liability insurance for ESCA jurisdictions.
- Coming soon: new signs for Seaside Gates.
- Parker Flats gate (near Cemetery entrance) access upgrades for cyclists and pedestrians when gate is closed.
- The COVID-delayed ESCA refresher training will be rescheduled for the Spring.

