

Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
BRAC Conference Room
February 10, 2023 @ 10 AM

Member/Attendees

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Acronyms	Organization Name
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
DTSC	California Department of Toxic Substances Control
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ESCA	Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

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 / Impact Area Munitions Response Area	Update	By Steve Crane
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: The Army provided an update on community outreach.

- Recent Activities:
 - Received calls on information line regarding a recent article in the newspaper linking illnesses to Fort Ord. Callers were informed that the Fort Ord BRAC has information about environmental cleanup of Fort Ord, and any health questions were referred to the Veteran's Affairs. Mailed two community members who had requested to receive Fort Ord documents requesting updated information. Emailed Technical Review Committee (TRC) members to "Save the Date" for the TRC meeting being held on 2/14/2023. Sent 2029 email and 754 mail about the Community Involvement Workshop (CIW) event on 2/11/2023. Arranged for newspaper advertisement announcing the CIW to appear in the Monterey Weekly 2/2-2/8 and Monterey Herald on 2/9.
- Upcoming Activities
 - CIW will be held as an open house on 2/11/2023.
 - TRC will be held on 2/14/2023 including groundwater and soil cleanup, landfill operation and maintenance, and ESCA.

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

- Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 6: Parcel F2.7.2, Site 33, Golf Course Maintenance Area removal of residential use restriction, the deed was recorded on 1/26/2023.
- FOST 11: Parcel L2.3 and L2.4.1. Memorandum to File is under review by Environmental Law Division and Office of General Counsel (OGC).
- FOST 12: S2.1.2.to University of California (UC) draft deed submitted to USACE Sacramento District (SPK) Office of Counsel (OC) and is being coordinated with Headquarters (HQ) USACE.
- FOST 13: Draft deed package routed to HQ-USACE-Office of Counsel (OC) on 1/31/2023.
- Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) 1: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Warranty for Parcel L5.1.1.1 (FAAF MRS-34): USACE Sacramento District Real Estate (SPK-RE) submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13, under review at HQ-USACE-OC.
- FOSET 5: City of Marina Parcels E4.3.2.2, E4.7.1, E5a.1, and L5.10.1: SPK-RE submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13 and is under review by HQ-USACE-OC. County of Monterey Parcel E4.7.2: SPK-RE submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13 and is currently under review at HQ-USACE-OC.
- Parcel L20.4 (Oil Well Rd.) transfer to BLM: as of 1/31/2023 it is under review at OGC.

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

- City of Seaside is the ESCA Successor after Fort Ord Reuse Authority 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. The quarterly meeting was held on 2/1/2023, all property managers were in compliance with the LUCs.
- The Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project is still in its early design stage and field work is not expected until Spring 2023. ESCA provided a presentation on the upcoming project.
- California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery has proposed a memorial wall to be built and has determined that over 20 cubic yards of soil will be disturbed. Construction Support Plan is being developed.

- California State University Monterey Bay will install several signs in their ESCA property (Parcel S1.3.2). Cumulative scope of project will include small, intrusive activities, disturbing less than 10 cubic yards of soil in areas with low probabilities of encountering munitions. ESCA assisted with the notification requirements related to the intrusive work.
- Seaside added a road base to Blue Line Road in December in response to erosion caused by the winter storm events.
- ESCA sent the annual notifications for munitions safety training and ESCA requirements in January.
- MPC installed several property signs and are working with ESCA and Cemetery staff to install additional signs.
- The City of Monterey is interested in exploring the process and cost to remove residential restriction to Parcel E29.1. ESCA will assist the City of Monterey to coordinate future discussions with the BCT.

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

- Surveillance
 - Presidio of Monterey (POM) Police Department and BLM Law Enforcement perform daily Impact Area patrols.
 - BRAC site inspections occur approximately three times per week.
 - Six motion-activated cameras at rotating locations since 5/28/2021. During the January storm event, five cameras were recalled from the field (two-week period). All six cameras are back in full operation.
- Maintenance of Impact Area fence, signs and gates
 - Weekly inspections and repairs of the Impact Area fence performed by BLM. Two large UXO signs to be updated. Three range gate signs to be installed. Replacement of damaged “No Trespassing” signs around Impact Area barbed wire fence. Fence maintenance as needed in response to the January storm event. Planned purchases include three range gate signs and one road sign.
- Other Activities
 - Parker Flats Gate has ongoing closure during the weekend time frames (starting 8/5/2022). MRS Security Committee Annual Meeting date set for 2/23/2023.

Fieldwork / Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA) – Kemron provided an update on the status of fieldwork.

- Surface removal and digital geophysical mapping (DGM) in Unit 5 were completed in 2022. The Unit 5 Technical Memorandum (TM) will be prepared for submittal to the regulatory agencies without the digital geophysical mapping (DGM) data in Pond 76, as it could be several weeks before the pond becomes dry enough for data collection. The DGM data assessment report will be included in the TM.
- Unit 5 DGM Data Assessment and Anomaly List Development: A total of 95 targets in Unit 5 were identified with response characteristics of a large munition item within two feet of the surface (31 targets for a potential large item within one foot).
- The 2022 Annual Surface Monitoring (ASM) field work was completed on 12/21/22. Two suspect MEC items were found in Ranges 43-48 South.

- An incidental munitions item was encountered by BLM Weeds Crew while performing work in Unit 25 on 1/26/23. Kemron senior UXO staff examined the item and identified it as an M43 series Mortar with an M52 Point Detonating series fuse broken off. The item was relocated to ESL for storage awaiting demolition operations.
- ESL storage currently holds 3 items after completion of 2022 ASM field work and the recent munitions encounter.
- The annual ESL grounding certification was performed by JM Electric on 1/27/23 and the grounding certification report is expected soon.

Report Status and Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule: The Army provided a review and update.

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

Next Meetings – The next MR BCT Meeting is scheduled for 5/19/23.

2/10/23