



Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) Program Update at the Fort Ord BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) Meeting: October 27, 2023

Recent Actions and Tasks

Coordination with Jurisdiction/Recurring Meetings

- Quarterly LTO meeting with Joint Jurisdictions and Property Managers: August 2, 2023
- Quarterly LTO meeting with Police, Permits, Planning and Property Managers: September 6, 2023.
- Quarterly Presentation at the Seaside City Council Meeting: October 19 2023.
- REMINDER: ESCA will combine Police, Plans, Permits and Property Managers with Joint Jurisdiction meetings for a total of 4 meetings per year (instead of 8). There was full support for change by participants at the joint jurisdiction and police, permits, plans and property managers meetings. Proposed 2024 dates are: February 7, May 1, August 7, and November 6.
- Site inspections: ESCA weekly inspections, Del Rey Oaks weekly inspections, Monterey Peninsula College and City of Monterey monthly inspections, County of Monterey weekly inspections, California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) bi-weekly inspections.
- Participated in Army Community Involvement Workshop (July 22, 2023) and provided an ESCA update at the Army's Technical Review Committee (July 26, 2023).
- Worked with Transportation Agency for Monterey County to review the current proposal for the FORTAG trails related properties with ESCA requirements. This effort included mapping overlays, data exchange, and a guided tour of properties in Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, and Monterey County with land use controls associated with munitions and explosives of concern. This effort continues. See map at right.
- Worked with the Fort Ord National Monument Manager to prepare maps showing parcel ownership, land use controls, and ESCA requirements for a future discussion regarding a northwester entrance to the Fort Ord National Monument via Eucalyptus Road. This work continues.
- Continued assistance to jurisdictions as they complete the Annual Land Use Control Report which is due December 1, 2023.
- Continued work with Monterey County to correct and update the Assessor's Parcel Geographic Information System.



Annual Land Use Covenant Report

- The Annual Land Use Covenant Report by Monterey County (covering July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) was submitted December 1, 2022. ESCA is still formulating the “Read Your Deed” campaign which support the next year’s report submission and data collection. Additionally, this continues ESCA work with the Monterey County Assessor’s Office to correct parcel geometry and ensure property ownership information is correct.

Trespassing

- There were no ESCA-related trespassing issues noted on ESCA properties for the period of June 7 through October 19, 2023.

Potential Property Transfer (Sale) of ESCA Property

- The Nurses Barracks (Glover/Parker Flats Apartments) fell out of escrow and remains available for purchase.

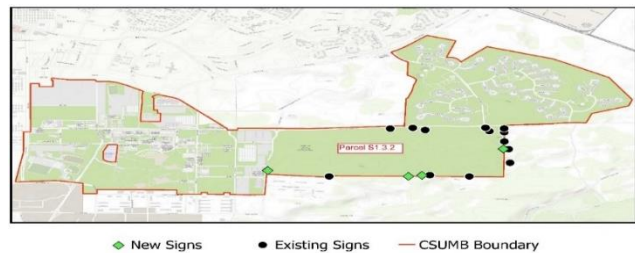
Documentation, Construction, and Ground Disturbing Activities

- Final On-Call Construction Support Plan Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project – Phase 4 in the Parker Flats MRA, February 16th, 2022
 - **Field Work Back on Track:** Work start is forecasted for November.
- Final Programmatic Construction Support Plan Addendum for the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Site. The MOUT site fence construction completion is projected in 2023.
 - **Field Work on Hold:** Monterey Peninsula College is working through the permit process for fence installation.
 - **Debris Removal on hold:** Monterey Peninsula College’s debris removal project (non-intrusive) is going out for bid. Removal of the latrines, watchtower, and other debris in the Parker Flats area is scheduled for late Fall 2023.
- Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project. With receipt of regulatory comments on the Construction Support Plan, Seaside is pursuing alternative locations for soil removed from non-residential locations.
- Final On-Call Construction Support Plan for the appreciation wall at the Veterans Cemetery is complete. ESCA confirmed construction date is mid-November. DTSC forwarded Terradex alert. Right-of-entry, permits, munitions training, and set-up of on-call construction support are in progress. Project will include a tailgate munitions safety presentation.

- In July, ESCA provided a notification of intrusive activity related to Pacific Gas and Electric maintenance in the Seaside Munitions Response Area. ESCA completed the notification process by verifying there were no munitions encountered during this activity.
- California State University Monterey Bay will install several signs in their ESCA (S1.3.2) property. Installation will include some small, intrusive activities; however, the cumulative scope of these activities will disturb less than 10 cubic yards of soil in areas that have low probabilities of encountering munitions and explosives of concern. ESCA assisted with the notification requirements related to this intrusive work. See figure above.
- Soil movement to establish berm in Seaside Munitions Response area is on hold. As the amount of soil to be moved was approximately 9 cubic yards, a notification was sent to the BCT on October 13, 2023.



CSUMB Proposed Sign Installation Areas



Administrative and Fieldwork Updates

- Review and training (“Read Your Deed” campaign) specific to the development of the next Annual Land Use Covenant Report is also underway.
- The City of Monterey continues to explore the process and cost to remove the residential restriction at Parcel E29.1. This 22 acre parcel could be used for future housing requirements. ESCA will assist the City to coordinate future BCT discussions.

Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training

- July: A total of 50 individuals completed the training during July 2023; 14 individuals from Michaels Pacific Energy participated in training, representing the largest group of participants during this time period.
- August: A total of 47 individuals completed the training during August 2023; 16 individuals from Sanco Piping (Imjin Road widening) participated in training, representing the largest group of participants during this time period. Additionally, 5 representatives from Granite Rock (Intergarrison road repair) also participated in training.



- September: A total of for 88 individuals completed the training during September 2023; 28 individuals from California State University Monterey Bay participated in training, representing the largest group of participants during this time period. Inquiries from Pacific Gas and Electric regarding access to the 115 KW towers across the ESCA properties of the former Fort Ord have also correlated with the munitions safety training data. That is, even for non-intrusive activities, such as vegetation removal, ESCA strongly recommends that all in-site personnel take the safety class and ESCA verifies completion by reviewing the data.
- October (as of October 19, 2023): So far, a total of 106 individuals completed the training during October 2023. The entire staff of Seaside Public Works Department took the class in conjunction with the annual Hazardous Waste Operations refresher class (see photo at right). In addition, all participants in Ammonia Safety Training day held at Monterey Peninsula College’s Military Operations in Urban Terrain site took the training.



Upcoming Actions and Tasks

Field Work

- See notes above.

Administrative and Field Work

- Ongoing: cleanup of debris and work with jurisdictions on appropriate replacement signs for trails and properties.
- Ongoing: development of group policy purchase of Pollution Legal Liability (PLL) insurance for ESCA jurisdictions.
- Reinitiate offer of ESCA refresher training sessions for Del Rey Oaks and Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District.
- After all the ESCA refresher training is complete, encourage jurisdictions to “read their deeds” and back check land use covenant data. ESCA is in the early stages of training program development.
- Continue work with Monterey County assessor’s office to update and correct Geographic Information System errors in their database. ESCA will send a follow-up note to the Assessor’s Office in early August.