

Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) Program Update at the Fort Ord BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) Meeting: September 19, 2024

Recent Actions and Tasks

Coordination with Jurisdiction/Recurring Meetings

- Site inspections: ESCA weekly inspections, Del Rey Oaks weekly inspections, Monterey
 Peninsula College and City of Monterey monthly inspections, County of Monterey weekly
 inspections, and California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery bi-weekly inspections.
- Continued work with Monterey County to correct and update the Assessor's Parcel Geographic Information System.
- Provided ESCA update at the July 16, 2024, Army Technical Review Committee.
- Provided ESCA update at July 25, 2024, Seaside City Council Meeting.
- ESCA hosted the August 7, 2024, Long Term Operations quarterly meeting.
- ESCA provided a September 12, 2024, presentation at the Monterey Rotary meeting.

Annual Land Use Covenant Report

 The Annual Land Use Covenant Report by Monterey County (covering July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) was launched on July 1, 2024, ESCA is still formulating the "Read Your Deed" campaign which will support the next year's report submission and data collection. Additionally, ESCA will continue to work with the Monterey County Assessor's Office to correct parcel geometry and ensure property ownership information is accurate.

Trespassing/Munitions Incident(s)

- No ESCA trespassing events to report since last BCT meeting on July 12, 2024.
- A smoke grenade (see photo at right) was discovered July 22, 2024 in Monterey County ESCA parcel L20.5.1. This is just off Barloy Canyon near Laguna Seca. The Monterey County Bomb Squad responded.
- A triple chaser grenade see photo bottom right) was discovered at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site on August 16, 2024.
 The County Bomb squad responded. ESCA is awaiting after action report from County Bomb Squad.

Potential Property Transfer (Sale) of ESCA Property

 The Nurses Barracks (Glover/Parker Flats Apartments) is still contingent. ESCA continues to monitor. **Documentation, Construction, and Ground Disturbing Activities**

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Projects with Construction Support (CSP) Plans	Status
Pure Water/Monterey One Water Pipeline Phase 4	Construction on-going. Began fieldwork week of January 22.
Monterey Peninsula College Military Operation in Urban Terrain Fence Installation	On hold
Monterey Peninsula College Military Operation in Urban Terrain Pacific Gas and Electric Utility Pole Anchor Bolt Repair – Anomaly Avoidance	On-hold. Advised Pacific Gas and Electric they would need Construction Support. Currently, reconsidering project. Terradex Alert 11121699
California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Appreciation Wall	Construction complete in June. No munitions were encountered. The After Action Report submitted and approved as there were no comments from the BCT. There is no further action. See last page for additional photos of completed project.
Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project.	On-hold, soon to reissue as draft final. Soil management locations have been coordinated within the City; non-residential soil will be deposited in non-residential areas (Blue Line Road and southern boundary with Del Rey Oaks.
Projects with ESCA Notifications (less than 10 cubic	Status
yards in area(s) with low probability for Munitions and Explosives of Concern)	
Coming Soon! Fort Ord Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) soil borings in the California State University Monterey Bay ESCA parcel.	Notification sent regarding hand-augured soil borings in the California State University Monterey Bay ESCA Parcel. Data will support future Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) trail in this location. Construction of the trail is anticipated late 2025.
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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.

Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training (FortOrdSafety.com)

July: 117August: 31

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.
- Continued work with individuals, typically new hires, to orient them to their ESCA properties with a combination of data for phone and overview of munitions-related Land Use Controls specific to their properties.
- Development of group policy purchase of Pollution Legal Liability (PLL) insurance for ESCA jurisdictions is complete. Application is in progress and payment will be submitted January 2025.
- 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.
- Participate in Army's 2025 Community Involvement Workshops, Technical Review Committees, Annual Site Security meeting, and BRAC Cleanup Team meetings specific to munitions.
- Continue coordination with California Department of Toxic Substances Control to assess/respond to TerraDex alerts in and near ESCA sites.

Veteran's Cemetery Appreciation Wall



