

Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
BRAC Conference Room
September 19, 2024 @ 13:30

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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 Melissa Broadston
Site Security Program	Update	By Chieko Nozaki
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

Announcements: USACE Sacramento District announced recent contract award to Ahtna Global for munitions responses at Fort Ord. Kemron will continue to support the maintenance of Explosives Storage Location (ESL) during the transition. BRAC Fort Ord stated that the Army has started the process of planning for the next prescribed burn, which could be in 2025 or later. There is no plan to conduct a prescribed burn in 2024 and no decision has been made regarding a burn in 2025.

Community Relations: BRAC Community Relations provided an update on community outreach.

- Recent Activities:
 - Community Involvement Workshop (CIW) with open house and bus tour was held on 7/13 with 67 community members participating.
 - Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting was held on 7/16.
 - Conducted outreach related to a consolidated detonation on 7/23. At the request of a local news media a site visit was provided, which resulted in a news item on the same day.
 - Responded to three community inquiries regarding burns.
 - Attended California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) National Night Out event on 8/6 at the invitation of the University Police Department (PD). Fort Ord staff spoke to 71 community members.
 - Hosted an information table at the Monterey County Fair on 8/29. Staff spoke to 233 community members. Handouts included a fact sheet on Munitions Response Site Prioritization and Sequencing.
 - In response to a documentary inquiry, a planning meeting was held on 9/10 in advance of a site tour scheduled for 9/24.
 - Mailed letters to local schools offering munitions safety presentation.
 - Provided a munitions safety presentation at York School. 190 students and faculty attended.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - National Public Lands Day Fort Ord event on 10/26.
 - Fort Ord Annual Report will be distributed after agency review.

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

- Priority 1: Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 12 Parcel E20c.1: The deed package has been transmitted to Headquarters (HQ) - USACE. FOST 12 Amendment No. 2 is in progress to clarify the environmental condition of property under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) 120(h)(3).
- Priority 2: FOST 11 Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1: Draft Covenant to Restrict the Use of Property (CRUP) is in development.
- Priority 3: Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) 1, CERCLA Warranty for City of Marina Parcels L5.1.1, L5.1.2, L5.1.3, L5.1.4, L5.1.5, L5.1.6, L5.1.7, L5.1.8, L5.1.9, L5.1.10, L5.2, and L5.3 (MRS-34): SPK - Real Estate (RE) preparing deed package. DTSC recorded on 9/19 the CRUP termination document for parcels associated with MRS-34.

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

- City of Seaside is the ESCA Successor after the Fort Ord Reuse Authority ended in 2020. The selected remedies for most ESCA areas are land use controls (LUCs). Seaside ESCA

coordinated 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 8/7. Next meeting is scheduled for 11/6.
- City of Seaside ESCA participated in the TRC meeting on 7/16.
- City of Seaside continued to work with Monterey County to correct and update the geographic and ownership information maintained by the Assessor's office and made available to the public.
- Development of a group policy purchase of Pollution Legal Liability (PLL) insurance for the ESCA jurisdictions is complete.
- City of Seaside ESCA is working with Monterey County to complete the annual land use covenant report covering the period from 7/1/2023 to 6/20/2024.
- Weekly site inspections resulted in no findings of trespassing incidents since the previous meeting. City of Seaside ESCA provided notifications on two incidental munitions debris discoveries on ESCA properties.
- City of Seaside ESCA assisted with construction support documentation for several projects.
 - The Pure Water / Monterey One Water Pipeline Project Phase 4 construction is currently ongoing. Fieldwork began on 1/22.
 - The California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Appreciation Wall construction was completed in June. No munitions were encountered. After-Action Report has been submitted.
 - For the Seaside storm water infiltrator project, the construction support plan will be revised to reflect an updated soil management plan.
 - The City of Seaside ESCA provided notifications for soil borings (less than 10 cy of soil disturbance) in the ESCA CSUMB parcel in support of a Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

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) PD and BLM Law Enforcement Impact Area patrols (daily)
 - BRAC Site Inspections – approximately five per week
 - Six motion-activated cameras at rotating locations since 5/28/2021
 - Troubleshooting the independent surveillance system in the Impact Area MRA.
- Maintenance of Impact Area fence, signs and gates
 - BLM perimeter fence inspections and repairs (weekly)
 - Conducted minor fence maintenance and lock replacement.
- Other Activities
 - The ongoing weekend closure of Parker Flats Gate started on 8/5/22.
 - Unauthorized trail in BLM Area B, Sub-area B-2 to be deconstructed by BLM. The work date is planned for late September.
 - Coordinated with Monterey Peninsula College on their access to the MOUT parcel for the Ammonia Safety Training Institute training event in October.
- Community Education Participants
 - A total of 915 participants year to date. Most recent events were the National Night Out (71 participants) and the Monterey County Fair (233 participants).

- Incident Summary Tables
 - Eight trespass and evidence of trespass incidents have been recorded since the previous meeting. One was recorded as a major incident.
 - Eight reports of incidental munitions encounters were recorded since the previous meeting.
 - There are 91 in-person Munitions Recognition and Safety Training participants year to date.

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

- Field Activities:
 - On 6/24 Kemron completed the planned 95 target digs in Unit 5. Subsurface investigation of approximately 3.55 acres of digital geophysical mapping (DGM) data gap areas was completed on 7/12. Field teams filled 35 former target boxes as identified in the Technical Memorandum. All planned field work in Unit 5 is now complete.
- Documents
 - The report on Annual Surface Monitoring is in development.
 - Development of draft Unit 5 Remedial Action Report (RAR) is in progress.
 - A technical information paper for the final phase of the subsurface removal in the Impact Area fuel breaks is in development. A Remedial Action Report for the Impact Area fuel breaks will subsequently be prepared.
- Other Activities
 - Kemron is providing UXO escort as requested by USACE.
 - Kemron conducted a consolidated demolition operation on 7/23/2024, addressing all suspected MEC items in the ESL at the time.
 - The ESL has been supplemented to hold enough explosives for one detonation.

Report Status and Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule: BRAC support team provided a review and update.

- Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuelbreaks supplemental subsurface removal Orion and Watkins Gate Roads Technical Information Paper (TIP) Volume 3: draft submittal is planned for October.
- Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuelbreaks RAR: draft is TBD.
- MRS-BLM Unit 5 RAR: draft submittal is planned for December.
- Impact Area MRA Annual Surface Monitoring Report is expected in late September.
- Update to Quality Assurance Project Plan draft submittal is anticipated in November.
- MRS-BLM Unit 17 Site-Specific Work Plan draft submittal is anticipated in November.

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

Next Meetings: The next MR BCT meeting is scheduled for 12/5/2024.

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