



Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) Program Update at the Fort Ord BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) Meeting: December 5, 2024

Recent Actions and Tasks

Coordination with Jurisdictions/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.
- Provided ESCA update at the October 3, 2024, Seaside City Council Meeting.
- ESCA hosted the November 6, 2024, Long Term Operations quarterly meeting.
- ESCA was invited to present Fort Ord land use control implementation at the December 10-12, 2024, munitions safety Stand-Down. This is a technical conference on all aspects of munitions response and will be attended by the Army Corps of Engineers, services, State and EPA regulators, and UXO contractors. The conference organizer, Andy Schwartz, extended an invitation for a presentation on the ESCA Team's success in Land Use Control Implementation during a breakout session on land use control case studies. ESCA developed a slide presentation with Jeff Swanson, also attending in his position with the State of Colorado Federal Facilities Remediation and Reuse Unit.

Trespassing/Munitions Incident(s)

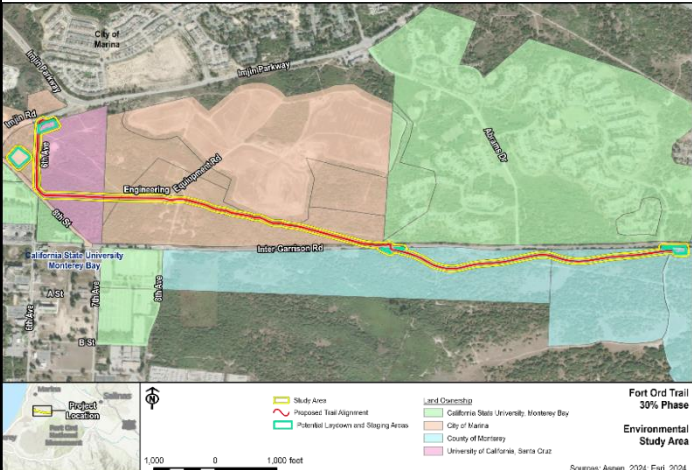
- No ESCA trespassing events to report since last BCT meeting on September 19, 2024.
- On October 4, 2024, a tactical dynamics flameless Tri chamber CS grenade was found at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site. See photo at the right. The Monterey County Bomb Squad responded. The item was removed and destroyed. This item was found during an annual Ammonia Safety Training session. While this item was found in a secure area, there was a delay in the report and subsequent response by the Bomb Squad. ESCA met with key, responsible personnel to review the steps and timing of reporting to local law enforcement. ESCA also emphasized the reporting is to local law enforcement/911. The reporting and response cannot be delegated to the Army.



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

Projects with Construction Support (CSP) Plans	Status
Pure Water/Monterey One Water Pipeline Phase 4	Construction is on-going. Fieldwork started week of January 22, 2024. Intrusive work is now moving to the Monterey County-owned portion of this project along Eucalyptus Road.
Monterey Peninsula College Military Operation in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Utility Pole Anchor Bolt Repair – Anomaly Avoidance.	On-hold. Advised Pacific Gas and Electric they would need Construction Support. Contacted Monterey Peninsula College and Pacific Gas and Electric to discuss potential work. New! Terradex Alert 1391921 issued on 18NOV24 PG&E to inspect MOUT Site pole and determine if intrusive work is necessary. Mid December meeting with PG&E to discuss possible programmatic plan for future activities on ALL ESCA land.
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 yards in area(s) with low probability for Munitions and Explosives of Concern)	Status
Coming Soon! Fort Ord Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) soil borings in the California State University Monterey Bay ESCA parcel.	ESCA sent a notification 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. Project proponents understand an approved Construction Support Plan will be required for project.
	

Administrative and Fieldwork Updates

- Met with California State University Monterey Bay representative for ESCA refresher training and on-site orientation on November 18, 2024.
- Met with Monterey County Parks representatives for an on-site orientation to their Laguna Seca and Parker Flats ESCA parcels with moderate to high probability to encounter munitions and explosives of concern. Discussed scenarios of possible intrusive activities which would require anomaly avoidance and technical assistance. Example activities included staking fences for goat herders, knocking down unauthorized bike jumps, and installation of flexi poles to mark trails. Orientation was held November 7, 2024. See photo at right.
- Worked with biologists with Monterey Water Management District for access to Seaside ESCA parcels to conduct vegetation monitoring on November 14, 2024. There were no intrusive activities.
- In response to November 18, 2024 Terradex Alert for possible PG&E intrusive work at the MOUT site to inspect and repair a utility pole, discussed project and related on-site construction report requirements for anomaly avoidance with PG&E and Monterey Peninsula College.



Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training (FortOrdSafety.com)

- September: 100
- October: 221 California State University Monterey Bay had exceptional (128) participation.
- November: 62

Upcoming Actions and Tasks

Field Work See notes above.

Administrative and Field Work

- Continued work with individuals, typically new hires, to orient them to their ESCA properties with a combination of data for phone and an overview of munitions-related Land Use Controls specific to their properties.
- ESCA will reinstate offer of ESCA refresher training sessions for Del Rey Oaks and Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District.
- After all the ESCA refresher training is complete, jurisdictions will be encouraged to “read their deeds” and back check land use covenant data.
- ESCA will participate in Army’s 2025 Community Involvement Workshops, Technical Review Committees, Annual Site Security meeting, and BRAC Cleanup Team meetings specific to munitions.
- ESCA will continue coordination with California Department of Toxic Substances Control to assess/respond to TerraDex alerts in and near ESCA sites.
- ESCA will issue annual ESCA Land Use Control notifications (reminder of munitions safety training requirement and how to obtain training) in January 2025.