

Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
BRAC Conference Room
December 5, 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 Chieko Nozaki
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: BRAC Community Relations provided an update on community outreach.

- Recent Activities:
 - Safety presentation was held at York School on 9/19 (190 participants).
 - Fort Ord site tour was held for a Public Broadcasting Service documentary on 9/24.
 - Held an information table at the BLM Public Lands Day at the Fort Ord National Monument (FONM) on 10/26 (35 participants).
 - Addressed community inquiries received through phone and online comment form.
 - The Fort Ord Cleanup Annual Report was mailed to over 76,000 local addresses on 11/4.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - Technical Review Committee Meeting to be held in February 2025.
 - Online Community Involvement Workshop to be held in February 2025.

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

- Priority 1: Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 12 Parcel E20c.1: FOST Amendment No. 2 is in progress and will be made available for a public comment period. Property conveyance is expected in the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.
- Priority 2: FOST 11 Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1: Draft Covenant to Restrict the Use of Property (CRUP) is in development. DTSC reviewed and commented on draft document. The revised document is currently under review with BRAC. Property conveyance is expected in the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

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

- City of Seaside is the ESCA Successor after the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) 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 11/6.
 - City of Seaside ESCA was invited to present LUC implementation at the Munitions Safety Standdown.
- Weekly site inspections resulted in no findings of trespassing incidents since the previous meeting.
- A munitions encounter occurred on 10/4 in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Site. The Monterey County Bomb Squad responded and identified the item as a tactical dynamics flameless Tri-chamber CS grenade, deemed munitions debris. ESCA emphasized the reporting of munition incidents to local law enforcement immediately.
- The Pure Water / Monterey One Water Pipeline Project Phase 4 construction is currently ongoing. Fieldwork began on 1/22. Intrusive work is now moving to the Monterey County-owned portion of the project along Eucalyptus Road.
- City of Seaside ESCA has discussed with PG&E and Monterey Peninsula College the construction support requirement and anomaly avoidance for work that could involve intrusive activities within the MOUT parcel. A site visit with PG&E is scheduled for mid-December.
- The Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project draft final construction support plan is in progress.

- Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) soil borings work in CSUMB ESCA parcel is scheduled for 12/26.

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

- Surveillance:
 - POMPD 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
 - Testing and 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)
 - Various barbed wire fence fixes in response to fallen tree limbs
 - Replaced broken Impact Area locks
 - Reinforced concertina wire in areas of trespass concern
 - One fallen road sign to be fixed
 - One large UXO sign to be updated (South Boundary Road near Laguna Seca)
- Other Activities
 - The ongoing weekend closure of Parker Flats Gate started on 8/5/22.
 - Supported PG&E power line work and inspections in the Impact Area MRA.
 - Unauthorized trail in BLM Area B, Sub-area B-2 was deconstructed by BLM on 9/25.
- Community Education Participants
 - A total of 1140 participants year to date. Most recent events were the York School Presentation (190 participants) and the BLM Public Lands Day (35 participants).
- Incident Summary Tables
 - Six trespass incidents have been recorded since the previous meeting. One of the incidents occurred at Impossible Canyon Gate south, the other five incidents occurred at Impossible Canyon Gate north and/or near the MOUT site.
 - Seven reports of incidental munitions encounters were recorded since the previous meeting. Two of the incidents involved non-munition items.
 - In total there are 160 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.

- No fieldwork has been conducted since the last meeting.
- Documents
 - The Final 2024 Annual Surface Monitoring Report (ASM) was sent to USEPA, DTSC and other stakeholders on 11/7.
 - The Draft Fuelbreak (FB) Supplemental Subsurface Removal Technical Information Paper (TIP) Volume 3 was delivered to external stakeholders on 10/29.
 - The Final Unit 5 Target Box Filling Summary Memorandum was sent to USACE on 10/21. The document will be included as an appendix to the Unit 5 Remedial Action Report (RAR).
 - Development of Unit 5 RAR is in progress.

- Kemron has begun preparing an outline for the FB RAR for internal review.
- Other Activities
 - Kemron is providing UXO escort as requested by USACE.
 - There are currently 0 items stored in the Explosives Storage Location (ESL). The ESL holds enough explosives that can support one or more detonations.
 - Kemron will work on sub-contract to perform the annual ESL grounding certification in early January 2025.

Ahtna provided an update on recent activities. Documents are in development to support remedial action in Unit 17 and Unit A.

BRAC provided an update on the prescribed burn program. The Army has included the prescribed burn program information in the Fort Ord Annual Report and other outreach, reflecting that the process of planning for the prescribed burn at Fort Ord, which could be in 2025 or later, has begun. Due to habitat conservation considerations at Fort Ord, the burn season is from July to December.

Report Status and Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule: BRAC support team provided a review and update. BRAC has provided a draft FFA schedule update to BCT for review.

- Impact Area MRA Non-Burn FB supplemental subsurface removal Orion and Watkins Gate Roads Technical Information Paper (TIP) Volume 3 draft was submitted on 10/29. Comments were received from DTSC and a community member.
- MRS-BLM Unit 5 RAR draft proposed issue date is 1/22/2025.
- The Impact Area MRA Surface Remediation Area Annual Monitoring Report was submitted on 11/6.
- An addendum to the Quality Assurance Project Plan, draft submittal is planned in January.
- Site Specific Work Plan for Unit 17, draft submittal is planned in January.
- The BLM Area B Unit A Site Specific Work Plan update draft submittal is planned in January.
- BLM Area B Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update draft submittal is planned in February or March.
- Prescribed Burn Program Community Notification Plan will be prepared as a separate document.

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

Next Meetings: The next MR BCT meeting is scheduled for 2/13/2025.

1/7/2025

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