

Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
BRAC Conference Room
February 20, 2026 @ 0930

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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 Hudson Facchini
Fieldwork Status	Update	By Melanie Enman By Noel Handley
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:
 - Analysis of 2023 Community Survey and Community Outreach Report became available on the website on 12/10/2025.
 - The 2025 Annual Newsletter was mailed to over 76,000 addresses on 12/10/2025.
 - Received a media inquiry regarding the Fort Ord Cleanup on 12/11/2025. Media published article prior to Army response to inquiry.
 - The prescribed burn messaging was updated on the website, information line, and information kiosks on 12/22/2025 announcing the end of the 2025 burn season.
 - Conducted a phone interview with a community member as part of the 2025 community surveys and interviews.
 - Performed controlled detonation outreach on the website, information line, and emails/calls from interested members on 1/5/2026.
 - Received a community inquiry seeking historical Fort Ord maps on 1/5/2026 and 1/6/2026. The same community member requested to view historical Fort Ord maps in-person and was granted access on 1/29/2026.
 - Received a community inquiry regarding a possible munition item found on a trail on 1/7/2026. The item was identified as being located on ESCA properties and later determined as not munitions.
 - Assisted a community member with an inquiry requesting additional mailed copies of the annual newsletter on 1/8/2026.
 - Performed controlled detonation outreach on the website, information line, and emails/call to interested members on 1/8/2026.
 - Received a media inquiry on 1/13/2026 requesting an in-person interview at their studio. The Army BRAC Office was not available to support due to timing and location.
 - Posted trespass citation news on the website on 1/15/2026.
 - Received a community inquiry regarding safety training for Marina Public Works on 1/15/2026.
 - Posted two separate trespass citations on the Fort Ord Cleanup news website on 1/22/2026 and 1/28/2026.
 - Mailed safety training offers to 59 local schools on 1/29/2026.
 - Assisted a community member with an inquiry regarding their Fort Ord safety training certificate on 2/4/2026.
 - Received community inquiries from two schools regarding school safety training on 2/4/2026 and 2/9/2026. One school scheduled their safety training for a future date.
 - Received a community inquiry requesting a classroom presentation on 2/10/2026. Classroom presentations were scheduled for a future date.
 - Information repositories were updated on 2/11/2026.
 - Received a community inquiry from PG&E regarding an item that was found on former Fort Ord on 2/12/2026. The object was later determined as not munitions related.
 - The Online Community Involvement Workshop website announcement was posted on 2/17/2026. The announcement mailer was sent on 2/18/2026. The newspaper advertisement appeared in the Monterey Weekly beginning 2/19/2026 and scheduled to appear in the Monterey Herald on 2/21/2026. The announcement emails to 2,166 addresses were sent on 2/20/2026.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - The Online Community Involvement Workshop is scheduled for 2/21/2026.

- The Technical Review Committee meeting is scheduled for 2/24/2026.
- An information booth will be held at California Wildlife Day on 3/29/2026.
- The Guided Nature Walk is scheduled for 5/9/2026.

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

- Priority 1: Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 11 Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1: The Army will be the signatory on the Covenant to Restrict Use of Property (CRUP). FOST Amendment No. 2 is in progress; a 7-day public comment period will be scheduled.

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 coordinates 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 1/28/2026 and will host the next quarterly meeting in May.
- No trespassing incidents have been recorded since the previous meeting.
- Seaside ESCA assisted with three suspected munition incidents since the last meeting. These included ESCA parcels E23.1 and E18.1.1, and non-ESCA parcel L22. All three items were deemed non-munitions and were removed by law enforcement and/or the Monterey County Bomb Squad for disposal.
- Seaside ESCA continued to monitor in-progress transfer of the Nurses Barracks property (a portion of parcel E18.1.3) and portions of Seaside ESCA parcels E18.1.1 and E20c.2.
- Seaside ESCA monitored construction support status of projects.
 - The Pure Water / Monterey One Water Pipeline Project Phase 4 construction is nearly completed. An After-Action Report for the construction support is in progress.
 - There are two Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) intrusive projects on the same pole being planned in the Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site, owned by Monterey Peninsula College (MPC). Both are pending completion of a programmatic Construction Support Plan for PG&E activities in lands transferred outside of the Federal government. Planned activities include utility pole anchor bolt repair and utility pole inspection and treatment.
 - An intrusive project by PG&E to repair several poles is being planned off Barloy Canyon Road in the Laguna Seca Parking Munitions Response Area (MRA). The grids are identified as moderate to high probability of encountering munitions. It will be addressed in the planned programmatic Construction Support Plan for PG&E activities in land transferred outside of the Federal government.
 - The Seaside Storm Water Infiltrator Project construction is complete. A small intrusive project to add an underground utility line was completed as the final portion of the project. City of Seaside will survey excess soil disposal areas to include in the After-Action Report, currently in progress.
 - The California American Water pipeline extension and connection project will require a Construction Support Plan. This is the installation of additional potable water pipelines from California American wells located off General Jim Moore Blvd. Not all this project falls within ESCA properties.
 - PG&E is installing a natural gas pipeline in segments of the ESCA CSUMB Off-Campus MRA parcel. Planned work initially included trenching, but was modified for horizontal drilling to

limit soil disturbance, therefore no Construction Support Plan is needed. ESCA Notification is in progress. Work is expected to start in March 2026.

- A redevelopment project is planned in the “nurses’ barracks” site within City of Seaside. Seaside ESCA has provided the LUC information to the developer. The manufactured housing project is regulated by California Department of Housing and Development, and DTSC is assisting with ensuring the LUC requirements are followed. City of Seaside’s excavation permit program applies to the project.
- Monterey County Trailhead Improvement included an upgrade to the turnaround/parking area at the Parker Flats Cutoff and Eucalyptus Road and fence/gate installation. Project is complete and no munitions were encountered.
- City of Seaside Public Works Department is installing three benches in ESCA portions of Eucalyptus Road. The project is in progress, awaiting arrival of the additional benches expected in 6-8 weeks.
- Seaside ESCA continues to provide LUC information to and assist ESCA property owners and managers.

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

- Surveillance:
 - Presidio of Monterey (POM) Police Department (PD) and BLM Law Enforcement Impact Area patrols (daily)
 - BRAC Site Inspections – approximately five times per week
 - Six motion-activated cameras at rotating locations since 5/28/2021
 - The independent camera system is fully operational with five cameras starting on 1/3/2026.
- Maintenance of Impact Area fence, signs and gates
 - BLM perimeter fence inspections and repairs (weekly)
 - Replaced barbed wire fence clips as needed
 - Replaced broken/loose barbed wires as needed
 - Fixed broke range gate locks as needed
 - Replaced weathered signage around Impact Area MRA and BLM Area B Unit A
- Other Activities
 - The ongoing weekend closure of Parker Flats Gate started on 8/5/2022
 - Supported PG&E planned work and inspections in the Impact Area MRA as needed
 - Supported detonation operations in the Impact Area MRA
 - MRS Security Annual Meeting is scheduled for 2/26/2026
- Community Education Participants
 - 826 participants in-total for 2025
- Incident Summary Tables
 - Thirty-four (34) trespass incidents total were recorded in 2025. Three (3) trespass incidents have been recorded year-to-date in 2026. Two incidents in January 2026 resulted in police citations.
 - Fifteen (15) reports of incidental munition encounters total were recorded in 2025. Four (4) reports of suspected munitions have been recorded year-to-date in 2026. All four items were deemed munitions debris.

- Munitions Recognition and Safety Training was provided in-person to 195 participants total in 2025.

Fieldwork Status:

Kemron provided an update.

- Field Activities
 - Completed Annual Surface Monitoring (ASM) on 1/5/2026 - 1/21/2026. Four MPPEH items were discovered [60mm, mortar, HE, M49 series (4)] and were transferred to the ESL. One MEC item was discovered [Fuze, Point Detonating, M533 (1)] and was included in the blow-in-place operations held on 1/8/2026.
- Documents
 - The FB Remedial Action Report (RAR): Draft expected to be sent to agencies in April 2026.
 - The 2025 ASM Report is anticipated to be sent to agencies in April 2026.
- Other Activities
 - Kemron is providing UXO escort as requested by USACE.

Ahtna provided an update.

- Documents
 - Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update: The final will be scheduled for delivery.
- Fieldwork Status
 - The prescribed burn season ended in December 2025 due to lack of sufficient weather days and fuel moisture levels. The demobilization of burn equipment is in progress. Fuel tanks, water stands, and water meters have been removed. Temporary fencing for suppression helibase located in CSUMB parking lot has been removed. Water storage tanks removal is in progress. Air monitoring network is to stay in place.
 - In Unit 17, boundary surveys and grid corner staking in the current work area of 118 acres were completed on 1/26/2026. Mechanical vegetation cutting was completed on 12/30/2025 and manual cutting was completed on 1/8/2026. Field operations include erosion control and biological support.
 - Unit 17 surface removal of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) began on 10/15/2025. Approximately 50 acres completed to date out of 118 acres projected. Completion in the current work areas is expected in May-June of 2026. Inaccessible terrain is being evaluated and recorded during surface removal (approximately 13 acres so far). Quality Control and Quality Assurance procedures are being implemented. A blow-in-place operation was conducted on 1/5/2026 to address 2 items discovered during mechanical vegetation cutting [Cartridge, 40mm, M383, HE (1) and Projectile, 40mm, M383, HE (1)], both MEC. Two practice hand grenades were discovered and transported to the ESL during the week of 2/16.
 - In Unit 17, an Instrument Verification Strip (IVS) was constructed and IVS data acquisition was completed on 1/26/2026. The IVS data was approved by USACE on 1/27/2026. Preparation of an IVS memorandum is in progress. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) Survey started on 1/28/2026 and approximately 7 acres are completed to date. DGM survey in accessible portions of the current work areas is expected to take place until May-June of 2026.

Prescribed burn program: The prescribed burn season ended in December 2025 due to lack of sufficient weather days and fuel moisture levels. The Army is addressing an administrative issue that requires internal coordination with BRAC Headquarters. The burn plan will be finalized following its resolution.

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

- Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuel Break Remedial Action Report (RAR): Draft is anticipated in April 2026.
- BLM Area B Unit A Prescribed Burn Plan Update: The final will be issued.
- Track 2 Parker Flats MRA (FOST11 Parcels) annual monitoring report of land use controls has been issued on 2/19/2026.
- Track 2 Parker Flats MRA (F2.6) annual monitoring report will be prepared by POM Directorate of Public Works.
- The Munitions Response Site Security Program Annual Report is expected to be issued after the committee annual meeting.

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

Next Meetings: The next MR BCT meeting is scheduled for 5/8/2026.

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