

Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)

Meeting Minutes

BRAC Conference Room

May 8, 2026 @ 13:30

Member/Attendees

Curtis Payton, U.S. Army BRAC, Fort Ord Office
Joelle Lobo, U.S. Army BRAC, Fort Ord Office
Brett Leary, DTSC (phone)
Alberto Gutierrez, DTSC
Jane Numazu, DTSC
Duane White, DTSC (phone)
Maeve Clancy, USEPA
Chieko Nozaki, JBW Federal
Melissa Broadston, City of Seaside ESCA
Iris Klotz, City of Seaside ESCA
Betsy Hibbits, USACE (phone)

Sitlaly Avelino, USACE (phone)
Melanie Enman, Kemron (phone)
Derek Lieberman, Ahtna
Linda Temple, Ahtna
Jenice Evans, Ahtna (phone)
Ben Hoke, BLM
Daniel Ontiveros, BLM
Cary Stiebel, JBW Federal
Bart Kowalski, Chenega
Hudson Facchini, Chenega

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 Status	Update	By Melanie Enman By Linda Temple
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:

Joelle Lobo announced the Fort Ord Community Involvement Workshop (CIW) Guided Nature Walk is scheduled for Saturday 5/9/2026. Alberto Gutierrez is now the new DTSC Project Manager for Munitions Response for Fort Ord. Jane Numazu is now the DTSC Project Manager for the Fort Ord ESCA program.

Community Relations: The handout titled “U.S. army Fort Ord Environmental Cleanup Community Outreach Update” was reviewed by Chieko Nozaki. Nozaki presented details for long-term actions, recent activities, and upcoming activities. Discussion included:

- Recent activities included Technical Review Committee meeting on 2/24/2026; participation in California Wildlife Day on 3/29 and Earth Day events in April; safety presentations to local schools; and detonation outreach. Community Outreach fielded a call from a community member reporting an incidental munitions debris item which was subsequently recovered. Social media videos indicating trespassing in the Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site has been forwarded to law enforcement. A 7-day public comment period in Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 11 Amendment No.2 was held from 4/23-4/30 with no comment received by the Army.
- Upcoming events include the Guided Nature Walk in the Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA) on 5/9, CIW with open house and bus tours on 7/25, and Technical Review Committee meeting on 7/28.
- Joelle Lobo indicated the Five-Year Review contract has been awarded and the first meeting with the regulatory agencies will be scheduled for June 2026.

Property Transfer: The handout titled “Fort Ord Real Estate Actions Update 2026-05-08 BCT” was reviewed by Derek Lieberman. Discussion included:

- Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 11 Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1: FOST 11 Amendment No. 2 public comment period ended on 4/30/2026.

Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement: The handout titled “Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) Program Update at the Fort Ord BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) Meeting: May 8, 2026” was reviewed by Melissa Broadston. 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. Discussion included:

- City of Seaside hosted a quarterly ESCA Long-Term Obligations (LTO) meeting with local jurisdictions on 5/6/2026. City of Seaside continues to encourage Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to form a programmatic Construction Support Plan for future work plans. Although no trespassing or munitions incidents have occurred since the previous meeting, incidents of dumping have been recorded.
- The City of Seaside transferred portions of two ESCA parcels to Marina Coast Water District. All required notifications were made. An additional ESCA parcel is in the process to be transferred to Marina Coast Water District. The Nurses Barracks property sale is still pending and ESCA provided to the prospective purchaser information regarding the City excavation permit as part of the construction support requirement applicable to the property. The manufactured housing project is regulated by California Department of Housing and Development.

- The City of Del Rey Oaks approved Ordinance 323 which prohibits metal detection on land located on the former Fort Ord. All jurisdictions now have “no metal detecting” ordinance specific to the Fort Ord lands.
- BLM reported an individual placing stickers on signs, poles, gates, etc. in and around Fort Ord National Monument. Stickers are being removed as they are observed.

Site Security Program: The handout titled “Fort Ord Munitions Response Site Security Program Update – 5/8/2026” was reviewed by Hudson Facchini. Discussion included:

- The BRAC Office continued to implement Impact Area MRA surveillance and perimeter fence maintenance in coordination with local law enforcement agencies and BLM. Since the previous meeting, BRAC Office recorded four trespass incidents and seven reports of incidental munition encounters. Five of these incidental munition encounters included munitions debris items, one incident included a range-related debris item, and one incident included a non-munition item. BRAC Office continued to provide community education and in-person munitions recognition and safety training.
- Jane Numazu asked where the in-person munitions recognition and safety training is held. She was informed the training was held at Bldg. 4522 Joe Lloyd Way and can be scheduled by contacting the BRAC Security Manager.

Fieldwork Status: The handout titled “Kemron to MR Status, Fort Ord MR BCT, May 8, 2026” was reviewed by Melanie Enman. Discussion included:

- Kemron continued to provide Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) escort is needed. Remedial Action Report on the Impact Area Fuel Breaks is in development. Kemron completed the Impact Area MRA annual surface monitoring field activities in January 2026. The report is in progress and is anticipated to be submitted in May 2026. Recommendations include continued monitoring in the recently monitored units and monitoring in Unit 25 in the 2026 monitoring program.

Ahtna provided an update.

The handout titled “Fort Ord MR BCT Ahtna Status Contract No. W9123824D003” was reviewed by Linda Temple. Discussion included:

- In 2025, Ahtna completed prescribed burn preparation for the Unti A burn, which was not executed. Demobilization of rented equipment began in January and is now completed. Dip tanks remain in position. Army-owned supply tanks remain deployed at three locations.
- Remedial action in Unit 17 is in progress in currently funded areas (approximately 118 acres). Vegetation cutting was completed 8/4/2025-1/8/2026. Surface removal began 10/15/2025 with approximately 95 acres completed. Digital geophysical mapping (DGM) survey began on 1/28/2026 with approximately 35 acres completed. Work in this area is anticipated to be completed in July 2026. Vegetation cutting in an additional work area of approximately 35 acres is anticipated to begin on or around 6/1/2026.

- Maeve Clancy from USEPA asked for clarification on the locations of the 40mm items included in the recent blow-in-place operations. She also asked if there were historical records indicating the potential for these types of munitions being present in this region of the Impact Area MRA. She was informed the 40mm items have been identified in three clusters relatively close to Wildcat Ridge Road. In the same vicinity, Ahtna recovered a weathered sign indicating temporary ammunition supply point.
- Joelle Lobo noted that the Army is still planning for a prescribed burn in 2026.

Report Status and Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule: The handout titled “Report Status – OE and FOST” was reviewed by Chieko Nozaki. Discussion included:

- Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuel Break Remedial Action Report (RAR): submittal of draft is anticipated in June.
- Impact Area MRA Surface Remediation Area Annual Monitoring Report (2025): submittal is anticipated in May.
- Annual report of LUC monitoring for Track 2 BLM Area B and MRS-16: has been submitted on 5/1/2026.
- Annual report of Munitions Response Site Security Program: submittal is anticipated in May.

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

Next Meetings: The next MR BCT meeting will be scheduled for July 2026.

6/8/2026

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