

**Munitions Response Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team
Meeting Minutes
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Fort Ord, CA**

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Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Community Relations	Update	by Bill Collins
Property Transfer	Update	by Derek Lieberman
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)
Prescribed Burn Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
Fieldwork	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Site Security Program	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Area B & MRS-16	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Report Status	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Action Items	Review	by Chieko Nozaki
Next Meeting	Schedule	by Chieko Nozaki

Community Relations – The Army provided an update on community outreach:

1. Recent activities included: hosting a cleanup information booth at Presidio of Monterey Earth Day (4 Apr).
2. Long term actions underway include: continuing outreach related to munitions cleanup work in the northern portion of the Fort Ord National Monument; initiating 2018 burn season announcements and outreach activities; evaluating results of the 2017 community survey; and publishing the draft analysis report.
3. Upcoming outreach activities include: staffing cleanup information booths at California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Earth Day (19 Apr) and the Sea Otter Classic (19-22 Apr); staffing a cleanup information booth at Presidio of Monterey (POM) Language Day (May); hosting the Community Involvement Mobile Workshop (CIW)/Nature Walk inside the Impact Area (5 May); and providing a cleanup presentation for the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society (TBD).

Property Transfer – The Army provided an update on recent property transfer actions:

1. The Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM) Base Realignment and Closure Division (BRAC-D) has renewed interest in Fort Ord property transfers.
2. FOST 6 Parcel L36: No changes from last MR BCT. Parcel will be transferred to FORA as an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) parcel. A draft memorandum of agreement (MOA) amendment is under review by the Army Environmental Law Division (ELD).
3. FOST 11: Executed by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA) on 30 Oct. The draft deed was reviewed by USACE Sacramento District (SPK) Real Estate (RE) and was forwarded to SPK Office of Counsel (OC) on 20 Feb. SPK Real Estate (RE) is preparing to submit disposal package to USACE HQ by 1 Jul.
4. FOST 12: SPK-RE is preparing to submit disposal package for Parcel E29b.3.1 to USACE HQ by 1 May. USACE may request FORA to re-execute the deed, originally signed in Dec 2016, to avoid a large discrepancy in the dates between execution and submittal. For Parcel S2.1.2 to University of California (UC), a meeting between ELD, SPK-RE and UC was scheduled for 10 Apr to resolve minor comments on the deed. SPK-RE is preparing to submit disposal package to USACE HQ by 1 Jun.
5. FOSET 1/4/5: No changes. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) draft warranty documents are under review with ELD. Once completed, copies will be provided to EPA and DTSC. CERCLA Warranty for Parcel S1.3.2 (Group 2 CSUMB Off-Campus Munitions Response Area (MRA)) and Group 3 parcels (Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRA, Laguna Seca Parking MRA, MOUT Site MRA) are pending finalization of their respective Group 2 and Group 3 Land Use Control Implementation Plan (LUCIP)/Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan and remedy complete determinations. The Army will begin developing CERCLA warranty documents for parcels associated with ESCA Interim Action Ranges, Group 1 and Group 4 MRAs.
6. Parcel L20.4 (Oil Well Rd) transfer to BLM: Letter of Transfer (LOT) is under review at OGC to be executed by DASA with an objective of the parcel being transferred by end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. LOT revisions/updates may be required due to time lapse.

ESCA Update – FORA provided an update:

1. The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) Pure Water Project Phase 2 work in the northern part of Seaside MRA is scheduled to begin in May-June and is expected to last all summer. FORA has confirmed that the Blue Line will remain open during this work.
2. The ESCA team coordinated fence repair along General Jim Moore Boulevard.
3. FORA has provided right of entry (ROE) for use of FORA lands during Sea Otter Classic races.

4. Work is expected to begin on the inside work related to remediation of old medical officer barracks.

Prescribed Burn Update – The Army provided an update:

1. Agency comments were requested by 9 Apr for the 2017 Prescribed Burn After-Action Report. MBARD indicated it planned to provide comments; DTSC is in process of providing comments.
2. Planning for the 2018 Prescribed Burn Season is in progress. Efforts are focused on MRS-BLM Unit 31 prescribed burn, which will be priority until preparation of BLM Area B Unit A is complete. Prescribed burn plans are in place for both units and outreach materials have been updated.
3. The 2018 prescribed burn blackout calendar is in development in conjunction with Laguna Seca. They will be affected predominately by a Unit 31 burn.
4. A new repeater station has been installed on top of the Department of Defense (DoD) building in an effort to improve radio communications throughout the munitions remediation areas.
5. A document is in development to outline burn and explosive safety issues related to prescribed burning in units within the Impossible Canyon Complex. The Army plans to utilize the document when it consults with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).
6. DTSC has requested and the Army will provide a list of coordinating/collaborating agencies involved with the Army's prescribed burns to DTSC for their use in presentations.

Fieldwork/BLM Area B & MRS-16 – The Army provided an update on the status of fieldwork:

1. Notice and warning signs, trail closures, and boundary fences are in place around the current work areas in Units B, C, B-3W, B-3E and B-2A.
2. No vegetation removal is happening in BLM Area B at this time. Mechanical and manual mastication will not resume until after 1 Jun.
3. Surface MEC removal is complete in Units B-3E, B-3W and all of Unit B-2A except for 11 acres comprising the Trail 62 buffer. Surface MEC removal continues in Unit B burned areas.
4. Planning for subsurface MEC removal in Unit B-3E (east of Addington Road) is in progress.
5. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) is complete in Unit B-2A except for the Trail 62 buffer. DGM is in progress in Unit B-3E west of Addington Road. DGM accessibility issues related to heavy tree density in Unit B-3E near Trail 56 and East Machine Gun Flats are still under evaluation.
6. The BLM Area B website is being maintained with current road and trail closure information. The most recent updates were made 1 Dec.

Fieldwork/Track 3 Update – The Army provided an update on recent and planned fieldwork:

1. Target digs for subsurface removal in the second half of Broadway Bypass are complete. A list of approximately 100 Quality Assurance (QA) validation digs is being developed by USACE geophysicists.
2. The Munitions with Sensitive Fuzes Field Study MetalMapper 2x2 dynamic and cued surveys are complete and a target dig list is being developed.
3. The Unit 23 Risk Reduction MetalMapper 2x2 cued survey is expected to begin 16 Apr on the 1,217 target picks (from EM-61 survey) for potential near-surface large ordnance items.
4. Impact Area habitat restoration projects and erosion control activities are ongoing.
5. Annual Surface Monitoring site walks as part of the MRS Surface Monitoring program are underway.
6. No detonation operations have been conducted since the last MR BCT.
7. No changes to the Vernal Pools Investigation work. The final target list for reacquisition has been developed and the Metal Mapper 2x2 will be used to conduct this work once higher priority MetalMapper 2x2 projects are complete.

8. The Units 13/17/20 Field Evaluation Phase 2 field work is on hold due to biological constraints related to Habitat Management Plan (HMP) sensitive species. Current data from the approximately 56,000 linear feet (LF) of transects that were completed are being evaluated. Field work will resume once the status of sensitive species flora can be determined.
9. Impact Area 100-Foot Buffer markers are being installed along the south and west sides of the Impact Area.

MMRP Safety and Site Security – The Army provided a description of recent MEC and trespass incidents, community education events and related training:

1. Two minor trespass incidents were recorded since the last BCT meeting, both of which involved cut fences. One incident occurred off of the Blue Line Road leading into the Impact Area MRA and the second incident involved a cut security fence off of Addington Road leading into BLM Area B Unit B-3E.
2. One munitions incident was reported. A resident of a Preston Park home was digging in his backyard and uncovered an old military ammunition box containing several flares and smoke grenades. The individual notified 911 and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad removed the items for proper render-safe procedures and disposal. All items were MEC and are being categorized as discarded military munitions (DMM).
3. Community Education for 2018 – 25 participants.
4. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training for 2018 – 97 participants.

BLM Area B & MRS-16 – The Army provided an update:

1. The draft final Interim LUCIP for BLM Area B and MRS-16 was issued and comments were received from agencies, BLM and Mike Weaver. Response to comments (RTCs) are in progress.
2. There are some indications of illicit use of closed trails during non-work hours. These are being tracked to the extent possible.
3. In conjunction with BLM and Army input, race courses for the Sea Otter Classic have been adjusted as necessary to avoid closed trails.

Report Status – The Army provided a review and update. The changes to the previous status report are:

1. Two field work variances (FWVs) are in progress. One is to address the Impossible Canyon Road (ICR) reroute and add all of ICR to the permanent fuel break system. The second FWV addresses the minor road adjustment of Evolution Road near South Boundary Road.
2. MRS-BLM Units 1/2/3 Remedial Action Report (RAR) was issued 28 Feb. Comments were received from EPA and DTSC and RTCs are in progress.
3. Agency comments were received for the MRS-BLM Unit 25 TM that was issued on 12 Jan. Comments have been addressed and the revised TM will be issued by 13 Apr.
4. A FWV for the QAPP Volume II – Appendix A is in progress to clarify rope placement during surface removal procedures.
5. Track 2 BLM Area B and MRS-16 Land Use Control Implementation Plan draft final was issued 28 Feb. EPA had no comment. RTCs to comments received from DTSC, BLM and CAG are in progress.
6. Track 2 BLM Area B and MRS-16 Annual LUC Monitoring Report (2017) is proposed to be issued 30 Apr.
7. Draft BLM Area B Units B/C Prescribed Burn After Action Report was issued 28 Feb. Comments have been received from EPA. Comments will be provided from DTSC and MBARD.

FFA Schedule – The Army provided updates to the FFA Schedule:

1. Track 3 FFA schedule and BLM Area B and MRS-16 FFA schedule will be updated to reflect the actual agency review periods for current documents.

Action Items – Due action items were described as complete and pending items were reviewed.

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 9 May 2018 at 10am and 13 June 2018 at 10am in the Fort Ord BRAC conference room.

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