

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team
Meeting Minutes
14 March 2019
Fort Ord, CA**

Members/Invited Attendees

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Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Community Relations	Update	by Melissa Broadston
Property Transfer	Update	by Eric Schmidt
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Stan Cook
Fieldwork	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Site Security Program	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
BLM Area C	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: Community Involvement Mobile Workshop on 2 Feb with 80 community members in attendance. Technical Review Committee was held 5 Feb. Topics included soil and groundwater cleanup. A Fort Ord cleanup presentation was made to a Rotary Club on 21 Feb.
2. Upcoming activities include: information table at several earth-day events (April) and presentations to local non-profit organizations.
3. The Fort Ord Installation Action Plan is now available to the public. The report of 2017 community survey and 2017-18 outreach activities will be distributed by mid-April.
4. The Army will send a letter to community members currently receiving Fort Ord cleanup documents to verify that the document distribution should continue.

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

1. Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 6 Parcel L36: No change.
2. FOST 11: The title report is in progress. The disposal package is scheduled for submittal to USACE Headquarters (HQ) in April 2019.
3. FOST 12: For E29b.3.1 SPK-RE submitted deed to FORA in December 2018. Follow up emails were sent on 1/24/19 and 2/26/19. For S2.1.2, SPK-RE submitted the disposal package to USACE HQ on 27 Feb.
4. Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) 1/4/5 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) warranty documents: EPA has submitted the remedy complete determination dated 28 Feb for FOSET 5 parcels in Groups 1 and 4 under ESCA. So CERCLA warranty documents are in progress. DTSC added they are working on CRUPs for those properties and will try and complete by the end of the month. Bill Collins added that once the CRUPs are complete, or even before they are, FORA will be providing BRAC with legal descriptions for those deeds that need to be modified.

ESCA Update – FORA provided a written ESCA Program Status Report and an update:

1. FORA provided a land use control implementation plan training to the City of Seaside in February.
2. FORA conducted meetings with BRAC Chief and ESCA Grants Officer in February. A tour of the ESCA properties was provided.
3. The ESCA program received an EPA letter certifying remedial action completion in Groups 1 and 4 Munitions Response Areas (MRAs). FORA is working with DTSC to complete State concurrence on that determination.
4. There was a trespassing and vandalism incident in the Pure Water Project area; the damaged fence has been repaired and a police report was made. BLM alerted FORA of a cut fence on Eucalyptus Road; the fence has been repaired.
5. Arcadis biologists are conducting biological monitoring activities within the Interim Action Ranges MRA this week.

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

1. The website and BLM Area B kiosks are being maintained with current road and trail closure information. The most recent updates were made on 22 Feb.
2. Notice and warning signs, trail closure fences, and boundary fences are in place around the current work areas in Units B, C, B-3W, and B-2A. Trails within Unit A were closed with trail barriers and signs to support current work. Trails within Units B-3E and B-3E-NE were opened for public access after receiving agency approvals.
3. Evaluation is in progress to reopen trails in Units B-3W and C for public access as soon as BLM trail preparation activities are substantially complete.

4. Fieldwork in Units B-3W and C have been completed. BLM is scheduled to conduct trail development work during the next two to three weeks.
5. In Unit A, subsurface removal of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) on the 12-ft wide trail footprints is in progress.
6. In Unit B-2A, subsurface removal on the 12-ft wide trail footprints along Trails 61/62 was previously completed. Vegetation was cut in the approximately 40-ft wide buffer area in January. Surface removal in the buffer area was completed in February. Digital geophysical mapping (DGM) started in March with person-portable units to improve accessibility and reduce impacts to the habitat. DGM data will be reviewed to identify targets that could potentially represent unknown filler type munitions. Those targets will be investigated.
7. DGM in Unit B is in progress. Subsurface removal will be conducted on trail alignments following completion of DGM.
8. Subsurface removal on additional road segments will be scheduled.

Fieldwork/Track 3 Update - The Army provided an update on the status of fieldwork:

1. Fuel Break fieldwork on Impossible Canyon Road and Wildcat Ridge Road is in progress. Target reacquisition is complete. Intrusive investigation of reacquired anomalies is in progress.
2. Fuel Breaks additional verification dynamic survey utilizing the Metal Mapper (MM) 2x2 began on 22 Oct and is in progress. Cued MM 2x2 survey is in progress in the dynamic survey areas.
3. Unit 23 Risk Reduction cued survey of 1,279 targets utilizing the MM 2x2 was completed on 25 Jul and a dig list was finalized. Intrusive investigation of the cued anomalies began 9 Jan and is in progress.
4. Range 48 Northern Portion Near-surface MEC Removal vegetation cutting in the 32-acre removal area was completed in January. Near-surface MEC removal (up to 6 inches in depth) began 15 Jan and continued through 28 Feb. Fieldwork is suspended until the end of May due to habitat conservation requirements.
5. Work is in progress to remove up to 32 buildings in Impact Area and Unit B-3W. This work includes Iron Triangle cleanup and activities at the OU2 landfill.
6. Vegetation cutting and other preparatory actions are complete for installation of a northern perimeter fence to separate the Impact Area MRA from the transferred property.
7. Annual surface monitoring in planned monitoring units will begin in March.
8. No demolition operation was conducted since December.
9. The Army provided an overview of Technical Memorandum for Ranges 43-48 South. The evaluation includes a portion of Watkins Gate Burn Area that is associated with the Range 48 fan area.

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

1. Four trespass incidents were recorded since the last MR BCT meeting.
2. One munitions incidents was recorded since the last MR BCT meeting.
3. Community Education Participants – Year to Date: 0
4. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants – Year to Date: 76 (includes 24 BLM personnel during the BLM Safety Week).
5. The Army provided a training to BLM Central Coast Field Office staff on munitions safety procedures that apply to various BLM properties at Fort Ord during the BLM Safety Week. As part of this activity munitions recognition and safety training was provided to 24 BLM staff on 28 Feb.
6. The Army conducted the Munitions Response Site (MRS) Security Committee annual meeting on 8 Mar.

7. As part of the follow-up to a security incident reported during the previous meeting, the Army provided information to PG&E regarding coordinating access into the restricted MRS and the need for construction support for ground-disturbing activities.

BLM Area C - Public review period ended 30 Nov. Draft responses to public comments will be recirculated for agency review.

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

1. Draft Broadway Bypass Fuel Break Remedial Action Report (RAR) was submitted 31 Jan. DTSC provided comments. EPA comments are pending.
2. Draft Vernal Ponds Report (anomaly evaluation/investigation for Pond 16 in the Impact Area MRA) is in development.
3. A supplemental report for additional anomaly investigation in Unit 3 is in development.
4. Draft final MRS-BLM Unit 25 RAR was issued on 28 Feb. Comments are requested by 5 Apr.
5. Track 3 Technical Memorandum for Ranges 43-48 South was submitted on 28 Feb. Agency concurrence is requested by 5 Apr.
6. The BLM Area B B-3E and B-3-E-NE Technical Information Paper for public access on trails was submitted 8 Feb. The Army received agency approvals to open the trails. The Army responded to community comments.
7. BLM Area B B-3W Technical Memorandum was accepted by the regulatory agencies. The Army will respond to community comments received.
8. BLM Area B Vernal Ponds Report (anomaly evaluation/investigation) is in development.
9. BLM Area B Unit C Technical Memorandum will be revised to address DTSC comments. EPA indicated it had no comment.
10. Track 1 Plug-in Approval Memorandum for BLM Area C: The Army will coordinate draft responsiveness summary with the regulatory agencies.

FFA Schedule – The schedule is current.

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 10 April and 15 May.

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