

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

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Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Community Relations	Update	by Melissa Broadston
Property Transfer	Update	by Derek Lieberman
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Stan Cook
Fieldwork	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Site Security Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
Bureau of Land Management (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. Long term actions underway: publish Annual Report in July.
2. Continue outreach related to munitions work in the northern portion of the Fort Ord National Monument.
3. Recent activities included: provided cleanup presentations at Monterey Rotary Club and Fort Ord National Monument Anniversary celebration.
4. Provided information booths at CSUMB and Presidio of Monterey Earth Day festivals.
5. Monterey Herald and Monterey County Weekly published articles on the cleanup.
6. Provided a 10 May information booth at Presidio of Monterey Language Day.
7. Hosted 4 May Guided Nature Walk in the Impact Area (115 participants).
8. Upcoming Activities include: 16 May bus tour for a senior center.
9. Dry Run for the 13 July Community Involvement Mobile Workshop is TBD.
10. 13 July Community Involvement Mobile Workshop.
11. 16 July Technical Review Committee Meeting.

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: Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1. SPK-RE (Boyd) submitted draft deed to FORA, title report is in progress; disposal package scheduled for submittal to USACE HQ. FORA is drafting MOA amendment to include with comments on draft deed.
3. FOST 12: FORA executed the deed for parcel E29b.3.1. Deed is at USACE HQ; requested documentation of Executive Director's authority to sign for FORA.
4. FOST 12: Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) recertification is in progress for parcel S2.1.2.
5. FOSET 1 & 4: No change.
6. FOSET 5: CERCLA Warranty for Parcel S1.3.2 (Group 2 CSUMB Off-Campus MRA); USEPA remedy complete determination dated 9/27/18; draft submitted to ELD on 11/6/18. When complete, it will serve as the template for subsequent warranties.

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

1. FORA has been conducting outreach on rights of entry (ROE).
2. Construction is continuing at the Pure Water and Aquifer Storage and Recovery facilities.
3. Vehicles are being stored on both sides of Eucalyptus Road in preparation for the U.S. Open.
4. Biologists will be conducting surveys on ESCA property for the next two months as part of the ESCA 2019 Annual Habitat Monitoring and the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project. They will not be entering Army property.

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 were updated with current trail closure information on 4 April.
2. Notice and warning signs, trail closure fences, and boundary fences are in place around the current work areas in Units B and B-2A. Trails within Unit A are closed with trail barriers and signs to support current work.
3. Roads will be subject to temporary closure during subsurface removal operations.
4. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) is 69% complete in Unit B. Data collection was suspended due to wet conditions and restarted on 13 May.
5. DGM was completed in the Unit B-2A Trail 62 buffer using the person-portable EM-61. An area of a pond was not surveyed due to the presence of water. Data processing is complete; 54 targets were identified and intrusively investigated.
6. All planned subsurface MEC removal was completed in Units B-3E, B-3E-NE, B-3W, and C.

7. Subsurface MEC removal was completed on the 12-ft wide trail footprints in Unit A (Trails 65, 66, 67, 68, 69) and on Trails 61/62 in Unit B-2A.
8. Subsurface MEC removal is planned in the 12-ft trail footprints within Unit B following completion of DGM.
9. Subsurface MEC removal will be performed on additional road segments.
10. Intrusive investigation in Unit B-2A for potential unknown filler items: intrusive investigation of 54 selected anomalies in the buffer began on 22 April and completed 8 May. Several DGM data gaps are being investigated with person-portable EM-61 in analog mode.
11. To support restoration of abandoned sections of Trail 70 (Unit C) by BLM, an underground cable was removed. Supplemental DGM will be conducted.

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

1. Target reacquisition is complete for the Impossible Canyon Road (ICR) and Wildcat Ridge Road (WRR) Fuel Break work. Intrusive investigation of reacquired anomalies is in progress, with 1,444 of 2,074 targets on ICR and all 41 on WRR complete as of 9 May.
2. Fuel Breaks additional verification Metal Mapper (MM) 2x2 dynamic survey was completed on 16 April (25.5 acres). Data gained from excavating 437 preliminary cued targets will be used to refine the classification process. MM 2x2 cued survey is 48% complete as of 9 May. 1,172 of 5,000 cued targets identified have been intrusively investigated.
3. Range 48 Northern Portion Near-Surface (up to 6 inches in depth) MEC removal is currently suspended until June due to habitat conservation requirements. 25 of 148 grids had been completed as of 28 February.
4. Demolition operations were conducted on 3 April and 17 April. Eight off-site shipments of MD have been completed to date.
5. Annual surface monitoring has been in progress since 8 April.
6. Restoration activities including cleanup of the Iron Triangle following mag and dig operations for the Watkins Gate Burn Area (WGBA) mortar pits restoration project are complete.
7. Site preparation for the Impact Area North Perimeter Fence Construction is complete and fence materials have been delivered. Construction is scheduled to begin in the week of 20 May.

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

1. Seven trespass incidents have been reported since the last MR BCT meeting.
 - a. Four incidents involved evidence of trespass in BLM Area B: cut/crushed temporary orange fence.
 - b. One incident involved evidence of trespass in the Impact Area: a cut wire on the perimeter fence by Riso Ridge Rd.
 - c. On 7 May a homeless encampment of approximately 3 tents was discovered in fenced Impact Area near Bitter Gate. No individuals in attendance. POMPD investigated.
 - d. On 9 May a vehicle was found crashed into the Impact Area fence on Eucalyptus Road 150 feet west of MOUT/Impossible Canyon Gate. Vehicle was halfway inside fence. POMPD investigated and issued citation.
2. One munitions incident was recorded since the last MR BCT meeting.
 - a. 6 May – two suspected expended signal flares and one unknown projectile-like object were found by BRAC biologist at NW corner of Eucalyptus and Hennekens Ranch Roads.
3. Community Education Participants – Year to Date: 0

4. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants – Year to Date: 153.

BLM Area C - Public review period ended 30 Nov. Draft responses to public comments have been provided for agency review. The Army has requested agency concurrence on a Track 1 finding.

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

1. Draft final Broadway Bypass Fuel Break Remedial Action Report (RAR) was issued for agency review.
2. MRS-BLM Vernal Ponds Report (Impact Area) was issued for agency review.
3. MRS-BLM Unit 3 Supplemental Report (additional anomaly investigation potential for Stokes mortars and Livens projectors) is in progress.
4. Draft Ranges 43-48 South Technical Memorandum (TM) was issued and responses to comments are in development.
5. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 23 MEC Risk Reduction Activity TM will be provided in June.
6. Draft final MRS-BLM Unit 25 RAR responses to comments are in development.
7. Draft MRS-BLM Units 13, 17 and 20 Evaluation Final Report will be provided in May.
8. Draft Impact Area MRA Sensitive Fuze-type Munitions Field Study Report will be provided in May.
9. BLM Area B B-2A (2017 Unit) TM will be issued soon.
10. BLM Area B Vernal Ponds (2018) anomaly evaluation/investigation report will be issued in early June.
11. BLM Area B Unit C (2017 Unit) TM responses to comments are in development.
12. Track 1 Approval Memorandum for BLM Area C: The Army requested agency concurrence by 9 May.
13. MRS Security Program Annual Report is being printed and scanned for distribution.

FFA Schedule – No need to update FFA schedule.

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 19 June and 12 July.

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