

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
18 March 2020
Fort Ord, CA**

Members/Invited Attendees

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Acronyms

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| BLM | Bureau of Land Management |
| DTSC | California Department of Toxic Substances Control |
| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| FORA | Fort Ord Reuse Authority |
| USACE | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |

Agenda

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Action</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| 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 |
| Munitions Contract | Update | By Curtis Payton |
| Site Security Program | 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: The Army continues to conduct outreach related to munitions work and access management in the northern portion of the Fort Ord National Monument.
2. Recent activities included: Community involvement workshop with bus tours highlighting the groundwater cleanup and Operable Unit 2 Landfills was held 2/1; 120 community members participated. Technical Review Committee meeting was held 2/4. Subsequent to a tour and briefing given by the Army to a reporter in January, Monterey County Weekly published an article 2/6 on Fort Ord cleanup program. On 12 February an email on updated trail access in BLM B. On 21 and 28 February updated BLM Area B trail access information was provided on the website on kiosks. On 1 March an annual letter was sent to contractors offering munitions safety training.
3. Upcoming activities include: a guided nature walk in the Impact Area on 2 May. Information booths at local Earth Day events including California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and Presidio of Monterey (POM) and presentation at Pacific Grove High School have been canceled for the time being. On 8 May an information booth at POM Language Day is planned. 18 July Community Involvement Mobile Workshop is planned followed by Technical Review Committee on 21 July.

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

No change since last month except that deed modifications are going through OGC and ELD review.

1. FOST 11 (Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1): USACE Sacramento District Real Estate (SPK-RE) submitted draft deed to FORA on 1/18/2019. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) transfers is at Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (ODASA), under review at Office of General Counsel (OGC). On 2/4/2020 FORA provided partial comments on draft deed.
2. FOST 13 (Parcel L36): No change. The amendment to EDC MOA includes L36 and is pending execution by DASA. The draft Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) is under internal review with the Army.
3. FOST 12 (Parcel E20c.1 to FORA): No change. Environmental Law Division (ELD) is coordinating with OGC whether Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) notice will be included.
4. FOST 12 (Parcel S2.1.2 to University of California [UC]): BRAC-D executed Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) recertification on 5/10/2019. SPK-RE sent complete deed to UC on 8/14/2019; as of 1/23, UC was working on necessary documentation for internal approvals.
5. FOSET 1 & 4 CERCLA warranty documents: No change.
6. FOSET 5 CERCLA warranty for non-ESCA parcels (City of Marina and County of Monterey parcels): No change. Under review at ELD.
7. FOSET 5 CERCLA warranty for ESCA CSUMB Parcel S1.3.2 (Group 2): Revised draft was resubmitted to ELD on 7/23/2019. It was provided to SPK-RE on 10/17/2019 and to FORA. When complete, it will be used as a template for other CERCLA warranty documents.
8. FOSET 5 CERCLA warranty for other ESCA parcels (listed by planned deed modification): In progress.

ESCA Update: FORA provided a handout and an update.

1. Monterey County is considering demolishing buildings at the former Ammunition Supply Point.
2. Construction of phase 2 of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery is in process. Grading for in-ground burials was done. Weston Solutions provided UXO support; no MEC was discovered.
3. This week FORA will place decals on no-trespassing signs on ESCA properties with a new design reviewed by BLM and City of Seaside.

4. The City of Seaside is coordinating with FORA about locking a gate on Parker Flats Road near the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery entrance.
5. The City of Seaside is in the planning stages for a storm water inlet repair along Eucalyptus Road. On-call construction support will be required.
6. Old buildings near the FORA office are being demolished. FORA has provided to the demolition contractor information about potential for munitions encounters.
7. On 4 March, the FORA Quarterly ESCA Permit, Planning, Police, and Property Management meeting was held. A written meeting report was provided.

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

1. Updated trail closure information was posted on website and kiosks on 28 February. Trails within Unit A were reopened for public access after receiving agency approvals and following installation of new signs.
2. All planned subsurface removals have been completed in Units B-3E, B-3E-NE, B-3W, C, B-2A, and B, and the road segments.
3. Subsurface MEC removal on the 12-ft wide trail footprints has been completed on Unit A Trails 65 (to be abandoned), 66, 67, 68, and 69.
4. Subsurface removal on additional road segments was completed 1/16/2020. Quality control is complete. Teams returned to three areas based on quality assurance findings; work was completed on 4 March. No MEC or MD was recovered.

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

1. Fuel Breaks Additional Verification: Metal Mapper (MM) 2x2 dynamic survey was completed 4/16/2019 (25.5 acres). The MM 2x2 cued survey was completed 11/26/2019. 10,200 cued targets were identified for intrusive investigation and were investigated. An additional 225 validation targets were also intrusively investigated. Based on quality assurance findings several targets were reanalyzed, however, the review did not warrant any additional intrusive investigation. Targets in the northern portion (north of Hawkeye Road) will not be intrusively investigated under the current munitions contract due to its schedule. The MM 2x2 cued survey and data analysis resulted in identification of 1,220 targets on Orion Road and 323 targets on Watkins Gate Road for future invasive investigation. This information will be included in the final report.
2. Range 48 Northern Portion: Near-surface MEC removal (up to 6 inches in depth) was completed 12/9/2019. Digital geophysical mapping was completed in 12/17/2019. Quality control was completed 2/3/2020. Quality assurance was completed on 2/25/2020.
3. Demolition operations were last conducted on 1/8/2020. The final demolition operation is scheduled for today. Nine off-site shipments of munitions debris (MD) have been completed to date. The final shipment is scheduled for 3/25/2020.

Munitions Contract Update – USACE provided an update on the status of the munitions contract.

1. USACE described closeout and transition activities associated with the close of the current munitions contract on 3/31/2020. USACE is working to finalize a bridge contract that would allow Kemron to complete reporting on its activities. This contract is anticipated for April-June 2020 timeframe.
2. An interim MEC contract to include surface monitoring, UXO support, illegal encampment cleanup, and other upkeep/caretaker tasks is being developed. This contract is anticipated to start May-June 2020 and would be available for three to five years.

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

1. Trespass Incident Reports
 - a. Last 24 days since prior BCT meeting (2/19/2020 – 3/13/2020): 6
 - i. On 3/2/2020 BLM Law Enforcement discovered a new set of horse tracks going off trail in BLM Area B, Unit A, on old closed trail 65, to a vernal pond, and to Trail 66.
 - ii. On 3/5/2010, BLM staff found an Impact Area fence breach 200 yards south of Bitter Road. The bottom two wires were cut and concertina was pushed back.
 - iii. On 3/9/2020, BRAC and Kemron located an illegal encampment in the Impact Area MRS near Bitter Road. Controlled substances were found. No individuals were apprehended. It was cleaned up on 3/13/2020.
 - iv. On 3/10/2020 BLM Law Enforcement found an Impact Area fence breach just north of Nowhere Gate with fresh tracks.
 - v. On 3/10/2020 BLM Law Enforcement found an Impact Area fence breach north of Nowhere Gate; no fresh tracks observed.
 - vi. On 3/11/2020 BLM staff found an Impact Area fence section near Bitter Road where dirt was dug out from under the fence. A shovel was hidden nearby.
 - b. 2020 trespass incidents year to date (1/1/2020 – 3/13/2020): 10
 - c. The Army reported of several measures being taken and under consideration in response to the recent detections of evidence of trespassing in the area near Bitter gate.
2. Munitions Incident Reports
 - a. Last 24 days since prior BCT meeting (2/19/2020 – 3/13/2020): 1
 - i. On 3/3/2020, a UXO escort accompanying the BLM personnel conducting invasive species control in Unit 15 found a 3.5-inch rocket mostly buried in the ground. He provided GPS coordinates to the UXO Safety Officer (UXOSO). The coordinates turned out to be inaccurate. Both UXOSO and the UXO technician searched for the item; it has not been located to date. BRAC will try to resolve the GPS issue and locate the item.
 - b. 2020 munitions incidents year to date: 1
3. Community Education Participants
 - a. 1/1/2020 through 13 March 2020: 0
4. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants
 - a. 1/1/2020 through 13 March 2020: 31
5. The Annual MRS Security Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 26.
 - a. Twenty four representatives from the Army, BLM and local law enforcement, Monterey County office of emergency services, and regulatory agencies met to review the performance of the Army in providing security at Fort Ord restricted MRS.
 - b. The Committee reviewed actions taken in 2019 and discussed trespass incidents including illegal encampments in the western part of the Impact Area MRA.
 - c. Committee recommendations for 2020 include:
 - i. Funding for an additional POM PD officer and a BLM law enforcement ranger is in progress.
 - ii. BRAC will explore trespass deterrent and surveillance options such as motion-activated cameras, extra concertina wire, and unmanned aircraft systems.
 - iii. BRAC will coordinate an agreement to close three gates to vehicular

- access. Surveillance videos showed vehicles accessing closed areas at night.
- iv. BRAC will number and label multi-user access gates.
 - v. BRAC will invite Emergency Dispatches to future meetings.
 - vi. Security Committee members will support making the Seaside ESCA and transferred Del Rey Oaks properties a zero tolerance zone for trespass with the goal to prevent, cite and clean up illegal camps before they spread into the Impact MRA.
 - vii. Reinforce the trespass prosecution process to provide a robust deterrent for repeat offenders.
 - viii. BRAC will provide a briefing to POM SJA office.

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

1. Draft MRS-BLM Non-Burn, Technical Information Paper (TIP) for the Impact Area fuel breaks is scheduled for submittal in March.
2. MRS-BLM Non-Burn Structure Removal Report was issued 20 February. DTSC commented.
3. MRS-BLM Non-Burn, report on subsurface removal in Watkins Gate Burn Area mortar pit was issued 6 January addressing agency comments on the previous version. DTSC and EPA had no comment. Report was finalized by transmittal on 28 February.
4. Draft Ranges 43-48 South Remedial Action Report (RAR) is in development and will be provided to agencies for review in March.
5. Draft final MRS-BLM Unit 23 MEC Risk Reduction Activity Technical Memorandum (TM) was issued on 10 February. DTSC provided a letter of no comment on 2 March. EPA commented on 12 March.
6. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 23 RAR was issued on 29 January. DTSC provided comments 9 March. EPA provided comments on 12 March. Comments are being addressed and draft final is planned to be issued in late March.
7. Draft final MRS-BLM Unit 31 TIP was issued on 28 February. DTSC provided a letter of no comment.
8. Draft final Impact Area MRA Sensitive Fuze-type Munitions Field Study Report was issued on 14 January. DTSC had no comment; EPA deferred to DTSC. Reported was finalized by a transmittal.
9. Impact Area MRA Surface Remediation Area Annual Monitoring Report was issued on 31 January. Updated version with corrected page 6 was provided on 28 February 2020. EPA comments were received and will be addressed.
10. BLM Area B B-2A TM was finalized by a transmittal which also forwarded the Army's response to community comments. DTSC and EPA had no comment.
11. Final BLM Area B Vernal Ponds geophysical anomaly investigation report was issued on 10 March.
12. BLM Area B Unit B TM was issued on 13 January addressing comments received on the previous version. DTSC and EPA had no comment. The Army had responded to community comments in a separate correspondence. Report was finalized by transmittal.
13. BLM Area B Unit B TIP for public access on trails was issued on 29 January. Agency approval on trail use was received on 31 January. DTSC provided no comment 2 March. Revised version addressing EPA and community comments will be issued in March.
14. Draft BLM Area B RAR is in progress with a submittal date in March.
15. BLM Area B Unit A (2018 Unit) TIP was issued on 18 December. EPA and DTSC provided comments. A revised version will be provided to the agencies this week.
16. Track 2 BLM Area B & MRS-16 Annual LUC Monitoring Report (2019) is in progress. The report is scheduled to be issued 30 April 2020.
17. Track 2 BLM Area B & MRS-16 Interim LUCIP Update is in progress.

18. MRS Security Program Annual Report (2019) is scheduled to be issued on 30 April.
19. MRS Security Program 2020 Update is in progress and is scheduled to be issued on 30 April.
20. Deed modification and CERCLA warranty document status will be tracked.

FFA Schedule – The Army updated the FFA schedules to identify the Ranges 43-48 South RAR and BLM Area B RAR (2017-2019).

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

The next meeting of the MR BCT is scheduled for 5/1.

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