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PROPOSED PLAN  
NO FURTHER ACTION PROPOSED FOR  
MUNITIONS RESPONSE SITE 34 (MRS-34)  
(TRACK 2)

FORMER FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA  
PUBLIC MEETING

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5 MR. BEN STRUMWASSER, MEETING FACILITATOR:

6 We will limit folks to five minutes. Go ahead.

7 MS. STONE: We are talking about the Fritzche  
8 Airport. I saw on the map this area that is supposed to  
9 be where the munitions was. I remember being at the  
10 airport and looking at this ditch over there and I am  
11 wondering if it is the same area, because it was a deep  
12 hole and it usually looked like it had something in it,  
13 oil or something like that. I'm not sure it is the same  
14 area, okay.

15 It says that the span, the scope of work was  
16 going to include or did include -- I'm not sure if that  
17 is will include or did include -- the removal and  
18 disposal of buildings within Range 37. And what  
19 buildings -- I don't know what buildings were taken down  
20 or are to be taken down.

21 It also says that the expanded scope of work  
22 is to include a limited subsurface munitions MEC. I  
23 thought we had stopped using these acronyms years ago.  
24 But MEC remediation within 32 grids. Grids, meaning  
25 that you didn't do the whole thing, but you did pockets

1 of removal, I guess. Okay. I wanted to know -- it says  
2 also something about disposal of range buildings. I  
3 don't know what range buildings -- where they are, where  
4 they were, or the recycling of the debris. Where did it  
5 go? Disposal, recycling of the munitions. Where did it  
6 go? Where are the materials recycled to. And you are  
7 saying that the area is going to be used for some  
8 specific purposes or had been used for some specific  
9 purposes, and I'm not sure of what those are.

10 And it would have been good to be able to do  
11 what we are doing, now, before the report was done,  
12 because from my experience, commenting on what has  
13 happened after the report has been put together by a  
14 group of people that is not including the public, or the  
15 organizations in the process before the report comes  
16 out, has not generated a lot of trust in the process,  
17 and -- where people can openly see what is being done  
18 before it is done, how it is being done, when it is  
19 being done and who is doing it.

20 I'm not sure of how much of these unexploded  
21 materials were removed from the area that we are talking  
22 about and when it was removed. Public participation and  
23 inclusiveness in the process is still something that the  
24 people in the community is looking for. I know they are  
25 looking for it, because they are not here. I came

1 because I got an e-mail, and, of course, I'm trying my  
2 best to keep up with what is happening, now, because  
3 things are happening at a very fast pace.

4 There is a building on Fort Ord, Behavioral  
5 Health Building. I don't even know when that happened.  
6 It used to be a child care center. But I will try to  
7 stay on the subject.

8 MR. STRUMWASSER: You got about 30 seconds.

9 MS. STONE: Thirty seconds, okay. I'm still  
10 concerned about the process and about the participation  
11 and inclusiveness of people in the community so that  
12 they can be involved in this process, and also the fact  
13 that if this is a new plan, and I'm not sure if it is or  
14 not -- some of the people from the community, they are  
15 still not involved in helping to cleanup. But you said  
16 that this plan is already done. It sounds like it is  
17 already done and you are getting ready to turn it over  
18 for some kind of developments to take place, and I'm not  
19 not sure, but that sounds like what I heard.

20 MR. STRUMWASSER: Okay. Mike, did you want to  
21 make some comments?

22 MR. WEAVER: Mike Weaver, W-e-a-v-e-r. Fort  
23 Ord Community Advisory Group. Just a few comments, and  
24 I would like to retain the right to send in written  
25 comments, as well. Just from concerns I've heard here

1 this evening and a few concerns, this was an economic  
2 benefit parcel in 2001 for airport purposes. I'm  
3 reading this -- we find airport purposes include a  
4 resort, hotel, golf course, business park, time share,  
5 vacation club, spa, commercial recreation or airport  
6 loft living units. So there is going to be residential,  
7 here, too.

8 I'm concerned that we cannot answer a question  
9 about the depth of clearance, approximations. We don't  
10 know the depth. Footings for residential and commercial  
11 buildings can go quite deep, business park buildings.

12 So there is that concern. A big concern is  
13 that the soil hasn't been sampled, groundwater  
14 pesticides, herbicides, residual chemical contamination  
15 from munitions, there has been no sampling, here. There  
16 has been sampling of munitions and explosives. I am  
17 concerned if we are going to be putting recreational use  
18 out there and some residential and these other uses, it  
19 is imperative that the soil be sampled for chemical  
20 constituents. There are two hundred known chemical  
21 constituents used on Fort Ord. They need to be sampled  
22 and analyzed for a cumulative amount. The grid sampling  
23 is the old sample of a sample, where you pick out grids,  
24 to my understanding. And then you sample part of those  
25 grids, so you don't get a real clear sample of the whole

1 thing.

2 And the other concern I have is back when he  
3 Reservation Road was being widened, there was a CEQA  
4 categorical exemption for a 18-inch potable water main  
5 that was going to run out to Marina Airport.  
6 Eighteen-inch water main is a huge water main that would  
7 allow for a lot of water use.

8 How far it got to the Marina Airport, I don't  
9 know. I know I did talk to the Fire Department, the  
10 Marina Fire Department at the time and was told there  
11 was no need additional water out there, given the  
12 existing airport and the uses, the airport uses and the  
13 size of that airport. It was okay, water-use wise for  
14 protection, for fire purposes, for what the Army needed  
15 and what the Airport was used for. Therefore, this  
16 18-inch potable water main was going to be for new uses.

17 What those new uses are, we don't know, except  
18 they could be golf course, hotel, residential, all that.  
19 It is kind of scary when we don't know the depth that we  
20 can guarantee this has been cleaned to, and we haven't  
21 looked and sampled for soil contamination. Those are my  
22 concerns and I will be addressing other concerns in a  
23 letter to Ms. Roth, as well.

24 MR. STRUMWASSER: Other formal comments for  
25 the public record? We will stick around, so if there

1 are still questions, we will resume the poster session.

2 Again, the comments are due by July 1st and  
3 there are documents up there about where they are to be  
4 sent to.

5 Thank you, very much, for joining us.

6 (The proceedings concluded at 7:03 p.m.)

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