

**OE BCT Meeting Minutes
(BRAC Cleanup Team)
September 19, 2002
Ord Military Community, California**

Final Version

Attendees:

John Chesnutt, USEPA
Rizgar Ghazi, DTSC
David Eisen, USACE
Gail Youngblood, DENR
Bruce Wilcer, Harding ESE

George Siller, USACE
Linda Janssen, DTSC
Juan Koponen, USACE
Chieko Nguyen, DENR

Agenda:

Item	Action	Comment
Action Items	Update	Update list from previous month
Ranges 43-48 workplan and associated plans	Update	
Schedule Update	Update	
Fieldwork Update	Update	
Fieldwork Variances	Update	
Track 1	Discussion	
Veg Clearance Tech Memo	Discussion	

Action Items List

Action Items list from August OE BCT meeting was distributed for updating. See attached list.

Fieldwork Update

- TAZ equipment working near Broadway Avenue fuelbreak. Operations were stopped by USACE OE Safety Specialist after the fuze part of a 81 mm mortar was shaved off by TAZ south of R43-48. Crew is proceeding with manual cutting. Firebreaks are to be pre-treated with foam and sprinkler system as approved by Fire Chief.
- 150 foot fuelbreak north of Fitch Housing Area connecting to back of Marshall School grounds is being widened.
- Tires have been removed from R43-48. Plan to move structures out has been changed. Vegetation will be cut around them and area pre-treated with foam to prevent them from burning.
- R43-48 has some areas that will need to be sifted due to high concentrations of small arms. R44 is another area potentially needing sifting but habitat concerns need to be taken into consideration.
- Best Available Technology (BAT) and PWP – QC planned at R43-48. Instrument selection and identification of targets/special case areas to be done after prescribed burn

Remedial Action Work Plan and associated plans for IA implementation

- Air Sampling and Analysis Plan currently under EPA review. John Chesnutt will get information on dioxin sampling from EPA air specialist.
- Doug Cover and/or David Eisen to talk to MBUAPCD regarding MBUAPCD sampling equipment and locations
- Complaint procedures for prescribed burn need to be refined and coordinated with MBUAPCD.

Document Schedule Update

- Track 1 scheduled delayed.
- Vegetation Clearance Technical Memorandum due out Sept 30, 2002 in Draft Final version (30 days plus receipt of EPA comments)

Remaining agenda topics

A conference call was scheduled for September 23, 10:45am-12:00pm to continue discussion on Vegetation Clearance Tech Memo, EPA to provide update on dioxin/furans, and NPS and LIDAR system.

**OE BCT Meeting continued
Conference Call
September 23, 2002 10:45am**

Participants:

John Chesnutt, USEPA
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David Eisen, USACE
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Restoration of Chaparral

Restoration of three plant species information was provided by USEPA. It was discussed that a long-term study and US Fish and Wildlife Service re-consultation might be necessary, since the information did not take into account the large-scale effort for the entire chaparral community. Restoration is possible in small scale such as on roads and firebreaks. An active restoration plan will have to be developed if long-term monitoring of cut areas show that vegetation is not recovering, in which case consultation with US FWS would be necessary.

50 acre limit on cutting issue

The current agreement with USFWS is that cutting would happen in unsafe-to-burn situations but is not intended to replace burning in areas that require burning under the Habitat Management Plan. BCT discussed issues relating to a 50-acre limit on cutting vegetation in borderline areas. A suggestion was made to clarify the 50-acre limit and intent of it in the next version of the vegetation clearance tech memo.

Vegetation Clearance Tech Memo

Literature review and bibliography will be updated in the tech memo. It was suggested that further studies may be necessary on a site-specific basis. Footnote to Table 12 of the tech memo will be clarified.

LIDAR

John Chesnutt will provide additional information on LIDAR later in the week after contacting Dave Emmett of LIDAR. It appears to be new equipment that may or may not help in predicting weather conditions on Fort Ord.