

**BRAC Cleanup Team
Munitions Response (MR) BCT Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2004
BRAC Conf. Room/conference call**

Final Version

Attendees:

Gail Youngblood, Fort Ord BRAC	Grant Himebaugh, CRWQCB
John Chesnutt, USEPA (by phone)	Kris Escarda, DTSC
David Eisen, USACE	Juan Koponen, USACE
Bruce Wilcer, MACTEC	Derek Lieberman, Fort Ord BRAC
George Siller, USACE	Cynthia Mitchener, USACE
Evelyn Rudek, Parsons	George Siller, USACE
Chieko Nguyen, Fort Ord BRAC	Craig Murray, Parsons
Lyle Shurtleff, Fort Ord BRAC	Dan Ward, DTSC

Agenda Items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Action Items	Update	Update previous month list
Track 1 Record of Decision	Schedule Update	
Fieldwork Update	Update	EG Areas 2&4 presentation; R43-48 SCA update
Fieldwork Variances	Update	
Track 1 MR RI/FS	Update	
Track 2 MR RI/FS	Update	
FFA Schedule	Update	
Lease/transfer issued	Update	

Action Items List

- Action items list was updated.
- Roman Racca to check with Dan Ward on status of comments on plug-in process for Track 2 and feedback on inclusion of MRS-13B.
- DTSC legal department is looking at language for the agreement between DTSC and State Parks regarding future activities at the former beach ranges.
- DTSC and Army further discussed distribution of documents to interested Community Advisory Group (CAG) members in support of the CAG settlement agreement. DTSC is not requiring Army to distribute documents to CAG members. Will consider sending one set of documents along with several copies on CD. Individual CAG members will be coordinated with.

Fieldwork Update (handout provided)

MRS-Ranges 43-48 Area:

- Sub-surface removal (390 acres) is ongoing and is 53% complete.
- Geophysical Survey is 17% complete.
- QC is 3% complete; QA is 1% complete.
- Production impacts for habitat protection: 1.) cumulative subsurface removal production level is approximately 20% below initial estimates, 2.) Methodologies for remediation of

special case areas in protected habitat and large size munitions areas is being assessed, 3.)
ROD process to recycle small arms munitions on hold.

Phase III Impact Area Fuel Breaks (82 acres):

- Removal to depth work is suspended due to restrictions resulting from listing of California Tiger Salamander habitat as threatened.

Phase I South Boundary Fuel Break (31 acres):

- Completed.

Phase II South Boundary Fuel Break (33 acres):

- Action must be coordinated with USFWS concerning cutting of Chaparral habitat

Subsurface Geophysical Survey – Watkins Gate Burn Area

- Estimated date of completion is December 2004. Survey subsurface concentrations of anomalies in approximately 900 acre area unintentionally burned in Oct 2003.

Site Security/Incident Reporting

- Munitions debris incident: expended simulator, projectile, air burst, M74A1 found by BLM staff on trail 12 (Eucalyptus Burn Area-BLM) during weed work. Disposed as scrap.
- MEC Safety presentation was provided to 157 students and teachers of Marshall Elementary School.
- Draft update report will be distributed to Site Security Committee in time for the annual meeting in early 2005.

Track 1 Update

- Discussed preliminary schedules for documents associated with the Track 1 Record of Decision and Track 0 Plug-in transfer parcels. Army BRAC wants to transfer these properties by the end of the fiscal year, and suggests an on-board review to accelerate the process.
- Agencies okay with on-board review approach to the Track 1 Record of Decision – meeting will be scheduled.
- Agencies tentatively okay with on-board review approach to Track 0 Approval Memorandums – meeting will be scheduled.
- Priority for action is Track 0 Plug-in and associated FOST(s), Track 1 FOST, Track 2 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.
- DTSC will likely conduct site-walks on Track 0 Plug-in parcels either during the review of the Approval Memo or FOST. EPA may walk areas if they identify the need.
- Track 1 FOST was production and distribution was discussed. Public review of FOST will occur after Track 1 ROD is signed.
- Covenants to Restrict the Use of Property (CRUP) were discussed. Army has agreement with FORA that they will accept the landfill. There are landfill and groundwater covenants.
- DTSC still working with State Parks on an agreement relating to the beach ranges property.
- Del Rey Oaks FOSET package was sent to Cal EPA and Governor a few weeks ago. No change in status since.

Track 0 Plug-in Approval Memorandums

- Parcels will be grouped in logical/geographical manner and evaluated together.
- Request was made for the groups to be shown on maps
- Lead-Based Paint in housing will need to be looked at in the Track 0 Plug-In FOST process.

Track 2 Plug-in Update

- Different types of munitions, reuse scenarios and different suite of Land Use Controls were discussed by EPA staff. Recommendation was made to group sites and complete the RI/FS and Records of Decision by group. EPA suggested that if consistent/comparable issues are being addressed in these future Track 2 groups, may re-evaluate potential for using a plug-in process. EPA wants to streamline RODs as much as possible. DTSC is in line with EPA. Army will look at timelines for Track 2 program.
- Discussed potential for confirmation/validation sampling at some of the Track 2 sites as part of RI/FS.
- The Army will propose groupings for Track 2 sites.

Site Assessment East Garrison Areas (presentation provided)

- Draft pre-field technical memo was submitted and is under review through October 29, 2004.
- Use Schonstedt in power-line influenced areas and areas with vegetation or terrain issues.
- Recording GPS location of every anomaly; excavating 1 in 5.
- People familiar with munitions training related features and UXO recognition will conduct site walk.
- Area 2 will most likely be completed first.
- No digging until biological opinion is issued regarding California Tiger Salamander.

Ranges 43-48 Special Case Areas (see handout)

- Discussed potential cleanup approaches to high density anomaly areas such as Ranges 44, 47 and 48. Disadvantages of mechanical sifting in these areas include potential of destroying habitat, high cost and lack of funding, likely technical infeasibility in areas of high explosive antitank munitions. Manual digging might also be too destructive to habitat in high density areas like Range 44.
- Parsons has conducted geophysical transects in R43-48. Combined with surface removal data and Roads and Trails removal data, high subsurface anomaly density areas were delineated as special case areas.
- Discussion: The Army will move ahead with sifting plan for R45. Experience that will be gained from R45 sifting would be incorporated into selecting appropriate cleanup strategy to address other high density special case areas. The cleanup of R43-48 must support the reuse. USACE considers using Oak Ridge National Lab to do aerial magnetometer survey to look for potential SCA's in other parts of the Impact Area.

Reports

DTSC will follow-up on reviews of MOCO.2 TIP, SEA.1-4 TIP and R45 Sifting Ops work plan.