

**Base Realignment and Closure
Munitions Response Base Cleanup Team
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2012
Fort Ord, CA**

Members / Invited Attendees

(p): by phone

Gail Youngblood, BRAC	Steve Crane, ITSI
Bill Collins, BRAC	Chuck Clyde, ITSI
Rob Robinson, BRAC	Erin Caruso, ITSI (on the phone)
Melissa Broadston, BRAC	Doug Maddox, EPA (on the phone)
Judy Huang, EPA	Derek Lieberman, Ahtna
Lyle Shurtleff, BRAC	Stan Cook, FORA
Lewis Mitani, EPA	John Jackson, USACE (on the phone)
Chris Duymich, BRAC	Terry Gleason, USACE
Dave Eisen, USACE	Chris Goddard, USACE (on the phone)
Chieko Nozaki, BRAC	Peter Kelsall, Shaw (on the phone)
Kevin Siemann, Shaw	Chris Prescott, USACE
Ed Walker, DTSC	Eric Morgan, BLM
Roman Racca, DTSC	Martin Hausladen, EPA

<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) (FORA Update)	Update	by Stan Cook
Prescribed Burn Program	Update	by Chris Duymich
Innovative Technology	Presentation	By USACE
Fieldwork / Track 3	Update	by Lyle Shurtleff
Munitions Response Site (MRS) Security Program	Update	by Lyle Shurtleff
Remaining Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Areas	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Report Status	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Action Items	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Next Meeting	Schedule	by Chieko Nozaki

Mr. Ed Walker was introduced as the MR PM for DTSC.

Community Relations: Army provided an update on community relations actions.

1. Army described an open house and bus tour scheduled for Saturday February 25.
2. The location for the March MR BCT was discussed.
3. The next Community Involvement Workshop and Technical Review Committee meeting are scheduled for April 11 and 12.

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4. The Army described the annual nature walk in the impact area as scheduled for May 19.
5. The team discussed an option for holding the August Community Involvement Workshop as a field walk.
6. DTSC described a response to Ms. L. Stone complaint to DTSC that Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network was not being provided sufficient opportunity to comment on cleanup issues.

Property Transfer: The Army provided an update to current property transfer actions.

1. **Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 11:** January 2012 – Army revised FOST to remove discussion of MEC as a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) hazardous substance. FOST was issued to USEPA and DTSC in January and both agencies have commented. Currently, the Army is considering comments received from the agencies.
2. **FOST 12:** January 2012 – FOST is in internal Army review.
3. **Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) 4 deed amendment:** January 2012 – Army contacted DTSC Counsel 9 Jan, discussed status of deed amendment, Convenient to Restrict the Use of Property (CRUP) amendment, and USACE Sacramento District Office of Counsel concerns. Forwarded copies of the City of Del Rey Oaks (DRO) request for variance and executed CRUP amendment to DTSC Counsel. Spoke with DTSC Counsel 23 Jan. He had spoken with DRO City Manager, who said the Redevelopment Agency will cease to exist by the end of the month and the property will transfer back to the City, after which the City will issue a new letter to DTSC requesting amendment of the CRUP.

ESCA Update: FORA provided an ESCA program update.

1. Some scraping of ground surface may be conducted on Seaside 1 parcel to support Residential Quality Assurance pilot study currently in progress.
2. In the Interim Action Ranges Munitions Response Area (MRA), excavation and sifting of shallow soil in 12 acre area of Range 47 is complete. Digital geophysical investigation of the excavated area is in progress. Seed bank in the top layer has been preserved for habitat restoration. Habitat restoration plan is being developed in coordination with the Army.
3. Remedial investigation fieldwork in Future East Garrison MRA continues.
4. The property formerly known as the Youth Camp has been transferred to Monterey County.

Fieldwork Update: The Army provided an update on recent and planned fieldwork.

1. Technology-assisted surface remediation in the interior of Units 11 and 12 is in progress with completion scheduled for April.
2. Subsurface removals in fuel break roads (Phase B) under the work plan for non-burn areas is in progress.

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3. An Army field site walk as part of the evaluation of the southern portion of Ranges 43-48 site is complete. The results will be documented in a technical memorandum under the Track 3 RD/RA.
4. Vegetation cutting in Unit 4 was completed in January. Surface remediation is in progress and is scheduled to be completed in April.
5. The total UXO items and MD lbs. processed in active units/areas to date was provided.
6. Two hundred and ninety six items recently removed from Units 11/12 and fuel breaks grids were determined to be UXO and ninety seven to be MD after detonation operations conducted, January 25, 8 February, and 16 February.
7. Annual surface monitoring under Track 3 for surface remediated areas/units began in February and is scheduled to be completed in March. An annual report is scheduled for publication in May.
8. Army will provide BLM with a formal assessment of areas of Units 15, 21, 32, 34 subject to comment by BLM during draft of the SSWP.

Prescribed Burn Program:

1. An onsite inspection of the units (7/10) currently planned for a prescribed burn in 2012 was conducted by the burn contractor and POM FD in January.
2. Discussions were held with Monterey Airport officials and Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District personnel concerning the planned burn.
3. Draft prescribed burn plan was issued in February (2-18-12) minus the internal security section which is pending.
4. Fuel moisture reading in planned 2012 burn units will begin in April.
5. Even though vegetation fuel moistures may be affected by the below average total rainfall for the year, the meteorological requirements for prescribed burning in 2012 planned units will likely occur at approximately the same period as previous years. Therefore there are no plans to accelerate preparatory actions.

Site Security Program: The Army provided the following information concerning the security of restricted MRS:

1. Bureau of Land Management reported an 81mm item, subsequently determined to be MD, in Unit 14 on January 11.
2. Evidence of Trespass Incident: The MR contractor reported discovery of motorcycle/all terrain vehicle tracks on Riso Ridge inside the impact area on January 11. A subsequent investigation determined that forced entry was made to the impact area at Watkins Gate Road West Gate. The perpetrators of that entry may be responsible for theft and malicious destruction of non-project (ESCA) equipment on adjacent property (Seaside1) discovered near then time of the reported incident. Federal police were notified. No apprehensions have been made.
3. The annual MRS Security Program Committee meeting will be on February 28.

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Innovative Technology: USACE provided an update on the possibility of demonstrating MetalMapper DGM technology at the former Fort Ord.

Remaining RI/FS Areas: The Army provided an update on the status of remedial investigation.

1. The site assessment investigation fieldwork has been completed in BLM-North and a draft report has been published (2-22-12).
2. A Track 1 plug-in approval memorandum is in preparation to address a portion of BLM-East area.
3. The Army provided a status report on Track 2 remedial investigation for MRS-34, Fritzsche Army Air Field (FAAF) site. Multiple MEC removal actions were conducted at the site prior to the early transfer of the property to the City of Marina in 2001. Based on the remedial investigation and risk assessment, the site is recommended for no further action. Draft Track 2 remedial investigation report will be issued in March.

Report Status: The Army provided a review and update:

1. In that no comments were received, the DF BLM-East Post-1940 (N Portion) Site Assessment Data Report (#2) issued 19 December 2011 was recorded as final on 23 January 2012.
2. Comments on the DF BLM-East Pre-1940 (N/S Portions) Site Assessment Data Report (#3) are due March 8.
3. Comments on the D BLM-East Pre-1940 (N/S Portions) Site Assessment Data Report (#4) are due on March 26.
4. Comments on the D MRS-BLM Units 7 and 10 (2012 Units) Prescribed Burn Plan (includes air sampling and analysis plan) issued 18 February are due March 26.
5. Comments on the D MRS-BLM Units 6, 7, and 10 SSWP MEC Remedial Action are due March 26.
6. The Track 2 Parker Flats MRA Annual Monitoring Report (2011) was issued January 20.

FFA Schedule: The Army provided a review of the FFA schedule. A draft FFA schedule for Track 2 RI/FS addressing MRS-34, was distributed, and reviewed and approved by the BCT.

Action Items: The Army provided a description of action items due and pending. Updated data for MEC 8-in. projectiles recovered in Unit 12 was provided as part of the fieldwork update. Agenda for the BCT meeting with Marina in Motion, scheduled for February 25, has been distributed.

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled March 16 at the Regional Water Quality Control Board Office, San Luis Obispo at 9:00 a.m.; and April 10 at 10:00 a.m. and May 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the BRAC Office.

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Acronyms:

BRAC-D	Base Realignment and Closure-Department of the Army
D	Draft
DF	Draft Final
DTSC	California Department of Toxic Substances Control
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FORA	Fort Ord Reuse Authority
FOST	Finding of Suitability for Transfer
ITSI	Gilbane Company (formerly Innovative Technical Solutions Inc.)
MR	Munitions Response
MRA	Munitions Response Area
PM	Project Manager
RD/RA	Remedial Design/Remedial Action
Shaw	Shaw Corporation, Environmental and Industrial (E&I)
SSWP	Site Specific Work Plan
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers