

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team  
Meeting Minutes  
10 April 2019  
Fort Ord, CA**

Members/Invited Attendees

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Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Community Relations	Update	by Melissa Broadston
Property Transfer	Update	by Bill Collins
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Stan Cook
Fieldwork	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Site Security Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Area C	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. Recent activities included: Held an Annual Munition Response Site Security meeting (24) on 8 March.
2. Provided a Cleanup presentation to the Monterey Sunrise Rotary on 19 March.
3. Provided a Cleanup presentation to the Environmental Science class at Pacific Grove High School on 26 March.
4. Published the Review of 2017-2018 Community Outreach Activities and Analysis of 2017 Survey Report.
5. Sent annual letter to community members to determine if they wish to continue to receive documents. Requested confirmation by 29 April.
6. Upcoming activities include: Information booth at CSUMB Earth Fest on 22 April, information booth at Presidio of Monterey Earth Day on 25 April, guided Nature Walk in the Impact Area on 04 May, information booth at Presidio of Monterey Language Day on 10 May, and bus tour for senior center on 16 May.
7. Six Responses to Community Comments (RTC) are in progress.
8. The public website was updated to inform the community that detonations are also being conducted by Monterey County bomb squad; and that metal detection is prohibited at Fort Ord due to the potential for munitions hazards.

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

1. Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 6 Parcel L36: No change.
2. FOST 11: No change. Disposal package for FOST 11 parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1 will be reviewed following completion of FOST 12, parcel S2.1.2 title report. SPK-RE (Boyd) submitted draft deed to FORA for review on 31 Jan. FORA is reviewing to determine whether MOA amendment is needed.
3. FOST 12: FORA executed the deed for parcel E29b.3.1 on 1 March 2019 and sent it to USACE for their execution.

No changes to FOSET 1/4/5 CERCLA warranty document status. A US EPA remedy complete determination dated 27 Sep was issued for FOSET 5 parcels in Groups 2 and 3 and the Interim Action Ranges MRA. A deed modification for Group 2 properties is in development and will be used as a template for future deed modifications.

**ESCA Update** – FORA provided a written ESCA Program Status Report and an update:

1. FORA conducted a series of workshops with local jurisdictions to review information and requirements of land use controls (LUCs), LUC implementation plans, and records of decision for the ESCA properties. FORA anticipates conducting similar workshops on an annual basis.
2. Damaged fences have been fixed at Eucalyptus Road and General Jim Moore Blvd.
3. On 11 April FORA, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) and BRAC will inspect Blueline Road near Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Aquifer Storage and Recovery project construction to evaluate grading and erosion issues.
4. Biologists will be conducting surveys on ESCA property for the next two months as part of the ESCA 2019 Annual Habitat Monitoring and the xFort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project.

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

1. The website and BLM Area B kiosks were updated with current trail closure information on 4 April.
2. Notice and warning signs, trail closure fences, and boundary fences are in place around the current work areas in Units B and B-2A. Trails within Unit A are closed with trail barriers and

signs to support current work. Trails within Units B-3W and C were opened for public access after receiving agency approvals.

3. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) is 69% complete in Unit B. Data collection is temporarily suspended due to wet conditions.
4. DGM was completed in the Unit B-2A Trail 62 buffer using the person-portable EM-61. An area of a pond was not surveyed due to the presence of water. Data processing is in progress.
5. All planned subsurface MEC removal was completed in Units B-3E, B-3E-NE, B-3W, and C.
6. Subsurface MEC removal was completed on the 12-ft wide trail footprints in Unit A (Trails 69, 67, 68, 65, 66) and on Trails 61/62 in Unit B-2A.
7. Subsurface MEC removal is planned in the 12-ft trail footprints within Unit B following completion of DGM.
8. Subsurface MEC removal will be performed on additional road segments.

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

1. Target reacquisition is complete for the Impossible Canyon Road (ICR) and Wildcat Ridge Road (WRR) Fuel Break work. Intrusive investigation of reacquired anomalies is in progress, with 1,017 of 2,074 targets on ICR and 13 of 41 on WRR complete as of 4 April.
2. Fuel Breaks additional verification Metal Mapper (MM) 2x2 dynamic survey is 89% complete as of 4 April. Data gained from excavating 437 preliminary cued targets will be used to refine the classification process. MM 2x2 cued survey is 38% complete as of 4 April.
3. Unit 23 Risk Reduction MM 2x2 cued survey was completed and a dig list was finalized in 2018. Intrusive investigation of the 1,279 targets was completed on 1 April.
4. Range 48 Northern Portion Near-Surface (up to 6 inches in depth) MEC removal is currently suspended until June due to habitat conservation requirements. 25 of 148 grids had been completed as of 28 February.
5. A demolition operation was conducted on 3 April. Another is scheduled for 17 April. Eight off-site shipments of MD have been completed to date.
6. Restoration activities following mag and dig operations for the Watkins Gate Burn Area (WGBA) mortar pits restoration project are in progress.
7. Removal of 33 structures in Impact Area units and Unit B-3W is complete. Materials staged at the Iron Triangle will be relocated to the OU2 landfill.
8. Subsurface removal in 0.02 acres as part of the Impact Area North Perimeter Fence Construction project has been completed. Minor grading on Oscar and Felix Roads was completed. Fencing materials were ordered.

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

1. Eight trespass incidents have been reported since the last MR BCT meeting.
  - a. Two incidents involved evidence of trespass such as bicycle tracks in BLM Area B.
  - b. Five incidents involved evidence of trespass such as cut wire and bicycle tracks on the perimeter of the Impact Area.
  - c. One incident involved three teenage boys found walking northbound on Impossible Canyon Road on 28 March. BRAC will identify follow-up action to prevent or respond to similar incidents in the future.
2. One munitions incident was recorded since the last MR BCT meeting.
  - a. An expended signal flare (munitions debris – MD) was located near Border Road south of East Garrison. It appears to be the same item reported but not found in February 2019.
3. Community Education Participants – Year to Date: 0

4. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants – Year to Date: 140.

**BLM Area C** - Public review period ended 30 Nov. Draft responses to public comments have been provided for agency review. The Army has requested agency concurrence on a Track 1 finding.

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

1. EPA and DTSC provided comments on the draft Broadway Bypass Fuel Break Remedial Action Report (RAR). The Army's response to comments is in progress.
2. A report on anomaly evaluation/investigation for Pond 16 in the Impact Area MRA is in development.
3. MRS-BLM Unit 3 Supplemental Report (additional anomaly investigation potential for Stokes mortars and Livens projectors) is in progress.
4. Ranges 43-48 South Technical Memorandum (TM) is undergoing agency review.
5. MRS-BLM Unit 25 RAR draft final version is undergoing agency review.
6. MRS-BLM Units 13, 17 and 20 Evaluation Final Report draft version is in progress.
7. Track 2 BLM Area B & MRS-16 Annual LUC Monitoring Report is in progress.
8. BLM Area B B-3E TM was finalized.
9. BLM Area B B-3W TM was finalized.
10. BLM Area B B-3W and Unit C Technical Information Paper (TIP) for public access was issued on 26 March. Agency approvals on opening trails were received on 2 April and trails were opened.
11. BLM Area B Unit C TM revised version with responses to comments was issued; agency concurrence was requested by 15 April.
12. Track 1 Approval Memorandum for BLM Area C: The Army requested agency concurrence by 9 May.
13. MRS Security Program Annual Report is in progress.

**FFA Schedule** – The Army requested agency review of draft revised schedule for the Track 3 program. EPA approved it during the meeting.

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 15 May and 19 June.

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