

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team
Meeting Minutes
11 September 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 Derek Lieberman
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Stan Cook
Fieldwork	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Site Security Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
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. Long term actions underway: 2019 Community Survey deadline has been extended to 30 September 2019.
2. Recent activities included: sent a semi-annual letter to schools offering a munitions safety class/presentation; provided annual munitions safety presentation to York School 16 August;

provided an information booth at Monterey County Fair 30 August; and published and distributed Annual Report to 65,000 addresses in and surrounding former Fort Ord.

3. Upcoming activities include: send annual letter to local contractors offering munitions safety training; and participate in 26 October Fort Ord National Public Lands Day. 2020 community involvement events have been scheduled.

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

1. Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 6 Parcel L36: Draft of a modification to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) transfers has been submitted to BRAC-D for review. During the ECP recertification process it was determined a new FOST will be developed to reclassify Parcel L36 as Category 1; i.e. parcel has no history of contamination.
2. FOST 11: Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1. SPK-RE (Boyd) submitted draft deed to FORA, title report is in progress; disposal package scheduled for submittal to USACE HQ. FORA submitted draft EDC MOA amendment to BRAC-D for signature this week. ECP recertification is in progress. Covenant to Restrict the Use of Property (CRUP) will not be prepared as the Army is no longer utilizing them.
3. FOST 12: Parcel E20c.1 to FORA: no change.
4. FOST 12: Parcel S2.1.2. ECP recertification executed by Chief, BRAC-D on 5/10/2019. USACE-HQ submitted comments on deed regarding legal sufficiency SPK-RE submitted revised deed language to UC on 7/15/2019, but UC requested complete deed because UC counsel changed; SPK-RE sent complete deed to UC on 8/14/2019.
5. FOSET 1 & 4: No change.
6. FOSET 5: CERCLA Warranty for Parcel S1.3.2 (Group 2 CSUMB Off-Campus MRA): Revised draft was submitted to ELD on 6/19/2019. ELD revisions were received on 7/20/2019; revise draft was resubmitted to ELD on 7/23/2019. When finished, it will be used as a template.
7. University of California Santa Cruz UC MBEST Center is selling a 50-acre parcel for development. Under the CRUP for groundwater, UC MBEST is required to notify DTSC of the new ownership within 30 days of the sale so DTSC and continue to monitor the land use restrictions.

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

1. The possible extension of FORA did not advance in the legislature. FORA will end on 30 June 2020.
2. In October, CAL AM Water will install pipe along General Jim Moore Boulevard from Coe Avenue to the Aquifer Storage and Recovery site, utilizing an approved construction support plan. Workers will get munitions awareness and safety training (most likely online), and an on-call UXO technician will support the project.

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

1. Current trail closure information (as of 3 July 2019) is posted on website and kiosks.
2. Notices and warning signs, trail closure fences, and boundary fences are in place around Unit B. Trails in Unit A are closed. Roads will be subject to temporary closure during subsurface removal operations.
3. DGM in Unit B is complete except for 9 acres that were inaccessible to DGM.
4. All planned subsurface removals have been completed in Units B-3E, B-3E-NE, B-3W, C, and B-2A.
5. Subsurface MEC removal on the 12-ft wide trail footprints has been completed on Unit B-2A (Trails 61/62) and Unit A (Trails 65, 66, 67, 68, 69).
6. Subsurface MEC removal on 12-ft wide trail footprints is in progress on Unit B (Trails 91, 92, 93, and 94), with additional areas to improve drainage along Trail 91.

7. Subsurface removal on additional road segments is in progress. Unit B perimeter fence needs to be removed to complete this work. Once all planned subsurface removals within the unit (trails and drainage area) the perimeter fence will be removed. Trails will remain closed. BLM trail construction work is anticipated during the upcoming rainy season.

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

1. Subsurface removal activities on Impossible Canyon Road and Wildcat Ridge Road Fuel Breaks are complete, and fuel break markers will be installed.
2. For the Fuel Breaks Additional Verification project, the Metal Mapper (MM) 2x2 dynamic survey of all 25.5 acres is complete. 437 preliminary cued targets previously identified in 3 road grids will be used to refine the classification process. Cued survey is 77% complete. Intrusive investigation is in progress (5,395 of 8,070 cued targets complete as of 5 September).
3. Range 48 Northern Portion surface and near-surface MEC removal: 74% of 148 grids are complete. DGM will be conducted.
4. A consolidated demolition operation was conducted on 28 August. 9 off-site shipments of MD have been completed to date (approximately 40,000 lb each).
5. Northern perimeter fence construction is complete; fuel break markers will be installed.

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

1. Trespass Incident Reports
 - a. Last 25 days (8/17/2019 – 9/10/2019): 1
 - b. On 9/10/2019 bike tracks were seen on Austin Road inside the Impact Area near Austin Gate North.
 - c. Year to Date: 25
2. Munitions Incident Reports
 - a. Last 25 days (8/17/2019 – 9/10/2019): 1
 - b. On September 3, 2019 a portion of a suspected MK1 illumination grenade was discovered by a contractor installing concrete in the backyard of a home near Imjin Road in Marina. Monterey County Bomb Squad detonated the item, which was likely MD.
 - c. Year to Date: 6
3. Security Incident Reports
 - a. Following the August discovery of a PG&E contractor working in the restricted Impact Area without having followed proper access procedures, BRAC issued a letter to PG&E and met with PG&E management, BLM, and FORA. Action items include: install signs for PG&E personnel and contractors, remove PG&E's padlocks from the Impact Area, provide shape files, schedule MEC training, and collaborate on a root cause analysis.
4. Community Education Participants– Year to Date: 240
5. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants – Year to Date: 225

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

1. Fieldwork for the MRS-BLM Non-Burn Fuelbreaks TIP is in progress.
2. The second version of MRS-BLM Non-Burn Pond 16 Report addressing agency comments has been issued. Agency review is requested.
3. MRS-BLM Non-Burn Structure Removal Report will be sent in September.
4. MRS-BLM Non-Burn report on subsurface removal in WGBA mortar pits was issued and agency review is requested by 4 October.
5. MRS-BLM Unit 3 Supplemental Report (additional anomaly investigation potential for Stokes mortars and Livens projectors) was provided to agencies. EPA provided comments. DTSC provided letter 10 September indicating no comment.

6. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 23 MEC Risk Reduction Activity will be issued in September.
7. Draft MRS-BLM Unit 31 TIP is scheduled to be provided in September.
8. Draft final MRS-BLM Units 13, 17 and 20 Field Evaluation Final Report was issued on 6 September; agency review is requested by 10 October.
9. Draft Impact Area MRA Sensitive Fuze-type Munitions Field Study Report was issued on 12 July. EPA indicated it will defer the review to DTSC. DTSC will provide comments by 15 October.
10. BLM Area B B-2A TM was issued on 28 June; EPA provided comments and DTSC review is in process.
11. BLM Area B B-2A TIP for public access on trails was issued on 2 July; agency approval to open trails was granted. Response to comments is in progress.
12. BLM Area B Vernal Ponds anomaly evaluation/investigation report is planned to be issued on 13 September.
13. The third iteration of BLM Area B Unit C TM incorporating DTSC comments was issued on 14 June. EPA provided concurrence; DTSC will send a letter. The document is considered final.
14. BLM Area B Unit B TM will be issued in October.

FFA Schedule – The Army will update the FFA schedule for BLM Area B and MRS-16.

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

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for 9 October and 13 November.

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