# Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT) Meeting Minutes BRAC Conference Room December 8, 2022 @ 1:30 PM

#### Member/Attendees

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# Acronyms

BLM Bureau of Land Management

DTSC California Department of Toxic Substances Control

USEPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

ESCA Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement

BRAC Base Realignment and Closure

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

## Agenda

Item	Action	Comments
Community Relations	Update	By Jason No
Property Transfer	Update	By Derek Lieberman
<b>Environmental Services</b>	Update by City of Seaside	By Melissa Broadston
Cooperative Agreement		
Site Security Program	Update	By Hudson Facchini
Fieldwork / Impact Area	Update	By Steve Crane
Munitions Response Area		
Report Status	Update	By Chieko Nozaki
Federal Facility Agreement	Update	By Chieko Nozaki
Schedule		
Action Items	Review	By Chieko Nozaki
Next Meetings	Schedule	By Chieko Nozaki

**Community Relations:** The Army provided an update on community outreach.

1. Long Term Activities: The analysis of 2021 community survey will be included in the 2021-2022 community outreach program report.

- 2. Recent Activities: Munitions safety presentation offer was mailed to 41 local schools on 9/16. Published Notice of Availability of Basewide Record of Decision (ROD), Site 33 Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) in local newspapers on 9/29. Held an information table at Monterey Off Road Cycling Association's Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day on 10/1. Held an information table at Public Lands Day at the Fort Ord National Monument on 10/22. "CDC to conduct health study at polluted former Fort Ord" Associated Press (AP) news article was published on 11/9, article is regarding Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry reevaluation of the former Fort Ord's Public Health Assessment report. The Fort Ord Annual Report was published on the Fort Ord Cleanup website on 11/10. KION News media inquiry received on 11/15 regarding the AP News article; Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office was informed and was sent information via email linking documents on the Fort Ord Cleanup website. The 5th Five-Year Review Factsheet (FS-02-03) was uploaded on the Fort Ord Cleanup website on 11/16. On 11/17 the Notice of Availability of completed 5<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Review was published in local newspapers. The Fort Ord Annual Report was mailed to 66,679 addresses on 11/21. On 12/8 the Fort Ord information line received a call from an individual regarding health concerns in relation to water at Fort Ord.
- 3. Upcoming Activities: Publication of Public Comment Period for Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) Number 11, Amendment No. 1 is tentatively planned. Community Involvement Workshop (CIW) to be held on 2/11. Technical Review Committee (TRC) to be held on 2/14.

**Property Transfer:** Ahtna provided an update on recent property transfer actions.

- 1. FOST 6: Parcel F2.7.2, Site 33, Golf Course Maintenance Area removal of residential use restriction.
  - a. Final ESD signature process was completed on 9/21. USACE Sacramento District (SPK) Real Estate (RE) has submitted draft deed to USACE Headquarters (HQ). SPK Office of Counsel (OC) has no legal objection, SPK-RE to route deed package to HQ-USACE OC via BRAC-RE.
- 2. FOST 11: Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1.
  - a. Environmental Law Division is coordinating with Office of General Counsel the revised memorandum to file regarding State covenant to restrict the use of property.
- 3. FOST 12:
  - a. Parcel S2.1.2 to University of California (UC) FOST amendment may be required. No current update, in review by Army.
- 4. FOST 13: L36
  - a. Final Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) update submitted to SPK-RE and BRAC-D on 10/25, information paper in progress.
- 5. FOSET 1:
  - a. Execution of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Warranty for Parcel L5.1.1.1 (FAAF MRS-34) to be determined. SPK-RE submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13.
- 6. FOSET 5: Non-ESCA CERCLA Warranties
  - a. Execution of City of Marina Parcels E4.3.2.2, E4.7.1, E5a.1, and L5.10.1 to be determined. SPK-RE submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13.
  - b. Execution of County of Monterey Parcel E4.7.2 to be determined. SPK-RE submitted disposal package to HQ-USACE on 5/13.

- 7. Parcel L20.4 (Oil Well Rd) transfer to BLM
  - a. Final ECP update submitted to SPK-RE and BRAC-D on 10/25. The property is documented as Category 1 (uncontaminated). Eric Morgan requested a copy of the ECP update as the BLM Point of Contact (POC) for this action.

## **Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)** – City of Seaside provided an update.

- Recent Actions and Tasks: 12/7 held quarterly Long-Term Obligations (LTO) meeting with Police, Permits, Planning and Property managers. Site inspections are performed consistently from week to week amongst the different jurisdictions. "Read your Deeds" campaign is ongoing for property knowledge.
- 2. Reports: The Annual Land Use Covenant Report by Monterey County was submitted to DTSC on 12/1.
- 3. Trespassing: Signs and flexipoles/trail markers in and near the County North properties were found vandalized during the week of 10/17. Several nearby signs owned by California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) were also vandalized.
- 4. Potential Property transfer of ESCA Property: The sale of Nurse Barracks (Glover/Parker Flats Apartments) is contingent as of 12/2. Redevelopment plan includes activities that would require construction support. ESCA has briefed Seaside's Building, Public Works, and Planning Departments about related requirements.
- 5. Construction and Ground Disturbing Activities: A memorial wall has been proposed for the California Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery (Phase 1). ESCA reviewed the design and determined that 20 cubic yards of soil will be disturbed. Construction Support Plan is currently being drafted by the project proponent and Weston Solutions. Construction of the fence around the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) property is currently on hold pending permitting processes.
- 6. Documentation: Draft After Action Report Form for the Pure Water Monterey Phase 3 Injection Wells was submitted on 11/2. USEPA and DTSC had no comment. The report will be updated with clarifications based on Army comments.
- 7. Administrative and Fieldwork Updates: Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) is working with ESCA and Cemetery staff to form additional signage. Obsolete structures and debris piles have also been identified for future removal. ESCA assisted Monterey County regarding location of goats in the County North properties. Rocks/gravel is being added to Blueline by the City of Seaside Public Works to address road erosion.
- 8. Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training: 120 individuals completed the training in September. 156 individuals completed the training in October, including the entire Laguna Seca Raceway staff. 83 individuals completed the training in November.

**Site Security Program** – The Army provided a description of recent munitions, trespass, and security incidents, community education events, and related training.

Ongoing and Recent Actions: Presidio of Monterey (POM) Police department and BLM Law
Enforcement perform routine perimeter checks of the Impact Area. BRAC office performs three
site inspections per week. Six motion activated cameras are rotated in the Impact Area for
trespass monitoring. BLM perimeter fence inspection and repairs routinely performed. Large

- concertina replaced in area of trespass concern. Missing or damaged "Danger" signs were replaced along Impact Area barbed wire fence. Parker Flats gate weekend closure started on 8/5 and is ongoing. POM Fire Department continues to conduct Impact Area site visits for road familiarity. Law Enforcement Jurisdictions and Gates Map updated and shared with local agencies on 10/20.
- 2. Anticipated Issues and Actions: Deterring and/or citing trespassers into restricted areas with explosive hazards remains the priority of the security program.
- 3. Reports (year to date): Reports of trespassing or evidence of trespassing is now 26 year to date. Since the last meeting, there have been two incidents, one in October and one in November. Reports of incidental munition encounters are now 14 year to date. Since the last meeting, there has been one incident in October. Currently there are 211+ Community Education participants year to date, the latest event was held on 10/1, Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day hosted by Monterey Off-Road Cycling Association. In-person Munitions Recognition and Safety Training participants now at 151 participants year to date.
- 4. Trespass and Evidence of Trespass Incident Summary Table: Since the last meeting, there have been two new incidents of trespass or evidence of trespass, both were located at Impossible Canyon Gate north, near the MOUT site.
- 5. Munitions Incident Summary Table: Since the last meeting, there has been one incidental munition occurrence that occurred near the University Villages. This item was identified to be not a MEC, but a fake munition item for Airsoft ™ recreational purposes.

**Fieldwork / Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA) –** Kemron provided an update on the status of fieldwork.

- Unit 5 Remedial Action Status update: Unit 5 surface MEC removal was completed on 9/22.
   Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) surveys began on 9/14 and was completed on 11/22. Data Quality Control (QC) has been completed and final data is in progress to transfer into the USACE database. Preparation of Unit 5 Technical Memorandum has begun. The Army and BLM conducted a joint inspection of Unit 5 on 12/6.
- 2. Basewide Range Assessment (BRA) Field Reconnaissance: The Unit 5 BRA site reconnaissance effort took place on 10/4. A report is in progress.
- 3. 2022 Annual Surface Monitoring Update: 11/29 Kemron held field monitoring preparatory meeting, work is now proceeding. Monitoring has been completed in 6 of 14 units. Three suspect items from Ranges 43-48 South have been placed in secure storage. Field work will continue through 12/22.
- 4. Explosives Storage Locker (ESL): Demolition operations were conducted after finishing Unit 5 surface MEC removal. The 2022 Annual Surface Monitoring team since then has discovered three suspected MEC items that have been placed in ESL locker. KEMRON SUXOS continue to perform weekly ESL inspections.

**Report Status and Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule:** The Army provided a review and update.

 A land use control annual monitoring report for BLM Area B and MRS-16 will be submitted by April 2023. Monterey County sent Annual Land Use Covenant Report on 12/1. MRS Security Committee Meeting to be held in February. FFA schedule is current. **Action items** – Statuses of action items from the previous meeting were reviewed.

**Next meetings** – The next MR BCT Meeting was scheduled for 2/10/2023.