

FORA HOLDS COMMUNITY ORIENTATION MEETING

On December 3rd FORA held a Community Orientation Meeting on the FORA ESCA Remediation Program.



The meeting was well attended and

introduced the program to the public providing an overview of the munitions remediation

work taking place over the next 6-7 years. FORA Executive Officer Michael Houlemard explained the main goals of the FORA ESCA Remediation Program and highlighted a strong and committed Community Involvement and Outreach Program (CIOP). The CIOP provides the public with timely and accurate project information and the opportunity to

provide input on the coming cleanup activities and property access.

At dedicated poster stations meeting participants spoke with staff experts about the various components of the cleanup work, the regulatory process being followed, future land use for the ESCA parcels, how work will impact local residents and recreational users, and how FORA and the Army entered into the ESCA. Copies of the complete presentations and posters can be viewed on the FORA website: www.fora.org

Citizen participants also actively engaged FORA and their contractors with specific questions or concerns regarding the planned munitions remediation work and the potential impacts. Specific concerns ranged from the amount of time certain areas would be closed to traffic or recreational activities to whether vegetation burning was planned for any of the ESCA properties.

Representatives from the Army, the Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA), and the California Department of Toxics and Substances Control (DTSC) were also present. Prior to the meeting FORA worked with EPA, DTSC and members of Community Groups to identify important community issues and concerns. To the extent possible, the Orientation Meeting was designed to address those topics.

As remediation activities begin, FORA will provide the local community with more detailed information about specific projects, the timing of the work, potential impacts and other important facts. This information will come in the form of quarterly newsletters, technical fact sheets as appropriate, updates at Army BRAC Office Community Involvement Workshops, and via the FORA ESCA Hotline (831-883-3506). Public meetings will accompany the release of major project documents throughout the life of the project to ensure citizens understand project recommendations and decisions.

Ongoing Coordination Between FORA and the Army

FORA is responsible for munitions remediation work on the 3,340 acres that make up the ESCA parcels. The Army continues to be responsible for the environmental cleanup and remediation of the remaining lands on the former Fort Ord. The map below identifies the FORA ESCA Remediation Program sites.

The Army and FORA will be working closely to make sure that all community outreach and involvement activities are coordinated and that remediation work schedules do not conflict for both cleanup efforts. Examples of the partnering efforts that have already occurred include cross participation in community meetings, coordination on the timing of submission of documents to regulators, quarterly staff meetings, and participation in regulatory coordination meetings.

It is important for the community to be aware that the Army and FORA programs are separate and distinct. Citizens may always call the FORA ESCA Remediation Program Hotline (831) 883-3506 or send an email to esca@fora.org with any questions.

Remediation Work Begins in Seaside

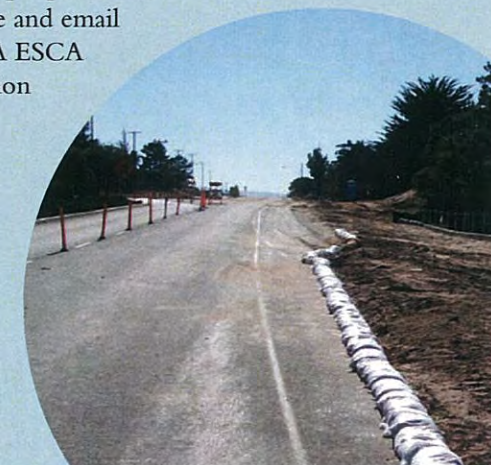
IN DECEMBER 2007 FORA BEGAN SITE PREPARATION WORK IN THE SEASIDE 1-4 MUNITIONS RESPONSE SITE (MRS)

Site preparation consists of brush cutting and removing debris piles, existing structures (such as latrines and weather stations), and old fencing. New fencing will be erected to restrict access, increasing safety for citizens and workers.

Once site preparation work is complete, munitions remediation work will begin and continue through summer, with work crews in the field between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Any work impacting traffic flow will be conducted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and traffic signs will be posted in the area to ensure safety. No public access is permitted in areas under remedial/removal work.

FORA's contractors have established a safety zone extending west of General Jim Moore Boulevard into residential Seaside. As a consequence, some Seaside residents (and others who work or travel through the area) may experience periodic disruptions. This could include minor short-term traffic delays, temporary road closure, and potential/periodic detonation.

In the event munitions are found in this safety zone, temporary evacuations could be necessary. Such short term evacuations, if required, will only occur between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. FORA is working with Seaside officials, public safety agencies, and the affected public so that all parties are kept informed. FORA maintains a hotline (831-883-3506) to provide daily updates on work activities. We encourage people to call the hotline and email the FORA ESCA Remediation Program (esca@fora.org) with any questions or concerns.



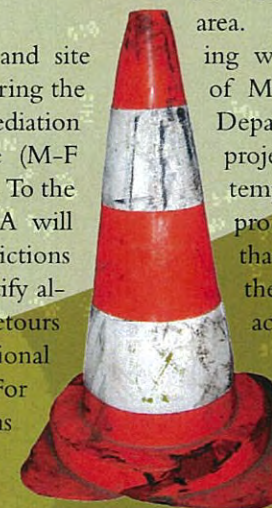
access, site closure and SAFETY

During the remediation work on the ESCA parcels FORA is coordinating with local safety agencies and emergency personnel. This is particularly important in areas such as Seaside 1-4 that borders residential communities along General Jim Moore Boulevard.

Restricted access and site closures will occur during the time munitions remediation work is taking place (M-F 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM). To the extent possible FORA will minimize these restrictions and closures and identify alternate routes and detours so as to limit recreational and transit closures. For the safety of citizens and workers FORA will work with local

transportation agencies and recreational users to provide notification well in advance of any disruptions.

In December FORA provided a presentation to the Seaside City Council offering an overview of the work to be executed in this area. FORA has been meeting with Seaside and Presidio of Monterey Police and Fire Departments to go over the project goals, operations, the temporary safety relocation process, the various methods that will be used to notify the public, and traffic and access impacts. The outcome of these meetings will be incorporated in the Community Safety Plan.



To find out more about the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement, or to request that you be added to our database, please send an email to esca@fora.org or visit the FORA website at www.fora.org

the FORA cleanup team



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THE SIX ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES:

ACCORD

ACKNOWLEDGE
Diverse Views and Voices

COMMUNICATE
Regularly with Stakeholders

COMPREHENSIVE
Education and Information

OPPORTUNITY
For Active Community Participation

RESPONSIVE
To Personnel Communications and
Inquiries

DEDICATED
To Inclusive Community
Involvement and Outreach

THESE ACCORD PRINCIPLES REFLECT
FORA'S COMMITMENT TO LISTEN AND
RESPOND TO COMMUNITY NEEDS
AND CONCERNS THROUGHOUT
THE LIFE OF THE
FORA ESCA REMEDIATION PROGRAM.

