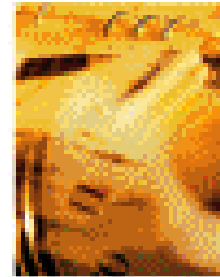




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2009 Project Document Schedule

- Final Group 2 RI/FS Work Plan, CSUMB Off-Campus and County North Munitions Response Areas (MRA's)
⊗ Targeted Release: Early April
- Draft Final Group 3 RI/FS Work Plan, Interim Action Ranges, MOUT, Laguna Seca Parking, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRA's
⊗ Targeted Release: Late April
- Draft Group 2 RI/FS Report, CSUMB Off-Campus and County North MRA's
⊗ Targeted Release: Late May
- Draft Group 3 RI/FS Report, Interim Action Ranges, MOUT, Laguna Seca Parking, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRA's
⊗ Targeted Release: Late July
- Draft Final Group 2 RI/FS Report, CSUMB Off-Campus and County North MRA's
⊗ Targeted Release: Early August
- Draft Group 4 RI/FS Work Plan, Future East Garrison MRA
⊗ Targeted Release: Late September
- Draft Group 2 Proposed Plan, CSUMB Off-Campus and County North MRA's
⊗ Targeted Release: Early November
- Draft Final Group 3 RI/FS Report, Interim Action Ranges, MOUT, Laguna Seca Parking, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRA's
⊗ Targeted Release: Early November
- Draft Group 3 Proposed Plan, Interim Action Ranges, MOUT, Laguna Seca Parking, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRA's
⊗ Targeted release: Early December

FORA ESCA RP documents are posted online at <http://fora-esca-rp.com>. Members of the public may also review these documents at the BRAC Office, Building 4463 Gigling Road, Ord Military Community. For viewing hours contact the Administrative Record coordinator at (831) 393-9186.

* The above document timeframes are based upon agency work schedules and therefore subject to change. For the most current information please contact FORA's ESCA hotline at (831) 883-3506 or send an email to esca@fora.org.

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QUARTERLY UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

ESCA RP: We're Wired

The FORA ESCA RP Team has launched a website to provide one-stop access for information on the FORA ESCA RP activities including:

- *field activity status*
- *community outreach*
- *updated maps*
- *access to technical documents*
- *schedule*
- *an archive of past presentations, newsletters, and fact sheets*



In short, this new website contains useful information, and it is designed to provide user friendly opportunity for interested community members to access project data. Archive documents can be downloaded and hyper-links offer access to the Administrative Record to view technical reports.

This website will continually be updated, and comments are welcome. Please stop by <http://fora-esca-rp.com/> and take a look. FORA will continue to provide project updates on the dedicated ESCA RP Hotline: 831-883-3506.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

April	May	June	July
16th – 18th: Sea Otter Classic Ultimate Bike Race	12th: ESCA Informal Community Workshop	25th: Fort Ord Users Group	8th: Army Community Involvement Workshop
22nd: CSU, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Earth Day	21st: Fort Ord Users Group	27th: Army Bus Tour	9th: Technical Review Committee Meeting
29th: Fort Ord Users Group			23rd: Fort Ord Users Group

What Does “No Further Action” Really Mean?

Prior to the removal of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC), the ESCA RP Team performs review, planning and investigation work. That process begins with the preparation and submittal of a Work Plan. The ESCA RP work areas are organized into four priority groups, each requiring a Work Plan that must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Once the Work Plan is approved by the Regulatory Agencies, the ESCA RP Team begins the investigation work that will determine the recommended methodology for MEC cleanup.

During the investigation phase of the project the technical team reviews archival literature, surveys the site, and selectively performs digital and sampling analysis. In this phase the team is developing a site “model” which identifies the risks and evaluates alternatives for the MEC cleanup. The goal of cleanup is to reduce risk and render the site safe for the intended future use while minimizing impact to existing wildlife habitat. Regulator and community acceptance are critical factors in developing the MEC cleanup recommendations. It is the job of the technical team to first present a cleanup proposal that balances all of these factors. In some cases, the data collected during the investigation suggests that additional remedial work will not be necessary to further reduce risk. EPA and DTSC are asked to confirm that no additional work is needed with a No Further Action determination for the site.



For a site to receive a No Further Action determination, under the adopted former Fort Ord protocol established by the Army and approved by regulators, it must meet one of the following criteria:

- No evidence of munitions use exists for the site
- The training munitions used at the site do not pose explosive risk
- The training munitions potentially left at the site do not pose explosive risk

A No Further Action recommendation is preceded by approved investigation work which produces verifiable data/information that warrants the determination. If a site meets the No Further Action criteria described above, a memorandum is prepared for regulator and public review and comment.

Based upon initial investigations, FORA may propose a No Further Action designation for County North. A Fact Sheet summarizing this expected recommendation will be forthcoming and the FORA ESCA RP Team invites the local community to a public meeting on June 9th to review this information. ☺



Field Activity Update

Parker Flats MRA

During the first quarter of 2009, Parker Flats field activities consisted of vegetation cutting, brush removal and mowing, and the “limbing-up” of trees in the non-residential development areas. Instrument-aided surface clearance within habitat areas continues.

Seaside MRA

In support of the Residential Quality Assurance Pilot Study, field crews continued to locate and excavate items that appear in the sub-surface mapping of this area. The purpose of this activity is to evaluate approaches to MEC cleanup that may be used to prepare the land for future residential use.

CSUMB Off-Campus MRA

In area identified for Residential Quality Assurance Pilot Study, vegetation removal is complete and field crews and technicians are mapping the sub-surface environment to locate and excavate potential munitions, in this area. As with Seaside, the purpose of this activity is to evaluate approaches to MEC cleanup that may be used to prepare the land for future residential use. ☺



Questions & Answers

Q: With all the vegetation cutting and brush removal, what happens to the wildlife that make their home in these areas?

A: The FORA ESCA RP work is being conducted in compliance with the Fort Ord Installation Wide Multi-Species Habitat Management Plan and the related U.S. Fish and Wildlife’s reviewed Biological Opinions. Prior to field work in these areas Qualified Biologists conduct baseline surveys, as well as subsequent surveys to confirm re-establishment of sensitive plant species and native vegetation. For example, work does not occur at night during the wet season when/where California tiger salamanders (CTS) may be migrating. Qualified Biologists are authorized to handle CTS, if encountered, and place them in a safe habitat. Slow-moving animals that are not sensitive are voluntarily re-located when encountered in work areas.

Q: Is the ESCA Remediation Program Environmental Protection Policy (EPP) with AIG still secure, given the company’s current financial predicament?

A: The EPP policy is underwritten by American International Specialty Lines Insurance Company (AISLIC). As a subsidiary of AIG, this insurance company is highly regulated and operates separately from the financial division of the parent company. For further information on AIG and the regulations they must adhere to, please visit the following websites:
www.aig.com/commercialinsurance
www.ins.state.ny.us/press/2008/p0809222.htm

Q: What is happening along General Jim Moore Boulevard? There appears to be a large amount of earth moving. When will this all be completed?

A: In 2008 ESCA RP field crews completed the munitions remediation work started by the Army thereby allowing the General Jim Moore Boulevard realignment to begin. The majority of the earthwork will be completed by the end of the summer. When that work is complete the construction of the street improvements will occur as soon as possible and are estimated to be complete by mid-2010.