

### QUARTERLY UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

# *Safety Routes and Access Corridors*

Site access for recreational users including bikers, hikers, local community members, CSUMB students, faculty, staff and others may be restricted in certain areas at Fort Ord when and where munitions remediation cleanup work takes place. FORA, as ESCA property owner until transferred after cleanup, requests that the public adhere to these restrictions for their safety. During this time FORA will enforce these restrictions.



FORA, in concert with the Fort Ord Users Group, has developed a series of routes to enable recreational users access to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands and trails. In addition, kiosks (at the various trailheads) offer access information and current maps. Certain trails have already been closed while work is underway. Information updates are available by calling the FORA Hotline at 831-883-3506. ☎



# Upcoming Meetings and Events

## July

- 8th:** Army Community Involvement Workshop  
**9th:** Technical Review Committee Meeting  
**23rd:** Fort Ord Users Group

## August

- 14 & 15th:** Monterey County Fair  
**26th:** Fort Ord Users Group

## Group 2 Munitions Response Areas: *CSU Monterey Bay and County North*

**N**ine former Fort Ord parcels comprise the FORA ESCA Remediation Program (RP) land area. The ESCA RP will identify, characterize, and remove munitions on the ESCA parcels. These parcels have been categorized into four priority groups, designated as Groups 1 through 4. The ESCA RP Team began Group 1 cleanup work in 2007, which includes the Seaside and Parker Flats Munitions Response Areas (MRAs). Activities for Group 2, which includes the California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Off-Campus and County North MRAs began at the end of 2008.

As part of the Group 2 cleanup process, a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) is currently underway. The RI/FS process characterizes the 1) nature and extent of contamination, 2) risk posed by contaminated sites, and 3) potential cleanup options.

The following is the current status of the RI/FS work on the Group 2 ESCA parcels:

- The Final Group 2 Work Plan is awaiting approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- Group 2 findings in support of a Track 1 No Further Action and recommendation for County North will be available in the Draft Group 2 RI/FS Report. A 60 day public review and comment period will follow.

The RI/FS incorporates extensive regulatory and community participation. Public concern was expressed about potential soil contamination from munitions constituents. Potential constituent contamination is being addressed by the Army. The ESCA RP munitions response RI/FS program is limited to the physical risk posed by munitions and explosives of concern (MEC). ❧

## FORA to Participate in UXO Forum

**T**he UXO Forum is a regularly scheduled conference, sponsored by the Department of Defense, to examine a broad spectrum of practical approaches and solutions to munitions response projects. The 2009 conference takes place this August and will be attended by researchers, technology developers, policy-makers and program planners from industry, military, government and private sector agencies worldwide, including FORA and ESCA RP Team representatives.

FORA ESCA RP Team representatives were selected to make presentations at the conference highlighting the success of innovative cleanup approaches undertaken by the ESCA RP. These presentations will include: Residential Quality Assurance (RQA) Approach for MEC Remediation and Digital Geophysical Mapping for RQA. As a former military installation privatized cleanup and a designated Superfund site, the former Fort Ord ESCA RP presents a unique platform to examine these topics. ❧

## September

**23rd:** Fort Ord Users Group

**26th:** BLM Public Lands Day

## October

**10th:** Marina Air Faire

**14th:** Army Community Involvement Workshop

**15th:** Technical Review Committee Meeting

# FORA ESCA Team Holds Community Involvement Workshop

FORA hosted a Community Involvement Workshop on June 9th attended by members of the public. FORA ESCA RP Team representatives provided an overview and answered questions on the following topics:

1. Information on Access Corridors and applicable restrictions now that ESCA properties are owned by FORA.
2. An overview of work being done in Parker Flats including munitions and metal debris recovered by field crews.
3. Introduction to the Residential Quality Assurance (RQA) Pilot Study evaluating the need for additional work to be done on lands slated for future residential reuse.
4. An update on the progress of Group 2 work.
5. An overview of the proposed Track 1 No Further Action decision in the County North MRA.

Community members asked how long hiking and biking trails would be closed and showed strong support for implementing a Track 1 No Further Action decision in County North. This decision would allow FORA to utilize an existing Army decision document as the most efficient way to continue remediation efforts. The FORA ESCA RP website has current information on these ongoing efforts: [www.fora-esca-rp.com](http://www.fora-esca-rp.com).



# Questions & Answers

**Q:** What are the requirements for a community person to obtain a Vehicle Access Permit to drive on ESCA properties?

**A:** *Vehicle permits are only issued to personnel needing to drive through ESCA properties on official business (i.e., FORA, ESCA RP Team, Army, BLM staff and BLM volunteers, event organizers) and will include specific information on the permit such as event time, date, and expiration time/date for use of permit. Signs have been posted on ESCA roads advising when Vehicle Access Permits are needed.*

**Q:** As a recreational user, where can I get information regarding accessible areas on the FORA ESCA properties?

**A:** *Maps indicating access corridors and current work areas are available on the FORA ESCA RP website: [www.fora-esca-rp.com](http://www.fora-esca-rp.com). Maps are also posted on FORA kiosks located at the following trailheads:*

- 1) 8th Avenue and Gigling Road
- 2) Inter-Garrison Road and Schoonover Drive
- 3) Parker Flats Cut-off and Parker Flats Road.

*For questions about specific trails please call the ESCA Hotline at 831-883-3506.*

**Q:** I'm planning an outing that will take me through some of the trails on the ESCA properties. Are there any precautions I should take?

**A:** *The same safety precautions one would take on a hike or bike ride through the wilderness should be observed when on the ESCA properties. At a minimum, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and carry water, something to eat (such as an energy bar), sunscreen, a hat, a map, and a cell phone in the event of an emergency. Please also adhere to any restrictions on the property. Safety is one of FORA's primary concerns and any restrictions that are in place are there for your protection.*



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To find out more about the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA), or to request that you be added to our database, please send an email to [esca@fora.org](mailto:esca@fora.org) or visit the ESCA website at <http://fora-esca-rp.com>



# 2009 Project Document Schedule

- Draft Group 2 RI/FS Report, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Off-Campus and County North Munitions Response Areas (MRAs)
  - ⊙ Targeted Release: August
- Draft Final Group 2 RI/FS Report, CSUMB Off-Campus and County North MRAs
  - ⊙ Targeted Release: November
- Draft Group 2 Proposed Plan, CSUMB Off-Campus and County North MRAs
  - ⊙ Targeted Release: December
- Draft Final Group 3 RI/FS Work Plan, Interim Action Ranges, MOUT Site, Laguna Seca Parking, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRAs
  - ⊙ Targeted Release: July
- Draft Group 3 RI/FS Report, Interim Action Ranges, MOUT Site, Laguna Seca Parking, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRAs
  - ⊙ Targeted Release: August
- Draft Final Group 3 RI/FS Report, Interim Action Ranges, MOUT Site, Laguna Seca Parking, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRAs
  - ⊙ Targeted Release: November
- Draft Group 3 Proposed Plan, Interim Action Ranges, MOUT Site, Laguna Seca Parking, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRAs
  - ⊙ Targeted Release: December
- Draft Group 4 RI/FS Work Plan, Future East Garrison MRA
  - ⊙ Targeted Release: October

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](mailto:esca@fora.org).

## FORA ESCA Remediation Program Team



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