



ESCA Property Background

The purpose of this module is to provide important background and historical perspective on previous military use of the area and the potential for military munitions. An overview of the base history, base closure and reuse process. An overview of the ESCA property transfer process.



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- Historical Military Uses at Fort Ord
- Base Closure Process and Fort Ord Reuse
- ESCA Property Transfer Process





Historical Perspective

- Located on the Monterey Bay, CA
- 28,000 acres
- Northern Monterey County, surrounded by communities of Marina, Seaside, Sand City, Monterey, Salinas and Del Rey Oaks
- Prior to military use land was predominantly agricultural
- Fort Ord served as a major training base for field artillery and cavalry groups, and a basic training center
- Fort Ord closed in 1994



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Fort Ord Military History

1792	Presidio of Monterey built at current location
1917	Training ground acquired for field artillery and cavalry troops stationed at Presidio of Monterey
1938	Additional land acquired including beach property
1939	Designated as Camp Ord
1940 – 1970s	Designated as Fort Ord and served as a primary training ground for WWII, Korean & Vietnam Wars
1974 – 1993	Home of the 7th Infantry Division (light)
1990	Fort Ord designated as a federal Superfund site
1991	Placed on the Base Closure list
1994	Fort Ord officially closed



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Training Missions and Military Munitions Use

- Fort Ord was used primarily for infantry training and eventually became home to the 7th Infantry Division (Light)
- At its height it was home to approximately 35,000 military personnel many who deployed to theaters throughout the world
- Fort Ord supported training for WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the first Gulf War
- Training missions included:
 - Artillery training
 - Small arms training
 - Mortar and antitank training
 - Military weapons and troop training and maneuvers
 - Urban and close combat training
 - Platoon live fire training
 - Reserve training



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Military Munitions

- A wide range of munitions were used during training at Fort Ord
- Munitions recovered on ESCA properties include:
 - Rockets
 - Mortars
 - Projectiles
 - Hand grenades
 - Pyrotechnics
 - Small arms ammunition



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Wide Variety of Munitions Used at Fort Ord



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Base Closure and Reuse Process

- Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) of 1990
 - Established a process by which the Department of Defense could identify, close and transfer military bases
- BRAC identifies Local Redevelopment Authorities (LRAs)
 - Single point of contact for matters pertaining to BRAC
 - Responsible for drafting redevelopment plans
- FORA was created in 1994
 - Corporation of State of California
 - Scheduled for transition in 2020
- Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan
 - Published in 1997 and reassessed in 2012
 - Guides cleanup levels for both Army and FORA

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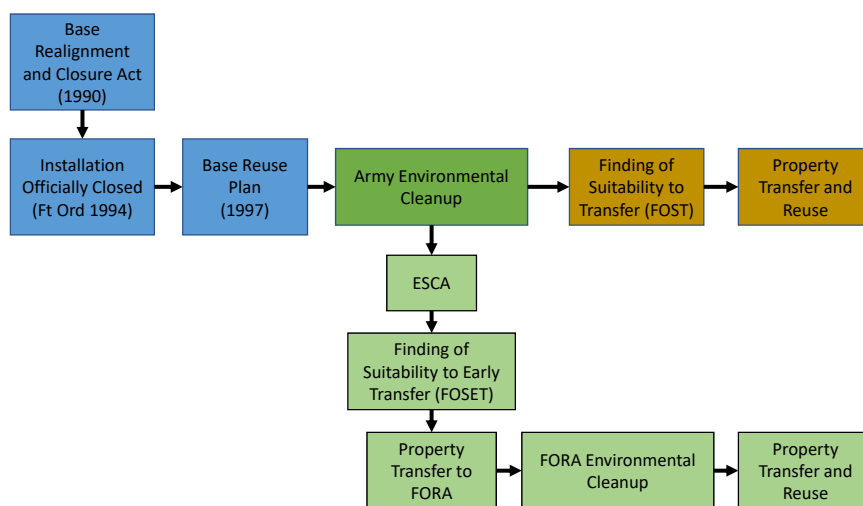
Local Role in Planning and Reuse

- Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan
 - Designates future land reuse categories
 - Property cleanup to support designated reuses
 - Three main reuse categories
 - Residential
 - Non-residential
 - Habitat Reserve
- Jurisdiction Land Use Decision
 - Final land use decisions rest with the jurisdictions
 - Jurisdiction can modify land use, consistent with Reuse Plan, but that may require additional remediation

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Two Paths to BRAC Property Transfer



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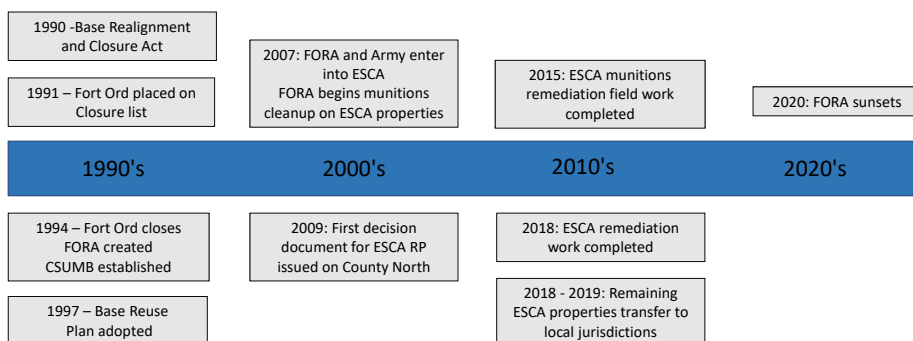
Early Transfers and ESCA Property

- In 2007 FORA and the Army entered into an ESCA
 - Early transfer of 3,300 acres to FORA
 - Provided FORA funds for munitions cleanup
- FORA ESCA responsibilities
 - Removing munitions on the ESCA properties
 - Completing Army environmental remediation obligations under EPA and DTSC oversight
- ESCA property transferred under a mechanism known as Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET)
 - FOSET allowed for the transfer of federal land before all environmental cleanup completed
 - DoD, EPA, and the state jointly developed the request
 - CA governor concurred on the terms of the FOSET

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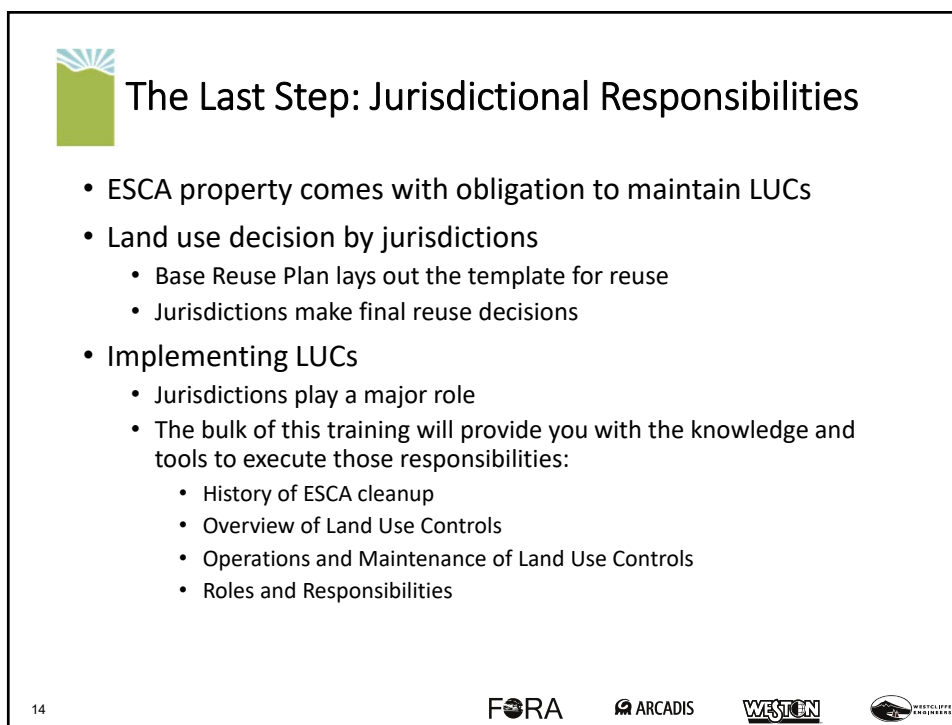
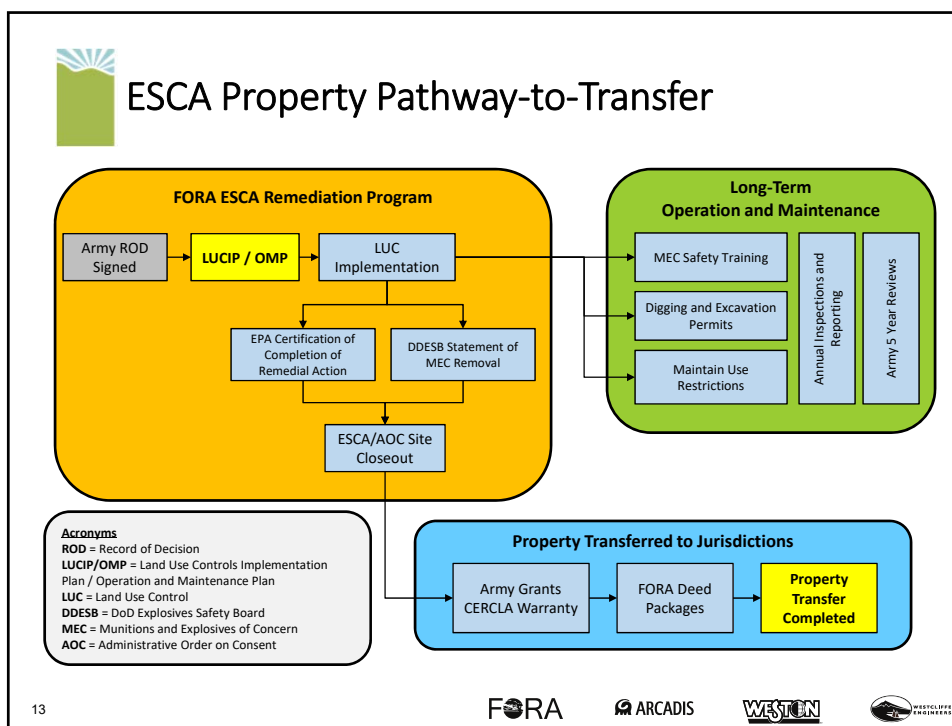


Fort Ord Base Closure and Reuse Timeline



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