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Chapter 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

On behalf of the State of California (State), the California Department of General Services – Real Estate Services Division (DGS), and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) have prepared this Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Final EIR/EA) for the California Central Coast Veteran Cemetery (CCCVC) (proposed project) in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations [CCR] Section 15000 et seq.); the document integrates National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1501), as applicable, to satisfy the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) regulatory requirements.

CalVet, with the assistance from DGS, is the lead State agency responsible for the preparation of an EIR under CEQA for the proposed project. The CCCVC would be constructed with funds awarded through the Veterans Cemetery Grants Service offered by the USDVA, which requires the proposed project to comply with NEPA. Therefore, a joint CEQA and NEPA document has been prepared, consisting of an EIR in satisfaction of CEQA and an EA in satisfaction of NEPA. The USDVA is acting as lead Federal agency in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and to ensure that the Draft EIR/EA and underlying administrative record support the USDVA decision-making and disclosure process.

On April 17, 2019, DGS distributed to public agencies and the general public a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA) under CEQA for the CCCVC project within the City of Seaside (Seaside) and County of Monterey (County) on the former Fort Ord, California. The project proposes the implementation of the 2015 CCCVC Master Plan (2015 Master Plan). The CCCVC is necessary to provide burial facilities for deceased veterans and their families in the Monterey Bay Region of California, given the number of veterans in this region. The Draft EIR/EA was prepared to inform the public of the significant environmental effects of the proposed project, identify possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and describe reasonable alternatives that support the objectives of the proposed project.

A public review period of 47 days (45 days are required for EIR review under CEQA) was provided on the Draft EIR/EA that ended on June 3, 2019; 169 written comments on the document were received.

This Final EIR/EA has been prepared under the direction of DGS, CalVet, and USDVA in accordance with the requirements of CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 2100 et seq.), CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations [CCR] Section 15000 et seq.), NEPA requirements (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1501), NEPA Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) "Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA" (40 CFR 1500-1508), USDVA's NEPA regulations titled "Environmental Effects of the Department of Veterans Affairs Actions" (38 CFR Part 26), and the USDVA's NEPA Interim Guidance for Projects.

The Final EIR/EA consists of the Draft EIR/EA and this document (response to comments document), which includes written comments received on the Draft EIR/EA, responses to those comments, and revisions to the Draft EIR/EA.

The Draft EIR/EA is incorporated by reference into this Final EIR/EA and will not be reprinted. Copies of the Final EIR/EA are available for review at:

Monterey County Public Library
Seaside Branch
550 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, California 93955

California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery
Administrative Building
2900 Parker Flats Cut-Off Road
Seaside, California 93955

The Final EIR/EA can also be found online at:

Project Website: <https://www.cccvcproject.com/resources>

This document responds to the written comments received on the Draft EIR/EA and has been prepared in accordance with Section 15089 and 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines. It is divided into three chapters:

Chapter 1, Introduction, provides an overview of the environmental review process and a summary of the CCCVC project.

Chapter 2, Responses to Comments, reproduces public comments received on the Draft EIR/EA, and presents responses to those comments.

Chapter 3, Revisions to the Draft EIR/EA, identifies changes made to the Draft EIR/EA since its publication and public review. The changes are presented in the order in which they appear in the original Draft EIR/EA and are identified by the Draft EIR/EA page number. Text deletions are shown in ~~striketrough~~, and text additions are shown in underline.

No significance conclusions in the Draft EIR/EA are changed as a result of these revisions and none of the revisions to the Draft EIR/EA constitutes significant new information so as to require recirculation of the Draft EIR/EA.

1.2 SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1.2.1 Project Location

The project site is located within the former Fort Ord in Monterey County, California, which is approximately 80 miles south of San Francisco and 42 miles southwest of San Jose. The project site consists of approximately 84.4 acres owned by the State of California. The Seaside/County boundary bisects the State's property with about 32 acres, including the Phase 2 site, within the city limits. The balance of the property, approximately 52.4 acres, is located within unincorporated County land. The project site occupies a portion of two parcels identified with Monterey County Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 031-152-002-000 and 031-152-005-000.

1.2.2 Summary of Project

As part of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990 (BRAC), Fort Ord was downsized and realigned in 1991 and officially closed in 1994. An initiative to develop a veterans cemetery at the former Fort Ord began a few weeks after announcement in 1991 of the BRAC. The CCCVC 2008 Development Master Plan (2008 Master Plan) was prepared in support of this effort. Phase 1 of the CCCVC was approved and constructed in 2015. After the approval of Phase 1, an updated master plan, the CCCVC 2015 Master Plan (2015 Master Plan), was prepared.

The proposed project would involve implementing the CCCVC 2015 Master Plan. Since Phase 1 has already been constructed, the proposed project involves implementing the remaining phases of the 2015 Master Plan – Phases 2 through 11. Phase 2 of the 2015 Master Plan is currently under design and construction is anticipated to commence in 2020. Therefore, this EIR/EA analyzes Phase 2 at a project level, while analyzing the build-out of the 2015 Master Plan at a programmatic level.

The 2015 Master Plan is a comprehensive, long-term development plan that identifies and addresses any issues related to the development of the CCCVC. It outlines a process and strategy for the implementation of the entire CCCVC, including utility constraints, architectural and design concepts, environmental issues, a signage plan, grading and geotechnical considerations, landscaping needs, phasing and associated cost estimates. The 2015 Master Plan includes a phased approach to build-out that would serve the anticipated needs of veterans for the next hundred years. At full build-out, the cemetery would supply 105,560 gravesites with 81,040 columbaria and 25,450 casket burial sites – enough to serve the anticipated needs of veterans for the next 100 years. For cremated remains, burial would be in niches in freestanding double columbarium walls arranged in courts. In addition to burial sites, the 2015 Master Plan includes memorials walls for those who do not desire burial on-site but want to be memorialized as a veteran. Approximately 31 acres would be preserved within the 84.4-acre cemetery site, consisting of approximately 17 acres of oak woodland.

Phase 2 is proposed within approximately 4.4 acres adjacent to the Phase 1 development, located within the larger 84.4-acre cemetery property. Approximately 1.2 acres would be preserved within the Phase 2 site, including approximately 1 acre of oak woodland. Phase 2 includes 1,000 in-ground cremains, 1,831 crypts, supporting roads and infrastructure, and two memorial walls to provide increased burial options anticipated for the next 10 years.

1.3 MAJOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Table ES-1, Summary of Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures, of the Draft EIR/EA presents a summary of the environmental impacts and mitigation measures for the CCCVC project. The project would result in less-than-significant impacts or impacts that are mitigable to less than significant. No significant, unavoidable impacts were identified for the proposed project.

In response to comments received, minor revisions have been made to the Draft EIR/EA. No significance conclusions in the Draft EIR/EA are changed as a result of these revisions and none of the revisions to the Draft EIR/EA constitutes significant new information so as to require recirculation of the Draft EIR/EA.

1.3.1 Identification of the Environmentally Superior Alternative/ Environmentally Preferable Alternative

As described in Section 4.9, Identification of the Environmentally Superior Alternative (CEQA/NEPA), of the Draft EIR/EA, CalVet and USDVA deferred the identification of the environmentally superior and environmentally preferable alternative, respectively, until the agencies reviewed and considered comments from the public and agencies on the Draft EIR/EA.

The following alternatives were found to generally meet purpose/need and objectives of the proposed project, be feasible or potentially feasible, and have some potential to avoid or substantially reduce one or more significant impacts of the proposed project, and, therefore, are considered for further analysis in the EIR/EA.

- Alternative 1: Proposed Project – CCCVC 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2;
- Alternative 2: Reduced CCCVC 2015 Master Plan;
- Alternative 3: CCCVC 2015 Master Plan – Modified Phase 2; and
- Alternative 4: No Action Alternative

CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(a) and (e)(2) require that an EIR's analysis of alternatives identify the "environmentally superior alternative" among all of those considered. In general, the environmentally superior alternative is one which minimizes adverse environmental impacts while achieving the basic objectives of the project. CEQA does not provide specific direction regarding the methodology of comparing alternatives and the proposed project. Each project must be evaluated for the issues and impacts that are most important, which will vary depending on the project type and the environmental setting. Under CEQA, the goal of identifying the environmentally superior alternative is to assist decision-makers in considering project approval. CEQA does not require an agency to select the environmentally superior alternative (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15042-15043). CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(e)(2) also states that if the no project alternative is identified as the environmentally superior alternative, then the EIR must also identify the environmentally superior alternative among the other alternatives.

NEPA requires that "the alternative or alternatives which were considered to be environmentally preferable be identified. Environmentally preferable is defined as the alternative that will promote the national environmental policy as expressed in Section 101 of NEPA, meaning the alternative that causes the least damage to the biological and physical environment. In addition, it also means the alternative

that best protects, preserves, and enhances historic, cultural and natural resources.” Although CEQ regulations require the identification of the environmentally preferable alternative, it is not required that this alternative be adopted.

Section 101 of NEPA states that:

...it is the continuing responsibility of the Federal Government to (1) fulfill the responsibility of each generation as a trustee of the environment for succeeding generations; (2) assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surrounding; (3) attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk to health or safety, or other undesirable and unintended consequences; (4) preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage, and maintain wherever possible an environment which supports diversity and variety of individual choice; (5) achieve a balance between population and resource use which will permit high standards of living and a wide sharing of life's amenities; and (6) enhance the quality of renewable resources and approach the maximum attainable recycling of depletable resources.

Under the No Action Alternative, the proposed project (Alternative 1) would not be constructed and no physical changes to the site would occur. Although the No Action Alternative would not result in any physical impacts to the environment, it would not meet the purpose and need or basic objectives of the proposed project. There would be no change in the current availability of veteran-specific burial space in the State of California. The gravesite capacity would eventually be depleted at the CCCVC. Veterans and their families in the Monterey Bay Region would be underserved in the future; in many cases, this would require veterans and their families to either travel more than 100 miles to reach a National or State Veterans Cemetery or use a private cemetery for burials. Furthermore, the No Action Alternative would create a hardship for the survivors of deceased veterans for attending the funeral and for grave visitation, because of the distances between homes and the burial sites. If veterans and their families must resort to private burials, they are deprived of the honor and privilege bestowed upon them by a grateful nation for their service to their country. The No Action Alternative would limit CalVet's ability to implement a key objective of its Strategic Plan, which is to “provide for deceased veterans and their families through the development and administration of additional State Veterans Cemeteries.” In addition, there would not be any in-ground burial facilities at the CCCVC, which would not meet the Phase 2 objective to increase burial options by providing in-ground crypts and in-ground cremains burial facilities. Therefore, the No Action Alternative would not be considered an environmentally superior/preferable alternative.

Alternative 3 involves a greater development footprint for Phase 2, resulting in greater environmental impacts than the other alternatives. Alternative 3 would result in less preservation area for Phase 2 and greater impacts to biological resources. In addition, Alternative 3 would not meet the project objective to incorporate the visual qualities and characteristics of the local landscape and native vegetation, working with the existing topography and opens area with native vegetation as much as possible.

Alternative 2 would have the smallest development footprint compared to the other alternatives, resulting in a reduction in environmental impacts. However, Alternative 2 would result in the same potentially significant environmental impacts as Alternative 1, the proposed project, and would require the same mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level. With the elimination of some of the proposed phases and associated burial facilities from the 2015 Master Plan, Alternative 2 may not provide a phased approach to the development of the cemetery that allows for flexibility over time to respond to demand and available funding. Therefore, Alternative 2 would not meet a basic objective

of the proposed project and would not significantly reduce any of the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

The proposed project, Alternative 1, would meet the purpose and need and objectives of the project. The proposed project, the implementation of the 2015 Master Plan and construction and operation of Phase 2 of the CCCVC, would not result in any significant unavoidable environmental impacts. Alternative 1 best meets the goals listed in NEPA Section 101 because it facilitates beneficial use of the environment by providing burial facilities for veterans without degradation or other undesirable consequences. Furthermore, it preserves important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage and achieves a balance between population and resource use, permitting a wide sharing of the cemetery, and reducing the use of depletable resources.

Therefore, Alternative 1: Proposed Project – 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2, as designed and with incorporation of the recommended mitigations, is considered to be the environmentally superior/preferable alternative.

1.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with CEQA and NEPA, this document is included in the official public record for the EIR/EA. Based on the information contained in the public record, decision-makers will be provided with the documentation on the projected environmental consequences of the CCCVC project.

DGS, on behalf of CalVet and USDVA, notified all responsible and trustee agencies, interested groups, and individuals that a Draft EIR/EA had been completed for the proposed project. DGS used the following methods to solicit input during the preparation of the Draft EIR/EA. The following is a list of the actions taken during the preparation, distribution, and review of the Draft EIR/EA:

- The Notice of Preparation (NOP) was filed with the California State Clearinghouse for a 30-day review period from November 14 to December 14, 2018, for a 30-day review period under State Clearinghouse Number 2018111030.
- The NOP was distributed by DGS to responsible and trustee agencies, interested groups, and individuals. Public notices were posted at the Administrative Building on the project site and placed in local newspapers (*Salinas Californian*, *Monterey County Weekly*, and *The Monterey Herald*) informing the general public of the availability of the NOP and the scoping meeting. In addition, an email inviting attendees to the public meeting was circulated to a list of 155 individuals, community members, agencies, and non-governmental organizations who may be interested in the proposed project. The email and NOP also included information on how to access the project website and comment on the proposed project. Appendix A of the Draft EIR/EA provides the NOP and all written comments received in response to the NOP.
- A public scoping meeting was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Community Center at Soper Field located at 220 Coe Avenue, Seaside, California, to present the proposed project to the public and agencies and to solicit input as to the scope and content of the Draft EIR/EA. The meeting was an informal, open house format that offered stations to share information and allow attendees to discuss their concerns with project staff. Two people attended the public scoping meeting: Candance Ingram, on behalf of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation, and Rick Medina, Senior Planner for the City of Seaside.
- On April 17, 2019, the Draft EIR/EA was distributed for a 47-day public review period to responsible and trustee agencies, interested groups, and individuals. The public review period for the Draft EIR/EA ended on June 3, 2019. A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIR/EA was placed on-site and in local newspapers (*Monterey County Weekly* and *The Monterey Herald*) informing the general public of the availability of the Draft EIR/EA and a public meeting. In addition, an email with the NOA inviting attendees to the public meeting was circulated to a list of 155 individuals, community members, agencies, and non-governmental organizations who may be interested in the proposed project. The email and NOA also included information on how to access the project website and comment on the proposed project.

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Chapter 2.0 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

2.1 LIST OF COMMENTERS

Following is a list of written comments received on the Draft EIR/EA.

Table 2-1
List of Comments Received on DEIR/EA

Letter No.	Commenter	Date Received	Delivery Method
Federal Agencies			
1.	United States Army Corps of Engineers	5/15/2019	E-Mail
State Agencies			
2.	Office of Planning & Research – State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit	6/7/19	U.S. Mail
Regional and Local Agencies			
3.	Monterey Bay Air Resources District	6/3/2019	E-Mail
Organizations			
4.	Veterans Transition Center	5/24/2019	E-Mail
5.	Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation	5/31/2019	E-Mail
6.	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6347	5/31/2019	Hand Delivered
7.	Keep Fort Ord Wild	6/3/2019	E-Mail
8.	California Native Plant Society	6/3/2019	E-Mail
9.	Disabled American Veterans – Department of California	6/3/2019	E-Mail
10.	Fort Ord Community Advisory Group	6/4/2019	E-Mail
Members of the Public			
11.	Dan Presser	5/15/2019	E-Mail
12.	Sid Williams	5/15/2019	E-Mail
13.	Bobby C. Patterson	5/20/2019	U.S. Mail
14.	Marti Stanton	5/21/2019	E-Mail
15.	Steve Bloch	5/24/2019	E-Mail
16.	Del Curtsinger	5/25/2019	E-Mail
17.	Nancy Fortman	5/25/2019	E-Mail
18.	Arthur Kapsalis	5/26/2019	E-Mail
19.	Eleanor Alonzo	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
20.	Robert Alonzo	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
21.	Billie Anacheto	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
22.	Monk G. Ardeesh	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
23.	Jon Baker	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
24.	Marlene Baker	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
25.	Frank Balesteri	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered

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26.	Noni Baughman	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
27.	Terry Baughman	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
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29.	James Byrd	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
30.	Sue Caroll	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
31.	Dan Clay	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
32.	Deniece Clay	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
33.	Alexander Clayton	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
34.	Jeni Clayton	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
35.	Bennie W. Cooper	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
36.	Joseph Crawford	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
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38.	Thomas M. Durand	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
39.	Lorenzo Espino	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
40.	Fred F.	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
41.	Jesus & Theda Felix	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
42.	Michelle Ferguson	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
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59.	Warren H. Halstead	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
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66.	Linda-Lara Guzman	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
67.	Helen Leekam	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
68.	Robert Lockwood	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered
69.	Sandra E. Lockwood	5/30/2019	Hand Delivered

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118.	Robin Falkenberg	5/31/2019	Hand Delivered
119.	John F. Gay Jr.	5/31/2019	Hand Delivered
120.	Richard Garza	6/1/2019	E-Mail
121.	Tom and Peggy Hutton	6/1/2019	U.S. Mail
122.	Douglas Kenyon	6/1/2019	E-Mail
123.	Robert Stephan	6/1/2019	E-Mail
124.	Eugene P. Street	6/1/2019	E-Mail
125.	Duane Peterson	6/2/2019	E-Mail
126.	Clyde Andrews	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
127.	Bobbie E. Blakeney	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
128.	Michael L. Bloom	6/3/2019	U.S. Mail
129.	Lisa M. Bron	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
130.	Ron Caffal Jr.	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
131.	Andy Ciandro	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
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149.	Lele Peneneta	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
150.	S. Rarotoga Peneneta	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
151.	Tom Pierce	6/3/2019	U.S. Mail
152.	Mirna D. Reyes	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
153.	Stephanie A. Smith	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
154.	Esther Tashiro	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
155.	George G. Tashiro	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
156.	Lefoi Saide Taufalo and Irene Gonzalez	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered
157.	Lula Taylor	6/3/2019	Hand Delivered

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2.2 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Each written comment received on the Draft EIR/EA, as identified in Section 2.1, and responses to substantive environmental issues raised in those comments are presented in this chapter. Each letter and comment have been assigned a number designation for cross-referencing purposes. Correspondingly numbered responses to each comment are provided in the discussion following the comment. For example, the first comment letter is Letter 1, the first comment in the letter is 1-1, and the response to comment is 1-1).

Where comments raise environmental issues that result in additions or deletions to the text, tables, or figures in the Draft EIR/EA, a brief description of the change is given and the reader is directed to Section 3.0, Revisions to the Draft EIR/EA.

Where the same or similar related comments have been made more than once, a response may direct the reader to another numbered comment and response.

Some comments received do not raise environmental issues or do not comment on the analysis in the Draft EIR/EA, and, thus, do not require a response in this Final EIR/EA. These comments generally express an opinion on whether or not the project should be approved. CEQA does not require a substantive response to comments on an EIR that do not specifically relate to environmental issues. Response to these comments is generally, "The comment does not raise a significant environmental issue and, therefore, does not require response in this Final EIR/EA. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers."

Letter 1

From: Szeto, Jimmy C CIV CPMS (US)
To: cccvcproject
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/ea comments
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 7:27:10 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

Our old address 1455 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 has been changed to the following new address listed below:

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Department of the Army
San Francisco District, Corps of Engineers
450 Golden Gate Avenue, 4th Floor, Suite 1111
P.O. Box 36152
San Francisco, California 94102-3404

Thanks,
Jimmy

LETTER 1. UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

- 1-1: Comment provides the change in address for the Department of Army, San Francisco District Office. Comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and the distribution list for this project has been updated accordingly. No further response is necessary.



Gavin Newsom
Governor

Letter 2

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Kate Gordon
Director

June 4, 2019

Terry Ash
Veterans Affairs, Department of
947 Cass Street, Suite 5
2018111030
Monterey, CA 93940

Subject: California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery
SCH#: 2018111030

Dear Terry Ash

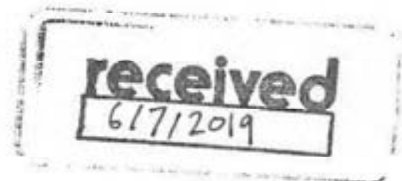
The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named EIR to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on 6/3/2019, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2018111030/2>.

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Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse



LETTER 2. OFFICE OF PLANNING & RESEARCH – STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT

- 2-1: The letter documents that the State Clearinghouse submitted the CCCVC Draft EIR/EA to selected state agencies and that, as of the close of the comment period on June 3, 2019, no state agency comments were received. The project complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental projects pursuant to CEQA.

Letter 3

From: [Christine Duymich](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Cc: terry.ash@dgs.ca.gov; [David Frisbey](#); [Richard Stedman](#); [Shawn Boyle](#); [Cindy Searson](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Monday, June 3, 2019 4:25:24 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[CCCVC Project Draft EIR EA - FO Veterans Cemetery.pdf](#)

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft EIR/EA for the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. Attached is the comment letter on behalf of the Monterey Bay Air Resources District, Planning Division.

Good Afternoon Ms. Ash,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery.

Attached is the comment letter on behalf of the Monterey Bay Air Resources District. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Christine Duymich, Air Quality Planner II



24580 Silver Cloud Court
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www.mbard.org

June 3, 2019

Department of General Services, Real Estate Division
ATTN: Terry Ash, Senior Environmental Planner
Project Management and Development Branch, Environmental Services
947 Cass Street, Suite 5
Monterey, CA 93940

Email: cccvcproject@ddaplanning.com

Re: Comments on the CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA

Dear Ms. Ash:

Thank you for providing the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (Air District) with the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced document. The Air District suggests that Department of General Services consider the following regarding the CCCVC Project Draft EIR:

General:

ES.1.1 Project Summary (pg ES-1): BRAC is the Base *Realignment and Closure* Act

Air Quality:

- Construction Dust– Fugitive dust from construction activities can be significant if not mitigated. Please include the standard mitigation measures found in the Air District's 2008 CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 8). <https://www.mbard.org/ceqa> 3-1
- Construction Equipment - The Air District suggests that when possible cleaner construction equipment be used for the project. This includes equipment that conforms to ARB's Tier 3 or Tier 4 emission standards. We further recommend that, whenever feasible, construction equipment use alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas, propane, electricity or biodiesel. 3-2

Permits Required:

- Portable Equipment:
 - 2.4.1 Alternative 1: Proposed Project – CCCVC 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2:
The proposed site preparation would result in the removal of 410 existing coast live oak trees and the Construction section lists a chipper amongst the project equipment. Please note that Air District permits to operate, or statewide portable equipment registration, may be required for portable equipment such as engine generator sets and compressors. If the trees are disposed of via wood chipping, please make sure to contact the Air District's Engineering Division at (831) 647-9411 to discuss if a Portable Registration is necessary for the wood chipper being utilized for this project. 3-3
- Building Demolition/Renovation and Trenching Activities - If any asbestos piping or material are uncovered as part of earth moving/trenching or building demolition during this project, Air District rules may apply. These include Rule 424, National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants and Rule 3-4

439, Building Removals. Rule 424 contains the investigation and reporting requirements for asbestos which includes surveys and advanced notification on structures being renovated or demolished. Notification to the Air District is required at least ten days prior to renovation or demolition activities. District Rule 439 prohibits the release of any visible emissions from building removals. Rules 424 and 439 can be found online at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/drdb/mbu/cur.htm>. Please contact Shawn Boyle or Cindy Searson at (831) 647-9411 for more information regarding these rules.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at (831) 647-9411 or cduymich@mbard.org.

Best Regards,



Christine Duymich
Air Quality Planner II

cc: David Frisbey
Shawn Boyle
Cindy Searson

LETTER 3. MONTEREY BAY AIR RESOURCES DISTRICT

- 3-1: Comment noted. The Draft EIR/EA will be revised to correct this typo. The comment does not raise a significant environmental issue and no further response is required.
- 3-2: The Draft EIR/EA found that the construction and operation of the proposed project would result in less-than-significant impacts from fugitive dust. Please refer to the impact discussions for Impacts AQ-2, AQ-3, and AQ-4. To further reduce this less-than-significant impact, the following standard construction Best Management Practices, based on Chapter 8 of the MBARD's 2008 CEQA Guidelines, have been included in the project description and will be implemented to the extent practicable throughout the duration of project construction to reduce fugitive dust; please refer to Chapter 3, Revisions to the Draft EIR/EA:
- Apply water or dust palliative to the site and equipment as frequently as necessary to control fugitive dust emissions.
 - Spread soil binder on any unpaved roads and parking areas used for construction purposes, when practical.
 - Wash off trucks as necessary to control fugitive dust emissions.
 - Properly tune and maintain construction equipment and vehicles. Use low-sulfur fuel in all construction equipment as provided in California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 93114.
 - Locate equipment and material storage sites as far away from residences and recreational areas as practical. Keep construction areas clean and orderly.
 - Use track-out reduction measures such as gravel pads at project access points to minimize dust and mud deposits on roads affected by construction traffic.
 - Cover all transported loads of soils and wet materials prior to transport, or provide adequate freeboard (space from the top of the material to the top of the truck) to minimize emission of dust (particulate matter) during transportation.
 - To decrease particulate matter, promptly and regularly remove dust and mud that is deposited on paved, public roads due to construction activity and traffic.
 - Route and schedule construction traffic to avoid peak travel times as much as possible, to reduce congestion and related air quality impacts caused by idling vehicles along local roads.
 - Install mulch or plant vegetation as soon as practical after grading to reduce windblown particulate in the area. Be aware that certain methods of mulch placement, such as straw blowing, may cause dust and visible emission issues, and may require controls such as dampened straw.
 - Locate construction equipment and truck staging and maintenance areas to the extent feasible and nominally downwind of schools, active recreation areas, and other areas of high population density.
 - Cover inactive storage piles.
 - Post a publicly visible sign which specifies the telephone number and person to contact regarding dust complaints. This person shall respond to complaints and take corrective action

within 48 hours. The phone number of the MBARD shall be visible to ensure compliance with Rule 402 (Nuisance).

- 3-3: A permit, or statewide portable equipment registration, from the MBARD will be obtained by the project Contractor as required to operate portable equipment such as wood chippers, engine generator sets, and compressors. The project Contractor will contact the MBARD's Engineering Division to discuss if Portable Registration is necessary for the wood chipper or other portable equipment being utilized during construction of the proposed project.
- 3-4: No asbestos piping or material are anticipated to be uncovered as part of earth moving/trenching during this project and no buildings are proposed for demolition. Please refer to Section 3-9, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR/EA.

Letter 4

From: [Jack Murphy](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: FW: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Friday, May 24, 2019 12:03:29 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[CCCVC EIR.pdf](#)

Regards,

Jack Murphy

Deputy Executive Director

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THE EIR/EA 2015 MASTER PLAN AND PHASE 2 FOR THE CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST
VETERANS CEMETERY

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Please do not consider any further reductions in sizing or phasing of the proposed project and Master Plan. Such a decision at this time is both premature and potentially short-sighted. The project has already been substantially reduced from the originally proposed and anticipated 178 acres for the Veterans Cemetery.

Thank you.

Add your name, address, email address and phone number.

US Army Vet

JACK MURPHY 63 Cielo Vista Dr, Monterey CA 93940 978 496 7317

Comments MUST be received no later than 5 p.m. on June 3, 2019

Then email or mail your letter to the following:

By email to: cccvcproject@ddaplanning.com

(put "CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments" in the subject title bar)

By regular mail to:

Terry Ash, Senior Environmental Planner
Department of General Services, Real Estate Division
Project Management and Development Branch, Environmental Services
947 Cass Street, Suite 5, Monterey, CA 93940

LETTER 4. VETERANS TRANSITION CENTER

- 4-1: The comment letter states support for the proposed project, Alternative 1, and requests that no further reductions in the size or phasing be considered. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.

Letter 5

From: [ingramgp](#)
To: [ccvcproject](#)
Cc: [Richard Garza](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Friday, May 31, 2019 2:16:59 PM
Attachments: [DEIR-DEA - Phase 2 & 2015 Master Plan - CCVCF Comments 5-28-19.pdf](#)

Hello --

On behalf of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation, attached are comments regarding the Draft EIR/EA for the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. ♦

Thank you. ♦

Candace Ingram ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ (831) 373-3609 (direct number)
Consulting Executive Director
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May 30, 2019

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Department of General Services, Real Estate Division

Project Management and Development Branch, Environmental Services

947 Cass Street, Suite 5, Monterey, CA 93940

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR/EA for the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Project.

The Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF) has reviewed the Draft EIR/EA, which also involves the adoption and implementation of the 2015 Master Plan for the proposed project, and offers the following comments:

1. The DEIR/DEA meets the legal obligations required by law under CEQA and NEPA to address potential environmental issues, impacts and alternatives and provides Federal, State and local decision-makers and the public detailed information about potentially significant environmental, social, economic, cultural, and other impacts related to the proposed project, alternatives, and related implementing 2015 Master Plan. The DEIR/DEA analyzes Phase 2 of the proposed project at a project level, and the 2015 Master Plan at a programmatic level. The proposed project provides for phasing of development over time.

5-1

2. The proposed Phase 2 project will provide necessary and requested in-ground, full-body burial capability in addition to existing and expanded placements for cremains. Currently, a full-service cemetery is not provided and is potentially in violation of law.

5-2

3. The historical and cultural importance of the Veterans Cemetery is extremely important to understand and address. The area, initially established as a military outpost, served as a military training facility throughout most of its history. More than 1.2 million soldiers have been trained and deployed from this location during WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam war, and more recent wars within areas of the Middle East.

5-3

4. This is not a "local"/Monterey Bay Region cemetery. At latest known count, there are over 175 different zip codes, 17 states and 27 counties from throughout our nation represented in placements at CCCVC. Please consider this in the description and significance of the proposed project.

5-4

5. Over 18,000 acres of former Fort Ord lands are permanently preserved as open space and recreational open space, and with respect to oaks and other vegetation and biological resources, significant preservation has already been identified and secured. In particular, two parcels were removed from land initially proposed for the Veterans Cemetery: a northern "endowment" parcel and a southern habitat parcel for transfer or relocation of biological resources. These actions reduced the original size of the Veterans Cemetery from approximately 180 acres to the current approximate 78 acres. An additional approximate 32 acres within the boundaries of the Veterans Cemetery are suggested for additional preservation. It is our understanding that the primary purpose of CEQA/NEPA is to provide information and identify and mitigate significant environmental impacts if possible. The processes also provide for over-riding considerations to be applied. We note and request that decision-makers consider and utilize such legally authorized actions for this project. Trees and other resources can be relocated and replaced. The purpose of a Veterans Cemetery is to provide a final resting place for Veterans. Their lives are not replaceable.

5-5

6. Four Alternatives are proposed in the documents.

- Alternative 4 of "no project" does not meet the goals identified for the project nor provide/allow for completion of a full-service cemetery and is untenable.
- Alternative 3 appears to create even greater potential "environmental impacts", is unacceptable, and also does not meet the identified project goals.
- Alternative 2 reduces the number of burial sites, does not meet project goals, and, as previously noted, any further reductions in capacity, given the already substantially reduced size of the initially identified acreage for the Veterans Cemetery, will be a short-sighted immediate decision with significant and lasting impact and does not meet the purpose, intent and need for the proposed project -- a Veterans Cemetery.
- Alternative 1, with our strong request that consideration be given to consideration and implementation of overriding consideration to assure no further reduction in acreage and to provide for current and future demand for capacity, is the "preferred" and appropriate alternative toward addressing needs and project goals outlined in the DEIR/DEA.

5-6

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. We encourage you to continue to move forward with the certification process and expeditious construction of Phase 2.

Sincerely,

(signed) *Richard Garza*

Richard Garza, President
CCVCF Board of Directors

LETTER 5. CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CEMETERY FOUNDATION

- 5-1: The comment provides a brief overview of the proposed project and contents of the Draft EIR/EA. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary.
- 5-2: The comment states that Phase 2 would provide necessary and requested in-ground, full-body burial capacity and, currently, a full-service cemetery is not provided and potentially in violation of law. The benefit of providing in-ground, full-body burial facilities is discussed on page 3.14-13 of the Draft EIR/EA to address the socioeconomic and environmental justice issues associated with the proposed project. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 5-3: The comment states the historical and cultural importance of the cemetery. The background and purpose and need for the proposed project area are discussed in Section 2.1, Background, and Section 2.2, Project Objectives/Purpose and Need, of the Draft EIR/EA. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 5-4: The comment states that the cemetery currently provides services beyond the local, Monterey Bay area. As discussed on page 2.2-1 of the Draft EIR/EA, while there is a demonstrated need for a veterans cemetery in the Monterey Bay Region, the CCCVC is intended to serve the anticipated needs of veterans and eligible dependent for the next 100 years from counties within a 75-mile radius, ranging from the San Francisco Bay Area to San Luis Obispo, but is not limited to those areas. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 5-5: The comment states that “over-riding considerations” under CEQA could and should be applied if needed for impacts to trees and other biological resources. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15093, a lead agency may adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations when deciding to approve a project that will cause one or more significant environmental effects. However, for the CCCVC project, all potentially significant impacts, including biological resources, can be reduced to a less-than-significant level, and, therefore, a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project is not required. Please refer to Table ES-1, Summary of Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures.
- 5-6: The comment provides a summary of the alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIR/EA and states that Alternatives 2, 3, and 3 would not meet the goals of the project and/or result in greater environmental impacts. The comment states that Alternative 1 should be considered the preferred and appropriate alternative. As discussed in Section 4.9, Identification of the Environmentally Superior Alternative/Environmentally Preferable Alternative (CEQA/NEPA), of the Draft EIR/EA, CalVet and USDVA deferred the identification of the environmentally superior and preferable alternative, respectively, until comments have been received and reviewed. Based on the review of comments received and the analysis in the Draft EIR/EA, CalVet and USDVA have identified Alternative 1: Proposed Project – 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2 as the environmentally superior/preferable alternative. Please refer to Section 1.3.1, Identification of the Environmentally Superior/Preferable Alternative, of this Final EIA/EA.

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Thank you.

Add your name, address, email address and phone number.

VP/FW Post 6747 Supports this Letter.
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LETTER 6. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 6347

- 6-1: The comment letter states support for the proposed project, Alternative 1, which meets the needs of veterans, and requests that no further reductions in the size or phasing be considered. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.

Letter 7

From: [MICHAEL SALERNO](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Monday, June 3, 2019 7:48:54 AM
Attachments: [KFOW Master Comment Letter 2019.pdf](#)

Attached, please find comments from Keep Fort Ord Wild.

June 2, 2019

To:

Terry Ash, Senior Environmental Planner
Department of General Services, Real Estate Division
Project Management and Development Branch, Environmental Services
947 Cass Street, Suite 5, Monterey, CA 93940

cccvcproject@ddaplaning.com

Re: April 2019 Draft EIR/EA for the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Project

Introduction

Keep Fort Ord Wild (KFOW) appreciates the opportunity to comment via this letter to the State. Based on the available record, KFOW finds the April 2019 Draft EIR/EA document inadequate.

7-1

KFOW's comments regarding the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment are below.

The April 2019 Draft EIR/EA document is inadequate and invalid under the California Environmental Quality Act because it piecemeals a large project into small portions and fails to analyze the impacts of reasonably foreseeable future phases

7-2

There is substantial evidence in the record the proposed Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord is a large multi-phase project. The April 2019 Draft EIR/EA prepared by the State only analyzes a small portion of the project – referred to as Phase 2.

The proposed mitigations are insufficient and inadequate. Substantial evidence is available via documents from many sources and on-the-ground observations by KFOW over many years. Most notably, is the 2015 Master Plan available as an appendix to the April 2019 Draft EIR/EA. The 2015 Master Plan details a large 11-phase project that extends far beyond the footprint of Phase 2. Based on the record, it is reasonably foreseeable that additional phases will be built beyond Phase 2. The 11-phase buildout would occur in some of the densest oak woodland on Fort Ord. There is a more than fair argument implementation of the 11-phase Master Plan will have a significant effect on the environment.

Like the 2014 Phase 1 IS/EA, the 2019 Phase 2 EIR/EA has been cherry-picked in a rush to meet an administrative deadline. This is counter to the goals of CEQA. Administrative deadlines should never be an excuse for inadequate environmental review. Unfortunately, it has happened again in 2019. All reasonably foreseeable phases and environmental consequences of those phases need to be evaluated under CEQA.

7-3

The April 2019 Draft EIR/EA indicates a new and distinct environmental review will take place for each successive phase. That means, by Phase 11 the public would be expected to wade through 10 other layers of environmental documents. This creates an unreasonable burden for the public and is why

7-4



CEQA prohibits piecemealing. Additionally, the April 2019 Draft EIR/EA purports to evaluate the 2015 Master Plan on a programmatic level. This is also inadequate since the 2015 Master Plan *is* the project. They cannot be separated.

The April 2019 Draft EIR/EA is fundamentally inadequate because it violates a basic tenet of CEQA, wherein large projects should not be chopped into small pieces to mask environmental impacts.

KFOW refers to the following:

- *...Accordingly, “CEQA forbids ‘piecemeal’ review of the significant environmental impacts of a project.” (Berkeley Jets, supra, 91 Cal.App.4th at p. 1358.) Agencies cannot allow “environmental considerations [to] become submerged by chopping a large project into many little ones — each with a minimal potential impact on the environment — which cumulatively may have disastrous consequences.” (Bozung, supra, 13 Cal.3d at pp. 283–284.)*
- *The California Supreme Court set forth a piecemealing test in Laurel Heights. “We hold that an EIR must include an analysis of the environmental effects of future expansion or other action if: (1) it is a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the initial project; and (2) the future expansion or action will be significant in that it will likely change the scope or nature of the initial project or its environmental effects.” (Laurel Heights, supra, 47 Cal.3d at p. 396.) “Under this standard, the facts of each case will determine whether and to what extent an EIR must analyze future expansion or other action.” (Ibid.) -*
- *Even if a fair argument can be raised that a project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it will be outweighed where, at the same time, a fair argument can be raised that it will have a significant effect on the environment (Guidelines Section 15064 and No Oil v. City of Los Angeles (1975) 13 Cal.3d 68).*
- *CEQA Guidelines. Section 15165. Multiple and Phased Projects.*
Where individual projects are, or a phased project is, to be undertaken and where the total undertaking comprises a project with significant environmental effect, the lead agency shall prepare a single program EIR for the ultimate project as described in Section 15168. Where an individual project is a necessary precedent for action on a larger project, or commits the lead agency to a larger project, with significant environmental effect, an EIR must address itself to the scope of the larger project. Where one project is one of several similar projects of a public agency, but is not deemed a part of a larger undertaking or a larger project, the agency may prepare one EIR for all projects, or one for each project, but shall in either case comment upon the cumulative effect

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The EIR/EA document is inadequate because it omits and fails to disclose crucial information about Phase 1

The EIR/EA gives short shrift to the Phase 1 environmental documents. Inexplicably, the 2014 Phase 1 Draft IS/EA and Phase 1 Final IS/MND are not included as an appendix to the April 2019 EIR/EA. This results in the omission of crucial information. The public is left to go and find the 2014 Phase 1 documents on their own. Without these documents in front of them, the public lacks the proper context to evaluate and comment on the potential environmental impacts of Phase 2. (KFOR archived and has access to the Phase 1 documents, however this cannot be expected to the broader public.)

For example, the public cannot determine the mitigation measures included in the Phase 1 Final IS/MND and if they occurred or were effective. The Phase 1 Final IS/MND included very a specific mitigation measure for oak replacement (BIO-6). This mitigation was a condition for approval of Phase 1.

We include the specific language from the Phase 1 Final IS/MND here:

BIO-6 Oak Replacement Plan

To provide for the loss of 2.93 acres of oak woodland, oak tree replacement will be conducted onsite and at an off-site location within the former Fort Ord property. Oak tree replacement requirements will be based on a density calculation of 162 coast live oak trees per acre for the existing coast live oak woodland (Staub, 2010). Using this density, project impacts are estimated at 475 trees. The goal of 1:1.1 tree replacement will be used.

A. On-site Tree Replacement.

1. The Landscape Plan includes 113 of the 475 replanted oak trees. The Landscape Plan depicts on-site re-planting of coast live oaks which include 104 fifteen-gallon and nine 24-inch box specimens. All replacement trees will be locally-sourced coast live oak.

2. On-site planting of 113 container trees shall be completed during the scheduled development of the project as per the project landscaping plan. Irrigation systems will be installed to function for the time period identified in the landscaping plan. The survivorship objective for these 113 container trees is 100 percent, that is, any trees that die will be replaced with a planting of the same original planting size and irrigated until no longer dependent on artificial watering. Replacement trees will be planted within one year of removal of dead or dying trees.

B. Off-site Tree Replacement.

1. Compensatory tree replacement for the remaining 362 trees shall be conducted at an offsite location within the former Fort Ord property exhibiting soil characteristics (predominately the Oceano series) that would support the same type of coast live oak woodland community. Restoration of coast live oak woodland shall be conducted at this site. The site shall be determined in consultation with FORA, City of Seaside, University of California Natural Reserve System (UC NRS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB).

2. Restoration planting methods will be determined in a site-specific replacement plan, but all off-site replacement trees should be less than one-gallon specimens, and may be acorns or rooted acorns. Expected survivorship rates of the various planting methods will be considered when determining the number of replacement trees required to meet the goals of 1 to 1.1 oak tree replacement and approximately 2.22 acres of oak woodland establishment. 2.93 acres of oak woodland is proposed to be directly impacted and equates to approximately 475 individual trees. The 113 coast live oak trees proposed for

landscape plan reduces the number of impacted trees to 362 coast live oaks and approximately 2.22 acres of oak woodland. Based on the 1:1.1 replacement goal, the total tree replacement would be 398 trees. For example, if expected survivorship of seedlings is 80 percent, then approximately 477 seedlings should be planted to result in 362 trees. The ultimate number of trees that result at the off-site replanting will be determined by the ecological conditions and carrying capacity of the site.

3. Acorn collection, propagation, and planting shall be implemented and monitored by UC NRS, CSUMB, or another appropriate entity. Acorns shall be collected from the stand of oaks to be removed prior to removal. If insufficient acorn crops are available at the impact site, then additional acorns may be collected from other areas of oak woodland at former Fort Ord on similar soils at levels such that stand reproduction is not effected. Local nurseries may be engaged for seedling propagation services. Plantings at the coast live oak woodland restoration site shall occur no later than two years after the completion of construction. The irrigation system at the restoration site will be designed as per wildland restoration needs and will be reduced over time allowing for establishment of the first generation. Future regeneration will be from natural acorn crops. Planted seedlings shall be protected from deer and other herbivores using any of a variety of available screening materials and other animal exclusionary devices.

4. Establishment of planted replacement trees shall be monitored annually for five years after planting. If survivorship objectives are not met, dead or low vigor trees shall be replaced using methods based on an adaptive management approach. A report summarizing survival rates of planted trees and other issues affecting mitigation success shall be prepared annually during the monitoring period.

Additionally, without the Phase 1 documents, the public lacks the context on future implementation of the Cemetery Phases. The Phase 1 Final IS/MND informed the public future expansion of the Cemetery beyond Phase 1 was “not reasonably foreseeable”. This has proven false. The public was lulled into believing expansion of the Cemetery was unlikely and therefore future environmental impacts were unlikely. In the interim, the 2015 Master Plan has been completed and apparently funding has been secured for Phase 2. Conditions have changed and the public is left to evaluate a moving target because the project in being piecemealed.

To illustrate, we include the specific “Response to Comments” language from the Phase 1 Final IS/MND here:

Response to Comment 68-2: For the purpose of this response, piecemealing, as used in Letter 68, will be defined as dividing a project into smaller projects to qualify for one or more exemptions pursuant to CEQA and/or NEPA. The Draft IS/MND and EA acknowledges the development of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Development Master Plan (Master Plan) in 2008, which proposed five planned land use areas within the 178-acre area, including the 84.4 acres planned for the Veterans Cemetery. The Proposed Project has been identified as Phase 1 of the proposed Veterans Cemetery. However, as stated in Section 2.2 Project Objectives/Need on Page 2-2 of the Draft IS/MND and EA, funding for the overall Master Plan is currently not secured and future funding is uncertain, and Phase 1 (the Proposed Project) has independent utility from the larger Master Plan. Thus, the Draft IS/MND and EA only addressed impacts associated with construction and operation of Phase 1. A detailed explanation of this conclusion is provided below.

The State, as the Lead Agency, has determined that implementation of the larger Master Plan associated with the CCC Veterans Cemetery is not reasonably foreseeable

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at this time, and thus, was not analyzed as part of the Draft IS/MND and EA. As stated above, the Master Plan is not funded and future availability of funding is unknown. USDVA will provide partial funding for only Phase 1 (the Proposed Project) through the Veterans Cemetery Grants Service; USDVA has not identified any funding for implementation of the larger Master Plan. Additional funding for Phase 1 (the Proposed Project) is being sourced from some State and local funds; however, no State or local funds have been identified for the larger Master Plan. The State, using current information and knowledge, identified that no funding has been made available, been identified, or set aside for implementation of the Master Plan or other future phases associated with the CCC Veterans Cemetery, further supporting the conclusion that implementation of the Master Plan or subsequent phases is speculative at this time.

In addition, past planning, including the Master Plan, has identified a larger CCC Veterans Cemetery Project; however, the Master Plan is conceptual and does not include sufficient detail to support a programmatic or project level analysis. Although the 84.4-acre site has been identified in multiple documents as the location of the CCC Veterans Cemetery, only a portion (16.9 acres), corresponding to Phase 1 (the Proposed Project), has been planned at a design level with sufficient information to support meaningful environmental review. There is no funding to provide design for future phases that would provide sufficient detail to analyze in a CEQA or NEPA document. After evaluation of the past and current documents associated with the CCC Veterans Cemetery, the State determined that the CCC Veterans Cemetery Master Plan was too conceptual to be reasonably foreseeable as a plan or project, and therefore, not appropriate for analysis under CEQA and NEPA at this time.

Like the Phase 1 Final IS/MND, the April 2019 EIR/EA also has language that downplays the likelihood of construction of future phases:

CalVet and USDVA do not anticipate proceeding with the development of Phases 3 through 11 of the 2015 Master Plan in the immediate future, nor does it have sufficient construction-level detail available to enable an analysis of project-specific impacts at this time. Due to the long-term nature of the 2015 Master Plan, it is preferable not to speculate as to specific site plans or facilities at this time because these phases likely will evolve over the next 100 years, based on demand and funding availability. Additional environmental review under CEQA and NEPA for these phases will be undertaken, as appropriate, during subsequent implementation of the 2015 Master Plan.

Despite the high level of detail in the 2015 Master Plan, the public is again lulled into believing future expansion is unlikely and therefore future environmental impacts are unlikely. This language should be stricken from the document.

The April 2019 EIR/EA is inadequate because it fails to disclose the incomplete and failed oak mitigation BIO-6 from Phase 1

The April 2019 EIR/EA fails to disclose a major mitigation for Phase 1 has not taken place or even started in a meaningful way (BIO-6 Oak Replacement Plan).

KFOW and its members have followed the process for the Phase 1 BIO-6 mitigation closely. It was supposed to have been completed no later than two years after completion of Phase 1 construction. (We generously assume Phase 1 construction was complete when the Cemetery opened in October 2016.) The mitigation measure is long overdue. The Phase 1 BIO-6 mitigation is binding and cannot be abandoned. There is no timeline for its completion. The process has stalled. No trees have been replanted much less a successful mitigation that is being monitored.

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The public should be aware of the lead agency's record in carrying out mitigations. The public should be aware if a significant impact has not been mitigated to a less than significant level. The State may be either unwilling or unable to carry out the mitigation. When the State accepted the land for the Cemetery it knew there would be impacts to oak woodlands. If the State cannot carry out mitigations in a timely and/or effective manner it should stop expanding the Cemetery.

The April 2019 EIR/EA gives a short, inadequate treatment to BIO-6 in section 2.1.2. It fails to mention the mitigation is complex and long overdue. At the same time, the April 2019 EIR/EA indicates construction of Phase 2 will start in late 2019 or early 2020. Thus, construction of Phase 2 will begin before the BIO-6 mitigation is successful.

The language of this section needs to be amended to disclose the accurate up-to-date status for BIO-6.

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Requests

For the above reasons and more, KFOW requests the following mitigation measures be added to the Final EIR document:

- 1) The Phase 2 site layout and planting plan calls for 111 coast live oak trees to be replanted in narrow strips adjacent to roads and burial areas. This is not an adequate replacement for oak woodland habitat. As a mitigation measure, increase the overall on-site replanting to meet a 1:1 replacement ratio for the 410 trees to be removed during demolition. Additional replanting could take place to the North of the admin building or in the "triangle" shaped area at the corner of Parker Flats Road and Parker Flats Cut-Off. (see Figure 1 below).
- 2) As a mitigation measure, establish a permanent +/- 30-acre conservation easement for oak preservation either (1) off-site directly adjacent to the Cemetery property, (2) On-site, on the current cemetery property or (3) a combination thereof.

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The conservation easement would offset the reasonably foreseeable significant impacts to oak woodland over the coming years as the 2015 Master Plan is built-out. The conservation easement would be established *before* construction of Phase 2 begins.

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The preferred location for this conservation easement would be the Northern Endowment Parcel. The Northern Endowment Parcel is primarily oak woodland and was always intended to benefit the Cemetery. Its establishment as a conservation easement would preserve the natural setting around the cemetery. The State would work with the City of Seaside, Monterey County and an appropriate entity such as a land trust organization or park district to establish the conservation easement.

KFOW additionally requests a noticed public meeting be held locally for approval of the Final EIR/EA. The public in and around Fort Ord have a keen interest in the natural resources, especially the preservation of oak woodlands. Administrative approval in a location remote from Fort Ord is not appropriate in this instance.

Thank you for your courtesy and thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Michael Salerno

Spokesman, *Keep Fort Ord Wild*

Figure 1:



LETTER 7. KEEP FORT ORD WILD

- 7-1: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA is inadequate and comments regarding the assessment are provided below. This introductory comment is acknowledged and responses to the comments in the remaining letter are provided in this Final EIR/EA.
- 7-2: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA is inadequate and invalid under CEQA because it piecemeals a large project into small portions and fails to analyze the impacts of reasonably foreseeable future phases. The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA only analyzes a small portion of the project (Phase 2) while there is substantial evidence in the record that the proposed cemetery is a large multiphase project. As discussed in Section 1.1, Introduction, on page 1.1-1 of the Draft EIR/EA, the proposed project “addresses the environmental impacts, environmental issues, and alternatives associated with implementation of the 2015 CCCVC Master Plan.” On page 1.2-1 of the Draft EIR/EA, it is explained that the proposed project involves implementing the remaining phases of the 2015 Master Plan, Phases 2 through 11, since Phase 1 has been constructed and currently in operation. Chapter 2.0, Proposed Project and Alternatives, provides a comprehensive description of the 2015 Master Plan, including Phases 3 through 11 proposed over the next 100 years of cemetery build-out, as well as project-level details for the proposed Phase 2. As noted in the comment, the 2015 Master Plan is included as Appendix B of the Draft EIR/EA. Further, the mitigation measures in the Draft EIR/EA identify whether they are applicable to future phases of the 2015 Master Plan, Phase 2, or both. Please refer to Appendix J, Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program, which details the mitigation measures, project component, activity, timing, frequency, agency coordination, implementation responsibility/verification, and responsible for oversight/verification.

Beginning on page 1.3-2, Level of Analysis, a detailed discussion on the level of analysis and use of the EIR/EA is provided. This discussion provides an explanation of the preparation and use of a program and project-level EIR, and the benefits of combining the two analyses into one document. It is reasonably foreseeable that future phases of the 2015 Master Plan would be constructed over the next 100 years, as described in Section 2.4.1, Alternative 1: Proposed Project – CCCVC 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2. The Draft EIR/EA identifies and analyzes potential impacts to coast live oak woodland; please refer to Section 3.4, Biological Resources. The potential environmental impacts of the 2015 Master Plan, including Phase 2, are identified in the Draft EIR/EA and mitigation measures are identified to reduce potentially significant impacts to a less-than-significant level. Please refer to Table ES-1, Summary of Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures. Table ES-1 summarizes the impacts that may occur as a result of implementing the 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2; please refer to the sub-columns under Alternative 1: Proposed Project.

With regard to the comment that the EIR/EA “piecemeals” a large project into small portions,” this comment ignores the fact that the project, as well as all future phases, are contemplated in the program EIR/EA, and will undergo full CEQA review in the future. Because the entirety of the project is analyzed on a programmatic level, and specific phase-specific environmental review will follow, it cannot be said the project is undergoing review in a piecemeal fashion.

The CEQA Guidelines specifically contemplate phased projects, and at Section 15165, require the preparation of a program EIR: “[w]here... a phased project is [] to be undertaken and where the total undertaking comprises of a project with significant environmental effect, the lead agency *shall* prepare a single program EIR for the ultimate project...” (Italics added.) In such a situation, a project proponent “shall” comment on the cumulative effect of the project phases. (*Id.*)

Also, CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(a) provides that a program EIR can be prepared for a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project where the series of actions are logical parts in a chain of contemplated actions. Such is the case with Phases 3-11 of the 2015 Master Plan. CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c) ensures that “[l]ater activities in the program must be examined in light of the program EIR to determine whether an additional environmental document must be prepared.”

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c), the Draft EIR/EA specifically states “future phases not analyzed at a project level this EIR/EA (i.e., Phases 3 – 11) will be subject to individual environmental review by CalVet and USDVA in compliance with CEQA and NEPA, prior to approval of each phase.”

Courts have regularly upheld program EIRs for phased projects and the use of “tiering” (the use of analysis of general matters contained in a program EIR with later review of issues specific to the later activities) associated with them:

“A program EIR is an EIR which may be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related in specified ways. An advantage of using a program EIR is that it can allow the lead agency to consider broad policy alternatives and program wide mitigation measures at an early time when the agency has greater flexibility to deal with basic problems or cumulative impacts.

Accordingly, a program EIR is distinct from a project EIR, which is prepared for a specific project and must examine in detail site-specific considerations. Program EIRs are commonly used in conjunction with the process of tiering. Tiering is the coverage of general matters in broader EIRs (such as on general plans or policy statements) with subsequent narrower EIRs.

Tiering is proper when it helps a public agency to focus upon the issues ripe for decision at each level of environmental review and in order to exclude duplicative analysis of environmental effects examined in previous environmental impact reports.

In addressing the appropriate amount of detail required at different stages in the tiering process, the CEQA Guidelines state that where a lead agency is using the tiering process in connection with an EIR for a large-scale planning approval [...] the development of detailed, site-specific information may not be feasible but can be deferred, in many instances, until such time as the lead agency prepares a future environmental document in connection with a project of a more limited geographic scale, as long as deferral does not prevent adequate identification of significant effects of the planning approval at hand.

This court has explained that tiering is properly used to defer analysis of environmental impacts and mitigation measures to later phases when the impacts or mitigation measures are not determined by the first-tier approval decision but are specific to the later phases.” (*City of Hayward v. Trustees of California State University* (2015) 242 Cal.App.4th 833, 849; internal citations and quotations omitted.)

Such is the case with the 2015 Master Plan, where future expansions - all decades in the future - are best reviewed for environmental impacts in light of available funding and the need for burial sites at the time of expansion. If the project was being “piecemealed,” the EIR/EA would not discuss the entire 2015 Master Plan and the requirement for phase-specific environmental review in the future.

7-3: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA has been rushed to meet an administrative deadline. As described in Section 1.4, Public Participation, of this Final EIR/EA and the comment letter from OPR, the environmental review process for the proposed project followed the required procedures and timelines under CEQA. The public participation process also included a public meeting on May 14, 2019, during the public review period for the Draft EIR/EA, which was provided in addition to the NOP scoping meeting. The environmental consultant for the proposed project also met with the commenter on two occasions to discuss concerns with the proposed project. While under a tight timeline to meet grant issuance requirements for Phase 2, all timelines and procedures have been met and potential environmental impacts have been adequately addressed.

7-4: The comment states that a new and distinct environmental review will take place for each successive phase and the public would be expected to review 10 other environmental documents, creating an unreasonable burden to the public and why CEQA prohibits piecemealing. As described on page 1.3-2 of the Draft EIR/EA, future phases of the 2015 Master Plan would be subject to environmental review prior to approval of each phase. Each phase would be considered a project under CEQA and subject to compliance with CEQA, and NEPA if Federal funding or other Federal nexus occurs. Subsequent phases would be examined in light of the program EIR to determine whether additional environmental documentation must be prepared. If, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no new significant effects would result from the proposed phase, all significant effects have been adequately addressed and no new mitigation measures would be required, then subsequent phases within the scope of the approved proposed 2015 Master Plan may rely on the environmental analysis provided in this EIR/EA, and no additional environmental documentation would be required. In instances where new significant effects would result, subsequent environmental review would be conducted as necessary.

Thus, in agreement with the comment, there is the potential that future environmental documentation would be prepared. CEQA's purpose is to disclose the potential impacts of a proposed project to the public and decision-makers and reduce potentially significant impacts through the adoption of mitigation measures or alternatives. While the review of environmental documentation can be burdensome, CEQA provides the community the opportunity to be involved with land use decisions. It is important, and required, to inform the public and decision-makers of future phases of the cemetery and the potential environmental impacts that may result for their implementation.

Please also refer to Response to Comment 7-2 regarding the proposed project and use of program- and project-level EIR.

7-5: The comment references CEQA case law. With regard to the cited case law discussing piecemealing and CEQA Guidelines Section 15165, please refer to the Response to Comment 7-2.

With regard to the reference to a "fair argument" test to determine whether a project will have a significant effect on the environment, the correct test for such analysis is whether "there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the lead agency..." (Guidelines Section 15064(a)(1)).

7-6: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA is inadequate because it omits and fails to disclose crucial information about Phase 1 of the cemetery, specifically that the public cannot determine whether Mitigation Measure BIO-6 occurred or was effective. As discussed in Section 2.1.2, Phase 1, on page 2.1-1 of the Draft EIR/EA, an IS/EA was prepared and adopted for Phase 1 in 2014 and construction was completed in 2016. This discussion discloses that Mitigation Measure BIO-6

from the IS/EA and MMRP has not been implemented at the time of publishing the Draft EIR/EA. It further discloses that CalVet, at the time of print, has identified a potential off-site coast live oak tree restoration area on County property and is currently in negotiations with the County to implement this mitigation measure. CalVet submitted a letter of proposal describing its intent for use of the site and potential terms of the agreement. The County Board of Supervisors considered this proposal during closed session on March 26, 2019, and supported negotiations of an agreement with CalVet. On May 31, 2019, CalVet notified the County that funds had been officially set aside for this fiscal year for the restoration project. The agreement between the County and CalVet for use of the proposed restoration site is continuing to move forward with the intent to implement Mitigation Measure BIO-6 in the next fiscal year.

Public review of the Draft IS/EA for Phase 1 occurred from June 13 to July 18, 2014, and Phase 1 project was approved in August 2014. The Draft EIR/EA for the CCCVC Project is not tiered from the IS/EA and is not incorporated by reference in the Draft EIR/EA. The implementation of the 2015 Master Plan, including, but not limited to, Phase 2, is not dependent on the completion of mitigation for Phase 1 nor does it hinder the environmental analysis and public review of the proposed project. As a result, CalVet and USDVA determined that including the environmental documents for Phase 1 was not required or necessary for public review of the proposed project.

As cited in the comment, Phase 1 had independent utility from the 2008 Master Plan. The 2008 Master Plan was not analyzed as part of the Phase 1 because it was determined by the lead agency that the implementation of the 2008 Master Plan was not reasonably foreseeable at the time; a determination further evidenced by the lack of adoption or approval of the 2008 Master Plan by CalVet. Instead, the 2015 Master Plan was prepared to describe the comprehensive, long-term development plan following the construction and completion of Phase 1. The implementation of the remaining phases of the cemetery identified in the 2015 Master Plan are considered reasonably foreseeable and are analyzed in the Draft EIR/EA. As described on page 2.4-4 of the Draft EIR/EA, the Phasing Plan describes that phases of the 2015 Master Plan would occur every 10 years, depending on demand and funding. As described in Response to Comment 7-2, Phase 2 is planned in the near-term and is defined at a detail for project-level review while future phases of the 2015 Master Plan are not defined in detail and, thus, a program-level analysis was conducted. As such, potential environmental impacts related to the implementation of Phase 2 and future phases of the 2015 Master Plan were disclosed.

The Draft EIR/EA analyzes the potential environmental impacts that may result from the implementation of the 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2, and identifies adequate mitigation measures to reduce any potentially significant impacts to a less-than-significant level, including impacts to coast live oaks trees and woodland. The analysis in the Draft EIR/EA considered the difficulties CalVet has encountered associated with implementing Mitigation Measure BIO-6 (e.g., finding a suitable off-site restoration area, negotiating with landowner for use of site, and securing funding), and, as a result, included the preservation of approximately 33 acres, which consist of approximately 18 acres of coast live oak woodland, within the 84.4-acre project site. The 84.4-acre site is a designated development area under the HMP, and, therefore, results in additional preservation of oak woodland on the former Fort Ord.

- 7-7: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA downplays the likelihood of construction of future phases of the 2015 Master Plan. Please refer to Response to Comment 7-6.
- 7-8: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA fails to disclose information regarding Mitigation Measure BIO- 6 from the Phase 1 IS/EA and that implementation of this measure is long overdue. The comment also states that no trees have been replanted. However, the Landscape Plan for

Phase 1 includes the planting of 113 oak trees, which has occurred in accordance with this measure. CalVet understands its responsibility in implementing this mitigation measure and is currently negotiating the agreement with the County for use the off-site restoration area. Please refer to Response to Comment 7-6.

- 7-9: The comment requests increasing the overall on-site replanting to meet a 1:1 replacement ratio for the 410 trees proposed for removal. The comment identifies two potential areas on-site for additional replanting. As stated on page 3.4-29, Seaside Municipal Code and County Code regulate impacts to protected trees, including coast live oak trees. However, the project site is owned by the State and development activities on State-owned land are exempt from local laws, regulations, and policies. As further stated, the State does recognize the importance of coast live oak trees and the preservation of coast live oaks trees is an important goal of the 2015 Master Plan. In its scoping letter on the Draft EIR/EA, the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) requested that oak woodland habitat be mitigated for on a 1:1 acreage by preservation of non-protected oak woodland elsewhere in the project vicinity (Appendix A: Notice of Preparation and Public Comment Letters of the Draft EIR/EA). Therefore, the Draft EIR/EA is proposing to mitigate the loss of coast live oak trees from the 2015 Master Plan at a 1:1 mitigation ratio, consistent with Seaside and County Codes and CNPS's request. To mitigate for the loss of 410 coast live oak trees during Phase 2, 111 coast live oak trees are being planted on-site and 1 acre of coast live oak woodland is being preserved within the 1.2-acre preservation area within the Phase 2 site. In addition, approximately 17 acres of oak woodland would be preserved in the 32-acre preservation area as on-site mitigation for future phases of the 2015 Master Plan. The Draft EIR/EA also requires mitigation for coast live oak trees in all future phases; please refer to Mitigation Measure BIO-12. This on-site preservation mitigation strategy increases oak woodland conservation in development areas while reducing the uncertainty associated with acquiring off-site mitigation lands in future phases given the complexity of issues that have occurred in association with Mitigation Measure BIO-6 for Phase 1. Potentially significant impacts to coast live oaks trees and woodland have been reduced to a less-than-significant level with implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-12, as well as BIO-3: Construction Best Management Practices, BIO-4: Construction-Phase Monitoring, BIO-5: Non-Native, Invasive Species Controls, BIO-6: Project-Specific Biological Resources Studies (Non-HMP Species), and BIO-11: Oak Tree Protection and Replacement Measures.

However, the two areas referenced in the comment would be suitable oak tree planting areas if needed in the future to adhere to the 1:1 mitigation ratio, and, thus, have been identified and incorporated into Mitigation Measure BIO-12 as potential future on-site planting areas. Please refer to Chapter 3, Revisions to the Draft EIR/EA. No significance conclusions in the Draft EIR/EA are changed as a result of these revisions and none of the revisions to the Draft EIR/EA constitutes significant new information so as to require recirculation of the Draft EIR/EA.

- 7-10: The comment requests adding a mitigation measure to establishment a permanent +/- 30-acre conservation easement for oak preservation either: 1) off-site directly adjacent to the cemetery; 2) on-site on the current cemetery property; or 3) a combination thereof. Please refer to Response to Comment 7-9. The Draft EIR/EA provides adequate mitigation for impacts to coast live oak trees and woodland. The on-site preservation of approximately 18 acres of coast live woodland, the project goal to reduce impacts to oak trees through avoidance and plantings as part of project-level design, Mitigation Measure BIO-12, and Mitigation Measure BIO-12, adequately and feasibly mitigates for impacts to coast live oak trees and woodland. In accordance with Mitigation Measure BIO-12, impacts to coast live oak would occur for each future phase to

adhere to the 1:1 mitigation ratio. The on-site preservation would be in place upon adoption of the 2015 Master Plan prior to the construction of Phase 2 and all future phases. A conservation easement on the cemetery property is not required since it is a component of the 2015 Master Plan and under State control. Moreover, mitigation measure enforcement techniques - such as civil fines, injunctions, and permit revocation - are available to ensure the 1:1 mitigation ratio is adhered to. As noted in the comment, off-site preservation would require negotiations and agreements with other property owners to conserve otherwise developable lands and establishing an entity to manage the area. As a result, the analysis recognizes the difficulties of off-site preservation and, the Draft EIR/EA requires that the 1:1 ratio be maintained throughout the build-out of the 2015 Master Plan, and if an appropriate mitigation strategy cannot be implemented (on- or off-site), the impacts will not occur and that phase would not be developed.

- 7-11: The comment requests a noticed public meeting be held locally for the approval of the Final EIA/EA. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15202(a), formal hearings are not required at any stage of the environmental review process. In addition to the NOP public scoping meeting held on November 27, 2018, a noticed public meeting was held on May 14, 2019, during the public review period of the Draft EIR/EA. Please refer to Section 1.4, Public Participation, of this Final EIR/EA and Response to Comment 7-3. As the CEQA and project lead agency, CalVet is responsible for final decisions regarding the project's design and layout. Consistent with the basic purposes of CEQA (Guidelines Section 15002): the environmental information (i.e., EIR, administrative record, etc.) discloses to the decision-makers and the public the consequences of the project and reasons why a governmental agency approved the project in the manner the agency choose. Public input is valued and important and CalVet encouraged the public to comment and suggest measures and alternatives that avoid or mitigate significant effects for CalVet's consideration. Comments were taken in writing on comment forms, correspondence, and email at any time during the public review period.

Letter 8

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Please see attached. Thank you.

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CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments

Phase 1 Mitigations - We expect mitigations for previous phases to be completed before a new phase of the CCCVC is developed. The DEIR needs to provide more detail about the mitigation for Phase 1 Coast Live Oak impacts. In particular, more information is needed on the offsite mitigation. The mitigation is only successful if the site is monitored for some number of years to verify success. Demonstrate that the mitigation for Phase 1 is successful. 8-1

Mitigation Measure BIO-3 - All revegetation should use locally-occurring native species with seed collected as close as possible to the disturbed site. Native erosion control seed mix should also be local and collected as close as possible to the site. 8-2

Mitigation Measure BIO-5 - Monitoring and controlling all non-natives is crucial to minimize the impact of the project. Limiting species to CAL/IPC noxious invasives is too narrow. Many local non-natives such as rattlesnake grass (*Briza maxima*) are expanding and must be controlled before they become invasive. Any non-native that starts to act invasive needs to be added to mitigation for control in a management plan. 8-3

Mitigation Measure BIO-11 - When mulching under oaks to prevent soil compaction, care should be taken to keep the mulch away from the tree trunk where it can create a cool, damp area that attracts fungus, disease, and pests. 8-4

Mitigation Measure BIO-12 Oak woodland mitigation - To judge mitigation success, the DEIR needs to specifically identify that there is sufficient acreage of oak woodland available for preservation for the full CCCVC buildout of all phases. Will oak parcels preserved or restored by plantings be contiguous to larger undeveloped oak woodlands? Fragmented parts of oak woodlands scattered in the project area will not biologically mitigate the cumulative loss of the contiguous woodland occupying the project site now. 8-5

Proposed Project Planting Plan - We are concerned about the list of plants that consists primarily of cultivars of native species that often do not occur in the area, such as *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* and *edmundsii*. Some of the non-native cultivars such as the *Pittosporum undulatum* are known to spread 8-6

into wildlands. Please restrict plantings to appropriate native plants grown from nearby seeds that occur within the vicinity. The hydroseed mix for erosion control must not contain the non-native Sweet Alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*), which can be invasive and crowd out native plants.

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Special Status plants - The DEIR lacks any discussion about why List 4 CNPS plants are excluded, especially when it says they may be included as sensitive plants. Only *Ceanothus rigidus* and *Eriastrum virgatum* are included. Please elaborate why other CNPS list 4 plants are excluded.

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The list of special status plants seems limited to either Highly Likely or whether it was observed in 2010/2011 surveys. But those surveys are too old to be valid now. We request that you consider a wider range of qualifying sensitive plants that occur near the project site in all future surveying for the CCCVC and subsequent phases. Some examples would be sand gilia, seaside birds beak, Eastwood's golden fleece and Yadon's piperia. The biological report has an extensive listing of sensitive plants that have at least a low probability of occurring in the area. Please include more candidate special status plant species and at least report if they are found in future surveys.

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Mitigation Monitoring Reports - We request that mitigation monitoring reports be made available to the public.

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Sincerely,

Donna Burych, Conservation Chair, Monterey Bay Chapter, CNPS



Dedicated to the preservation of California native flora



LETTER 8. CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

- 8-1: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA needs to provide more detail about the mitigation for Phase 1 coast live oak impacts and that mitigation for previous phases should be completed before a new phase of the CCCVC is developed. The comment requests that the mitigation for Phase 1 is demonstrated as successful. Please refer to Response to Comment 7-6. As further described in Phase 1 Mitigation Measure BIO-6, establishment of planted replacement trees shall be monitored annually for five years after planting. If survivorship objectives are not met, dead or low vigor trees shall be replaced using methods based on an adaptive management approach. A report summarizing survival rates of planted trees and other issues affecting mitigation success shall be prepared annually during the monitoring period. The annual monitoring reports will be made available to the public upon request.
- 8-2: The comment states that all revegetation and seed mix should use locally-occurring native species with seed collected as close as possible to the disturbed site. As described on page 3.4-39 of the Draft EIR/EA, Mitigation Measure BIO-3, Construction Best Management Practices, includes the requested requirement of using locally-occurring native plants and seeds when revegetating disturbed areas; however, local seed collection is not required as part of this measure. The measure requires recommendations from a qualified biologist on the plant and seed mix, which may include seed collection, using locally-derived stock, or other native sourcing. This mitigation measure reduces potentially significant impacts to special-status species during and post construction to a less-than-significant level.
- 8-3: The comment states that monitoring and controlling all non-natives is crucial to minimize the impact of the project and limiting species to CAL/IPC noxious invasives is too narrow. As stated on page 3.4-40 of the Draft EIR/EA, Mitigation Measure BIO-5, Non-Native, Invasive Species Controls, prohibits the use of species listed as noxious by the CDFA or invasive by the CAL/IPC in landscaping or replanting, and requires additional non-native, invasive species controls. Therefore, in addition to the CAL/IPC invasives list, the mitigation measure requires consulting the CDFA noxious weeds list. This mitigation measure, along with Mitigation Measure BIO-3, requiring the use of locally-occurring native plants and seeds, reduces potentially significant impacts from the spread of non-native, invasive species to a less-than-significant level.
- 8-4: The comment provides a recommendation to keep mulch away from tree trunks to avoid fungus, disease, and pests. Mitigation Measure BIO-11, Oak Tree Protection and Replacement Measures, on page 3.4-49 of the Draft EIR/EA, requires approval by a forester before any heavy equipment is allowed to drive over the root area and, if approved, wood chips (e.g., mulch) shall be spread 6-12 inches deep to reduce soil compaction. This mitigation measure has been modified to include the recommendation from CNPS; please refer to Chapter 3, Revisions to the Draft EIR/EA. No significance conclusions in the Draft EIR/EA are changed as a result of these revisions and none of the revisions to the Draft EIR/EA constitutes significant new information so as to require recirculation of the Draft EIR/EA.
- 8-5: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA needs to specify if there is sufficient acreage of oak woodland available for full build-out of the CCCVC and whether oak would be preserved be contiguous to larger undeveloped oak woodlands, noting that fragmented oak woodlands throughout the site will not mitigate the loss of contiguous oak woodland. As stated on page 3.4-48 of the Draft EIR/EA, there are approximately 31.1 acres of coast live oak woodland within the development areas of Phases 3-11. The 2015 Master Plan includes the preservation of approximately 17.1 acres of oak woodland within its 31.7-acre preservation area. It is reasonable

to assume that future phases of the 2015 Master Plan (Phases 3-11) could avoid and minimize impacts to coast live oak trees through site design and replacement, and that future phases could mitigate at a 1:1 ratio within each phase footprint, similar to the existing Phase 1 and proposed Phase 2 developments. However, without detailed site plans for each future phase, it is unknown whether coast live oak mitigation at a 1:1 ratio could occur within the footprint of each phase. Alternatively, some future phases may be significantly reduced in size or possibly not be built, resulting in more oak woodland preservation on-site. Therefore, a programmatic mitigation measure, Mitigation Measure BIO-12, was identified to reduce potentially significant impacts to coast live oak trees and woodland through the build-out of the 2015 Master Plan to a less-than-significant level. This measure requires that, as a component of the project-specific biological resources studies required for each future phase in Mitigation Measure BIO-6, potential impacts to coast live oak trees and woodland will be quantified to verify that the oak mitigation continues to meet a 1:1 mitigation ratio. If a future phase would exceed the 1:1 ratio of acreage preserved on-site, additional mitigation would be required. The Draft EIR/EA requires that the 1:1 ratio be maintained throughout the build-out of the 2015 Master Plan, and if an appropriate mitigation strategy cannot be implemented, the impacts will not occur and that phase would not be developed.

As shown in Figure 2-16 on page 2.4-26 of the Draft EIR/EA, the preservation areas for Phase 2 and the 2015 Master Plan are located contiguous to one another, creating approximately 18 acres of oak woodland on-site. The project site is surrounded by parcels designated as development areas under the HMP, and, therefore, it is uncertain whether the on-site preservation areas will be contiguous to oak woodland in the future. As stated on page 3.4-46 of the Draft EIR/EA, oak trees would be preserved wherever possible, including locating columbaria within the oak woodland and preserving oak woodland between burial sections to reduce potential impacts. Where major grading is proposed, new oaks would be planted to maintain the sense of immersion in an oak woodland throughout the cemetery. In meeting with the project objective to “incorporate the visual qualities and characteristics of the local landscape and native vegetation, working with the existing site features as much as possible, while meeting the programmatic needs,” the layouts for Phase 2 and the 2015 Master Plan have been designed and sited to minimize impacts to oak woodland and the topography. While areas of preserved oak woodland may be separated by components of future phases (e.g., roads, columbarium, in-ground crypts), oak woodland will be clustered and the cemetery facilities would not create significant barriers to wildlife movement or seed dispersal. Therefore, Phase 2 and build-out of the Phases 3-11 of the 2015 Master Plan would not result in significant impacts to oak woodland from habitat fragmentation. Please refer to the discussion of Impact BIO-3 on pages 3.4-44 and 3.4-55 of the Draft EIR/EA, which discusses potential impacts to wildlife movement and corridors.

- 8-6: The comment expresses concern regarding the list of plants in the Proposed Project Planting Plan (Figure 2-5 of the Draft EIR/EA), which consist primarily of cultivars of native species that often do not occur in the area. In addition, the hydroseed mix for erosion control contains non-native sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*), which can be invasive and crowd out native plants. As described on page 2.4-6 of the Draft EIR/EA, the landscape design strategy incorporates the USDVA and CalVet mission of sustainability by using drought tolerant native plantings and incorporating natural oak woodlands and coastal scrub. The design strategy includes primarily California coastal native plants, as well as some adapted non-invasive trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and perennials that require no irrigation once established. The landscape of the cemetery is designed to maximize the diversity of plant species and to provide year-round interest and season variation.

As discussed in Response to Comment 8-2, the implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-3 and BIO-5 is required for each phase of the cemetery, and, therefore, areas disturbed during construction will be revegetated with locally-occurring, native plants and seed mix, and the use of any species listed as noxious by the CDFA or invasive by the CAL/IPC in landscaping or replanting will be prohibited. While the Proposed Project Planting Plan does not solely require the use of native, locally-occurring species, the design strategy consists of California coastal native plants, as well as some adapted non-invasive trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and perennials. The landscape design strategy, including the Proposed Project Planting Plan, and these mitigation measures reduce potentially significant impacts from the spread of non-native, invasive species to a less-than-significant level. In response to this comment, the plants listed in the Proposed Project Planting Plan were closely reviewed, and, due to their presence in the CAL/IPC list, the following species will be removed from the Proposed Project Planting Plan in the 2015 Master Plan:

- *Olea europaea*;
- *Pittosporum undulatum*; and
- *Lobularia maritima*.

The 2015 Master Plan and Draft EIR/EA has been modified to include the recommendation from CNPS; please refer to Chapter 3, Revisions to the Draft EIR/EA. No significance conclusions in the Draft EIR/EA are changed as a result of these revisions and none of the revisions to the Draft EIR/EA constitutes significant new information so as to require recirculation of the Draft EIR/EA.

- 8-7: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EA lacks any discussion about why List 4 CNPS plants are excluded and requests elaboration on why some CNPS List 4 plants are included in the analysis. The discussion of CNPS CRPR (formerly known as CNPS Lists) begins on page 3.4-3 of the Draft EIR/EA. As stated, CNPS CRPR 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B are treated as special-status species as they meet the definitions of Sections 2062 and 2067 of the CESA and in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15380. CNPS CRPR 4 species (plants of limited distribution) may, but generally do not, meet the definitions of Sections 2062 and 2067 of CESA, and are not typically considered in environmental documents relating to CEQA. Only species that fall into CRPR 1 and 2 are considered for the biological assessment in the Draft EIR/EA. While other species (i.e., CRPR 3 or 4 species) are sometimes found in database searches or within the literature, these were not included within the analysis as they did not meet the definitions of Section 2062 and 2067 of CESA.

CRPR 3 and 4 species (Review List and Watch List, respectively) are typically not included as special-status species unless local jurisdictions determine these species to have regional significance. However, all CRPR 3 and 4 species are mapped if encountered during a survey even if they are not considered special-status species. Based on the methodology employed and detailed in Chapter 3, Methods, of the Biological Resources Report (Appendix D of the Draft EIR/EA), Monterey ceanothus (*Ceanothus rigidus*) and virgate eriastrum (*Eriastrum virgatum*) were the only CRPR 4 species identified as known or with the potential to occur within the project site. These two CRPR 4 species were reviewed to determine whether they have regional significance. Monterey ceanothus is a Fort Ord HMP species and CRPR 4.2 (moderately threatened in California), and, therefore, could be considered to have regional significance, meeting the definitions of Sections 2062 and 2067 of the CESA and in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15380. Therefore, Monterey ceanothus was treated as a special-status species in the biological assessment. Consistent with the biological analysis for Phase 1 of the CCCVC, as a CRPR 4.3 species (not very threatened in California), the biological assessment found that virgate eriastrum does not strictly meet the criteria for special-status species. As a result, its potential

presence was discussed, but impacts to this CRPR 4 species were considered less than significant and no mitigation was required.

- 8-8: The comment states that the 2010/2011 surveys are too old to be valid now and request a wider range of qualifying sensitive plants that occur near the project site is considered in future surveys, including sand gilia, seaside bird's beak, Eastwood's golden fleece, and Yadon's piperia, as well as more candidate special-status plant species. As shown in Table 3.4-1, Biological Surveys within the Proposed Project site, of the Draft EIR/EA, many years and multiple biological surveys have occurred within the project site. From this historical survey data, along with the research and literature review described in Chapter 3, Methods, of the Biological Resources Report (Appendix D of the Draft EIR/EA), a list of special-status plant and wildlife species known or with the potential to occur in the vicinity of the project site was created (Appendix C of Appendix D of the Draft EIR/EA). This list presents these species along with their legal status, habitat requirements, and a brief statement of the likelihood to occur. As described on page 3.4-12 of the Draft EIR/EA, the special-status species that are known to or have been determined to have a moderate or high potential to occur within or immediately adjacent the project site are discussed in the assessment. All other species are assumed unlikely to occur or have a low potential to occur based on the species-specific reasons presented in Appendix C of Appendix D of the Draft EIR/EA, are, therefore, unlikely to be impacted by the project, and are not discussed further.

The validity of the botanical surveys is discussed on page 3.4-2 of the Draft EIR/EA, and it is acknowledged that previous botanical surveys may no longer be valid based on regulatory agency protocols. Given these protocols and that Phase 1 was constructed in 2015, the results of biological surveys prior to 2015 do not reflect current conditions. DD&A updated the vegetation map for the site in 2016, and conducted the Supplemental Forest Resource Evaluation in 2019. The analysis utilizes the best scientific information available at the time of publication. The analysis of special-status plant species within the Phase 2 site and 2015 Master Plan area is based on previous surveys and existing habitat conditions documented during the 2016 and 2019 survey efforts. To provide the most accurate analysis of the sensitive plant resources that may occur on the project site, it was stated that additional special-status plant surveys will need to be conducted within the Phase 2 site in spring and summer of 2019 to provide updated survey results; an addendum to the Biological Resources Report will be prepared to reflect the survey results and included in the Final EIR/EA. As phases are proposed approximately every 10 years, future phases of the 2015 Master Plan will be required to conduct biological surveys and analyses. Because special-status plant survey data would be outdated and no longer considered valid by the resource agencies, special-status plant surveys are not proposed within the 2015 Master Plan and the programmatic analysis of special-status plant species within the 2015 Master Plan area is based on previous surveys and existing habitat conditions.

To reduce potential impacts to special-status plant species to a less-than-significant level for Phase 2 and future Phases 3-11, the implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-6, Project-Specific Biological Resources Studies (Non-HMP Species) and Mitigation Measure BIO-8, Pre-Construction Special-Status Plant Surveys, are required. In accordance with Mitigation Measure BIO-8, Pre-Construction Special-Status Plant Surveys, special-status plant surveys were conducted in spring and summer of 2019 within the Phase 2 site. Populations of Monterey spineflower and Fort Ord spineflower were documented within the Phase 2 project site. As identified in the Draft EIR/EA, Mitigation Measures BIO-1, BIO-2, and BIO-8 will be implemented to reduce impacts to these special-status species to a less-than-significant level. These results are detailed in the Spring and

Summer 2019 Focused Rare Plant Survey Results for Phase 2 of the CCCVC Project, which has been added included as Attachment A of this Final EIR/EA.

- 8-9: The comment requests that mitigation monitoring reports be made available to the public. CalVet will provide mitigation monitoring reports upon request.

Letter 9

From: [ingramgp](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Monday, June 3, 2019 3:28:26 PM

Mr. Bogan requested that this copy be sent to you.💎 Thank you. Candy Ingram



May 22nd, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
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Attn: Ronda Paschal

Dear Governor Newsom,

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Department of California has, since the vision for a Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery on the former Fort Ord, Army Base was conceived, the DAV was honored to be counted as one of its early supporters. The realization of having a veteran cemetery closer to home has allowed local veterans the opportunity of having their final resting place a military cemetery, a place of significance for many who had in fact trained at Fort Ord as recruits.

Now with the draft EIR completed for the next phase of the Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery, Monterrey, California expansion, the DAV overwhelmingly supports its continued development. The Veterans Cemetery is a place of honor, a final resting place earned by those who served, are serving and will serve in the future, they cannot nor should they ever be denied that sacred privilege. The veterans, their families and the citizens throughout the community understand, appreciate and honor those men and women of our Armed Forces from all eras who answered the call when our Great Nation asked.

Therefore, it is imperative that we, the Disabled American Veterans, Department of California stand with the broad community's support and re-affirm our continued support in favor of the California Department of Veterans Affairs further development of the Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery, Monterrey California. *"It's never the wrong time to do the right thing." Mark Twain*

Respectfully,

Ronald E. Vogel, State Commander

Daniel Contreras, PSC CEO/Adjutant

Cc: Dr. Vito Imbasciani (Secretary CDVA)
Jimmy Panetta, Congressman (20th CD)
Bill Monning, State Senator (17th SD)
Mark Stone, Assembly Member (29th AD)

LETTER 9. DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS – DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

- 9-1: The comment letter states support for the proposed project. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.

Letter 10

From: [Michael Weaver](#)
To: [ccvcproject](#)
Subject: "CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments"
Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 9:29:46 AM
Attachments: [Phase 2 CCVC.pdf](#)

Terry Ash,

Please find attached comments. Hoping the entirety transmits without getting kicked back as file too large.

Mike Weaver

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June 3, 2019

Dear Terry Ash,

The FOCAG understands that the proposed Phase 2 of the Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery is for in-ground burials. The FOCAG supports Veterans and please know the Veterans deserve the best place on former Fort Ord for an in-ground Cemetery. However, the proposed location at the base of "Artillery Hill" is not that place. You need to explore other alternatives. We pointed this out during deliberation over Phase 1. One alternative you may wish to explore are the former Fort Ord Beach Ranges. Explosives are not as much an an issue there. Lead fragments and lead dust is, but that doesn't matter as much to the deceased. It may be less dangerous for the Cemetery workers at the beach. Please accept FOCAG research and comments sent for Phase 1 as they are pertinent to Phase 2.

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Following are the FOCAG Comments that include four exhibits. Twenty pages total.

The Fort Ord Community Advisory Group (FOCAG) has reviewed the referenced document. The described project consists of a 16.9-acre portion of a 178-acre proposed cemetery. This property is part of a single 394.05 acre Monterey County Assessors Parcel Number 031-151-048-000, located on the former United States Army Training Base called Fort Ord.

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The FOCAG asks why is this current document a piece-meal approach to the cemetery project? We request that a full E.I.R. be prepared including alternative locations.

Exhibit 1:

The Fort Ord Veteran's Cemetery Master Plan dated September 2008. This is the link:

http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/va/downloads/09-11-2008_Vet_Cem_Fort_Ord_DevMP_Final.pdf

Members of the FOCAG are volunteers, attending meetings and studying documents, regarding both the clean up of munitions and groundwater on the former Army base and the reuse of the former Army base since 1993. A lot of these meetings preceded the formation of the FOCAG. From this twenty-year perspective, a huge, largely unresolved issue, is that the two endeavors 1) Clean up, and 2) Reuse, have to a large extent, gone down separate paths, despite our, and others, many efforts that the two need to be considered jointly. Further, much of the clean up and reuse has been scattered, politically driven, and ineffective, resulting in huge wastes of taxpayer money and a still dangerous closed military base. Pertinent research:

Exhibit 2:

Some FOCAG work, 2008

http://199.255.250.170/ar_pdfs/ar-esca-0100/ESCA-0100.PDF

Some FOCAG work, 2009

http://199.255.250.170/ar_pdfs/ar-esca-0157/ESCA-0157.pdf

Upon the closure of the Fort Ord Army Base, approximately 28,000 acres were carved up among the Cities of Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, the County of Monterey, the Army, and BLM. In 1997 an entity that had been formed of City and County representatives called the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FOR A) adopted an ambitious base reuse plan. This plan called for many new uses both on the former existing Army housing and office building footprints, as well as on vast areas of former Army Infantry training ranges. Some of these training ranges go back to as early as 1917. They've been used as training ranges for WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and more.

The Army having used the base for decades for purposes of training soldiers for wars, and the demonstration of and exercising of war equipment and munitions (CDEC), was now tasked with cleaning the base for purposes decided upon by civilian politicians. Further, the areas chosen for various new uses were supposed to be cleaned to the extent needed for these new uses. The U.S. taxpayers were to pay for all of this.

Some of the areas proposed for various uses were former Army large weapons training areas with decades of use, unable to be safely cleaned for an intended new use.

The issue of one of the largest training ranges on the 28,000 acres of former Fort Ord is Parker Flats and was not adequately addressed in the IS/EA/MND document being

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reviewed. A hill known as Artillery Hill is located here. Artillery Hill was used for decades as a backstop for mortars, artillery, tanks, and cannon. Approximately 10% of explosives fired at, and into, Artillery Hill, did not go off, meaning duds dropped in the area now proposed for the Veteran's Cemetery. Because of troop weapons training many others of these explosives, fell short onto the area now being proposed for the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at former Fort Ord.

One of the largest, if not the largest, Army tank training areas on former Fort Ord was Parker Flats.

Further, decades of Fort Ord training involved military maneuvers, these involved chosen Blue Armies vs. Red Armies with fictitious conflicts but very real world conditions of combat including weapons and ammunitions. At the end of these regular maneuvers, burial pits would be dug and leftover military ordnance on the training ranges would be pushed in by Army bulldozers, and then covered up.

A key FOCAG question is:

1) How and why is such a poor location being considered, out of 28,000 acres, to honor our veterans with a cemetery?

2) The proposed Phase 1 involves a columbarium for above ground ashes. Why doesn't this IS/EA/MND document fully explain that below ground burials would be dangerous because of unexploded ordnance. Yes, some, not all has been found and removed, Will time make it safer? Might Phase II be safer? How? At what expense? At what risk?

On Saturday, July 12, 2014, a Town hall meeting was held in Monterey regarding the cemetery and the IS/EA/MND document under review. Congressman Sam Farr and California State Senator Bill Monning co-hosted the meeting. It was a well-attended meeting.

During this meeting the attendees learned that there were three alternatives being proposed:

- 1) This project
- 2) A slightly larger project
- 3) No project.

The attendees also learned that of the three alternatives, the alternative of a slightly larger project was off the table because the Veteran's Administration would not fund it.

Basically, this leaves an environmental document with two choices, the proposed 16.9-acre Phase 1, or no project. This is a false choice in an environmental document. Don't you agree?

FOCAG questions are:

- 1) Why are there not alternative locations being considered on former Fort Ord for a veteran's cemetery?
- 2) Why are there not more alternatives with far fewer environmental impacts?

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Army troop housing, military family housing, Army administration offices and other support structures and areas were put in safe places not being used for warfare training. The FOCAG asks why some of these are not being considered as alternative locations for a military cemetery? The Army wasn't stupid. They didn't build permanent facilities necessitating excavation on bomb fields.

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Two possible locations for a veteran's cemetery previously suggested by the FOCAG have been:

- 1) The Cypress Knolls area because of a current development footprint, nearby former Army buildings for a historic feeling and room for a museum. Plans for this property are currently stalled and it is not being used.
- 2) The Fort Ord Dunes Beach. Because of the lead dust content in the sand, it is inappropriate for a campground. However, a cemetery might work and there are bunkers on site that could be utilized. The location is immediately next to the Pacific Ocean on the Coast adjacent to Scenic State Highway 1. Wouldn't this area be a wonderful place to honor our veterans?

Attached below:

Exhibit #3 - FOCAG response Letter sent to the California Department of Toxic Substance Control, (DTSC), May 24, 2013. There is disagreement with DTSC over their thinking some of these issues can be mitigated, for example with deed restrictions called LUC's. A fair argument is it needs to be fully analyzed and considered in an E.I.R.

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FOR THE BRAC AND FORT ORD ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

Re: Proposed Fort Ord Veteran's Cemetery location and funding issues,
Parker Flats, Fort Ord Federal Superfund Site, ESCA, Environmental Services
Cooperative Agreement
Record of Decision (ROD), Artillery Hill, Site 50, Site 39, Site 13B, 37 mm projectile, 75
mm projectile, Livens Projector, TNT, Chemical contamination of soils,
Pesticides, Fort Ord Risk Assessment, Ordnance detection depths, Ordnance burial pits,
Projectile depths below ground surface, Hazardous waste, Inadequacies of the clean up.

May 24, 2013

Dear Mr. Black, Ms. Raphael, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gravett, and Mr. Collins

The FOCAG wishes to thank Mr. Black for his letter dated April 25, 2013,
Page 2 (May 24, 2013 letter to DTSC continued)

wherein Mr. Black responded to a FOCAG letter of concerns dated March 30, 2013.
The FOCAG is respectfully responding to Mr. Black's April 25 letter, as well as the
Department of Veteran's Affairs and BRAC, with much additional information,
clarification of our concerns, and some questions. We sincerely hope DTSC, the
California Department of Veteran's Affairs, and BRAC, will consider this letter in the
spirit for which it is being sent. Please understand the FOCAG knows well, many, many,
of the difficulties and complexities this National Superfund Site has encountered in
attempts to clean it and make it safer. Lest you think the FOCAG concerns are recent, the
eleven selected attachments, seven tables and two maps with this letter, some going back
several years, are proof we've done the research and the concerns are valid.

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IX. Listing of some FOCAG concerns regarding proposed location of Veteran's Cemetery on Artillery Hill.

- 1) Burial Pits
- 2) Lack of due diligence investigating residual chemical contamination, residual pesticides, and the toxic accumulation and combinations of this toxic stew.
- 3) California State liability issue
- 4) Parker Flats Record of Decision ignores 37 mm projectiles. Depth of detection .9 feet.
- 5) Detection equipment selected is beyond its capabilities
- 6) Weapons used on Artillery hill can and did exceed detection depths
- 7) Lack of Basewide Training Maps, pre-1940.

X. FOCAG Conclusion and Advise

XI. Eleven pertinent attachments, seven Tables and two maps as reference materials Page 3 (May 24, 2013 letter to DTSC continued)

I. The Purpose of this Letter from the FOCAG

Our concerns are several and may seem unrelated as they stand by themselves. But taken as a whole, illustrate a situation that is far beyond a reassurance that all is well and any concerns can be dismissed because they have already been addressed or remedied.

The concerns are outlined below as II. through X. We have also attached several documents, in chronological order, that support our concerns and are referenced herein.

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These supporting documents are listed as 1) through 11). In addition there are seven tables listed as Tables 1 - 7, and two small maps labeled Map #1 and Map #2.

Some of the documents attached to this letter include previous pertinent FOCAG research, concerns, and questions. Most of these have been largely ignored by the ESCA endeavors in and near Parker Flats. The entirety of the Parker Flats area, including the proposed Veteran's Cemetery parcel need comprehensive environmental review and we are asking for that.

II. Administrative and Procedural Issues on a Superfund Site

To begin, Mr. Black's April 25, 2013 letter to the FOCAG stated, "I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Toxic Substance Control's (DTSC) Brownfields Environmental Restoration Program. As such, **I am responsible for all cleanup activities at the former Fort Ord facility**; so Director Raphael has asked me to respond to your letter."

FOCAG response: We do not recall when this former Army Infantry Training Base, a National Superfund Site, was categorized as a California Brownfield Restoration Program.

By law, ultimate clean up responsibility, is the duty of the entity that created the hazards. That entity is the U.S. Army.

As you are aware, there are three regulators for these clean up efforts:

- 1) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Region 9)
 - 2) California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC)
 - 3) California State Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board - San Luis Obispo)
- Also, required under CERCLA, is engaging the affected and surrounding communities, in the clean up, the focus of the clean up, and its effectiveness and adequacy.

With all due respect to Mr. Black, the FOCAG understands he has significant responsibilities to the State of California, but does not believe he is responsible for all clean up activities at the former Fort Ord facility.

In year 2008, the California DTSC had the following person responsible for this Parker Flats Site Area. The Record of Decision was signed by Anthony J. Landis of DTSC in July, 2008.

Anthony J. Landis, P.E.
Supervising Hazardous Substance Engineer II
Cal Center Cleanup Program
California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substance Control

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The FOCAG asks how this former Army Training Base and National Superfund Site came to be known as a brownfield restoration?

An early transfer of dirty Superfund property requires the Governor of the State in which it is located to approve this transfer. In this case California's Governor Schwarzenegger allowed the transfer of approximately 3300-acres of former Fort Ord to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FOR A).

This transfer was a first, and was called an Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA). The Fort Ord Reuse Authority, a limited political body, was to be the conduit for funding, nearly \$100 Million, through the Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento, to accelerate the clean up of only one aspect of the Superfund sites' clean up on this 3300 acres. That aspect was for clean up of MEC (Munitions and Explosives of Concern).

In a letter to FOR A on January 31, 2008, and c.c.'d to DTSC, the FOCAG pointed out:

The amendments to the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) required in order to try to implement the Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) and this Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) are illegal because the amendments vest FORA with the authority, indeed the obligation, to carry out the remediation at the parcels covered by the ESCA and FOSET. This contravenes the Superfund statute, which requires that an interagency agreement call for performance of necessary remediation by the U.S. department or agency (the Army) responsible for the contamination at the facility.

The FOCAG doesn't recall a response from DTSC regarding amendments to the Federal Facilities Agreement. The FOCAG's DTSC Public Participation Specialist at the time, Linda Janssen, did ask the Army, on the FOCAG's behalf, just where these amendments were? It is noteworthy, that neither ESCA or FOR A was tasked with the clean up of Fort Ord groundwater or the clean up of contaminated soil on this 3300-acre transfer. The FOCAG includes, with this letter, a list of known chemicals on former Fort Ord. (Attachment #4 -FOCAG letter dated September 2009, and Tables 1-7)

The FOCAG confirmed with clean up contractor Christie Reimer, at an ESCA public meeting, on May 8, 2013, the ARCADIS (formerly LFR, Inc.) Contract is only for the clean up of MEC.

As disclosed in the Army's Record of Decision for Parker Flats, the Army didn't agree with DTSC and EPA, regarding the applicability of California laws and regulations to the ARAR's. The FOCAG asks, how can the former Army base and it's clean up be piece-mealed?

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Tests for all possible chemicals and pesticides used on former Fort Ord still need to be tested for in the soils, this includes the proposed cemetery parcel and other ESCA parcels.

This following language is from the Parker Flats Record of Decision (ROD):

"Although the DTSC and EPA Region IX disagree with the Army's determination that California laws and regulations concerning Land Use Covenants are not potential ARARs, they will agree-to-disagree on this issue if the Army signs State Land Use Covenants acceptable to the DTSC. Land Use Covenants signed by the Army and the State of California in the past restricting the land use of the property were acceptable to the DTSC.

Because the selected remedy may not have removed all MEC potentially present within the Parker Flats MRA, a statutory review will be conducted within five years after initiation of the remedial action to ensure the remedy is, or will be, protective of human health and the environment. The next five-year review will occur in 2012."

Please note that the FOCAG responded to the 2012 5-year review, determining it to be woefully inadequate. Please note the FOCAG responded to previous 5-year reviews also with significant concerns.

III. Chemical contamination of soils on former Fort Ord

Chemicals include propellants leaching out of ordnance in the ground, as well as residual chemicals from dozens of years of target practice, night maneuvers involving flares, dangerous chemicals such as perchlorate, white phosphorus and also DDT used by the Army to control rodents as well as powerful herbicides used by the Army to control vegetation and weeds.

The ESCA was not tasked by the Governor to address any of this.

Testing for chemical contamination has been minimal. The FOCAG advises all chemicals used on former Fort Ord be tested for in areas of proposed ground disturbing, and dust creating activities.

It is understood residual munitions chemicals from 77 years of munitions use remains in Army Training areas. The cleanup has failed to identify many munitions constituents even though numerous munitions chemistry books were readily available. How can the extent of contamination be known unless all known munitions constituents are looked for? The cleanup has used a sampling rational of looking for a few constituents but only reporting levels above a certain threshold. There potentially are hundreds of chemicals
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below threshold levels. For example, hypothetically, if there are two hundred chemicals each at 2 ppm, well below the reporting level, there potentially could be a toxic chemical brew of 200-400 ppm. Could the cumulative, low levels of chemicals potentially be a health hazard? Are the human health risks known for this level of exposure? What are the synergistic effects of munitions chemicals and pesticides on organisms? Are there

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studies available on the effects of low-level exposure to these chemicals?

Hundreds of munitions chemicals and pesticides at very low levels may be a cumulative "toxic brew" creating a health and safety hazard. The cleanup has failed to make the public aware of the actual levels of munitions and pesticide contaminants throughout training areas.

- a) What is the justification for the cleanup failing to identify all the munitions and pesticide chemicals?
- b) Because the Army kept abysmal records of training ranges, training areas, and specific activities, what is the justification for failing to look for all munitions chemicals and pesticides in all training areas?
- c) What is the justification for the cleanup failing to include all the munitions and pesticide chemicals identified?
- d) What is the extent of out-gassing from munitions and pesticide chemicals in former training areas?
- e) What is the justification for failing to report the actual levels of munitions and pesticide chemicals in all training areas?

(Reference attached Tables 1 -7 and Map #1)

IV. Fort Ord clean up has ignored the wide range of pesticides used for decades throughout former Fort Ord.

On 3-24-10 (Fort Ord Administrative Record Document # BW-2532) and 2-7-11 (Fort Ord Administrative Record Document # BW-2557) the FOCAG raised questions regarding pesticide use at Fort Ord and in training areas. The 2-7-11 letter specifically addresses Army's failure to thoroughly investigate pesticides in training areas. We have reviewed the army responses to our letters and did not find evidence the cleanup has investigated pesticide use in training areas. For example, a document cited by the Army, (Basewide Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Site 39, Fort Ord Administrative Record Document # BW-1283K) purportedly investigated pesticides. This document actually refers to the sampling of ordnance and explosives chemicals. A search of document #BW-1283K for "pesticide" turned up no results whatsoever. Despite Army's claim that it has thoroughly investigated for pesticides in training areas, our review of the cited cleanup documents could not substantiate the army's claim it has thoroughly investigated pesticide use at Fort Ord.

The only sampling we have found for pesticides in the Parker Flats and Site 39 training areas was for a total of 4 sample locations that only looked for 8 organochlorine pesticides.

(Reference attached Map #1)

V. Concern regarding Peninsula water source and overlying chemicals

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Additionally, the entire Site 39 sits over the Seaside Groundwater Basin. This should be of concern to DTSC and others for the possibility and eventuality of leaching chemicals into the underground aquifers.

(Reference attached Map #2)

There have been multiple contamination issues with the Upper 180, the Lower 180, and the 400-foot aquifers beneath areas of former Fort Ord. Site 39 is perhaps the largest munitions impact/training area in the country and sits over the Seaside Groundwater Basin. Again, this should be of concern to DTSC and others for the possibility of leaching chemicals into underground aquifers.

- a) What is the migration and fate of munitions and pesticide chemicals into this drinking water supply?
- b) Where did all the chemicals go?
- c) What Fort Ord document fully investigated the potential munitions and pesticide contamination?
- d) Is there ongoing monitoring and reporting of the potential munitions and pesticide contamination of the Seaside Groundwater Basin?
- e) What might irrigating in the area do for migrating chemicals?

(Reference attached Tables 1-7 and Maps # 1 and #2)

VI. Artillery Hill, decades and decades of use

The area on former Fort Ord proposed for the Veteran's Cemetery is Artillery Hill. It is the site of intensive warfare training use, primarily with 37mm and 75 mm weapons. Clean up efforts from the mid-1990's discovered hundreds of tons of these weapons. This early clean up involved surface cleaning as well as some ground disturbing searching. However many of the depths that ordnance was found was either not recorded, or Army contractors lost the data.

This proposed Veteran's Cemetery site, among other uses, was a former 1920-30's 37mm and 75mm artillery target range known as "Artillery Hill". The Veteran's site also includes a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, (CBR) site. Training devices and munitions discovered **nearby** include non-metallic landmines and Chemical Agent Identification Sets (CAIS) in glass vials. The detection equipment used to clear this site is incapable of detecting non-metallic, and deeply buried munitions. Although the munitions cleanup was to a depth of 4.0', the 37mm has a maximum detection depth of 0.9' and the 75mm has a maximum detection depth of 2.5'. There are other munitions found onsite that cannot be reliably detected within 4' of the surface.

Standard burial practice has graves dug to a depth of six feet. The cleanup data for the proposed site proves without question that the site has not been cleared of Unexploded

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Ordnance to anywhere near the depth required for a respectful grave. Therefore the simple digging of a grave on the site presents the same sort of risk that any veteran may have experienced on a field of battle in the defense of his or her country. A final place of rest should not be one of fear or inherent danger to anyone preparing gravesites or mourners visiting the place where the remains of loved ones are interred. The facts speak for themselves the conclusion that the site is not suitable is beyond reasonable dispute.

What follows proves the point.

VII. Depths below ground surface 75 mm projectiles can go

Artillery Hill was a firing range "backstop" for decades of artillery training. Training involved target practicing. Artillery Hill was the target. Sometimes projectiles went high, some went wide, and some fell short of the targets. However, many tons of projectiles were shot into and near Artillery Hill by practicing troops.

Statistically about 10% of all these projectile rounds did not explode on impact. They were duds. With duds, a charge and chemical propellants remained, (whether practice or live ammo) buried in the soil, in and around Artillery Hill. The depth these projectiles could go was a function of charge, speed, height, and type of soil on impact. Estimates of depths from the 1997 Fort Ord Ordnance Penetration Table (in attached document #3) specified 75 mm, M48 as 4.9 ft in sand, 6.4 ft in loam, and 9.8 ft in clay, while the maximum detection depth is 2.5 feet.

VIII. Depths below ground surface 37 mm projectiles can be located (detected) with magnetometers and other important detection issues.

The penetration depth for the 37mm projectile shells is 3.9 ft in sand, 5.2 ft in loam, and 7.9 ft in clay while the maximum detection depth is .9 ft, less than 1-foot.
(Reference attached Document #3, Fort Ord Ordnance Penetration Table 1997)

The area was scanned with magnetometers, which are metal detectors. If the machinery detected an anomaly, it was dug up. If it was not detected, it was not dug up.

The metal detectors were good, in the best of cases, down to about 2 ½ feet to 3 feet below ground surface (bgs) for some anomalies. If an anomaly was dug up and if the spot was scanned again and another "ping" for an anomaly was detected, the depth could go deeper. However, if the magnetometer failed to locate some 37 mm projectiles in the first place, they are still below ground surface. The FOCAG advised that private clean up contractors taking walks, "down the bunny trails" visually looking for MEC has been, for the most part, a waste of taxpayer money. Contractor conclusions that there is no MEC remaining, based on re-reading some previous documents, some scans and some "walks down the bunny trails", is dangerous indeed.

IX. A list of some FOCAG concerns regarding location of Veteran's Cemetery on Artillery Hill.

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1) Existing Army burial pits of ordnance, deeper than 4-feet throughout the Parker Flats area. The Parker Flats Record of Decision discusses burial pits.

FOCAG Co-Chair Mike Weaver witnessed burial pits for ordnance on portions of Fort Ord in the latter 1950's, and early 1960's. Pits were dug using bulldozers. Pits were about six to ten feet deep. Both unused ordnance and spent ordnance were deposited in the pits, and then the bulldozers would cover it up.

2) Lack of searching for and remediating chemical contamination of the soil. These chemicals include ordnance constituents, pesticides, herbicides, and lead fragments. All chemicals and pesticides used on former Fort Ord need to be tested for. It is the combined accumulation of the multitude of chemicals that is a problem

3) The proposed transfer of property to the State of California for purposes of a veteran's cemetery land use creates a big liability for the State. The State has the deepest pockets, and is the likeliest to be sued. Individual UXO contractors or companies will not have the resources to deal with catastrophic accidents. Land Use Controls (LUC's) may be intended to absolve State liability but the State cannot say they were unaware of the dangers involved. Will a jury agree?

You may wish to call the California Department of Transportation, CalTrans, regarding catastrophic accidents. Please ask CalTrans for their experiences at jury trials in this State regarding liability.

Will the State of California be purchasing insurance hoping to fend off liability in the event of catastrophic loss?

4) The Army Record of Decision for Parker Flats does not disclose extensive history of the use of 37 mm projectiles.

Parker Flats Record of Decision

http://fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/ar_pdfs/AR-OE-0661/OE-0661.pdf

The FOCAG finds that 37 mm projectile is mentioned once in this ROD document. The Record of Decision does not accurately reveal the types of explosive munitions used, or the record of the decades of munitions use at Parker Flats, including Artillery Hill (mostly area OE-50).

Why aren't 37 mm projectiles discussed in the Parker Flats Record of Decision?

5) Detection equipment selected is beyond it's capabilities and inadequate for the task.

Reference the following link in the fortordcleanup.com website

http://www.fortordcleanup.com/ar_pdfs/AR-OE-0556H/OE-0556H.pdf

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The next-to-last paragraph of the revision of Section 2.2.1 contains a statement which reads, "In the suspected 37 mm projectile area, the recommendation for a 1-foot removal followed by construction support between the surface and the 4-ft was considered appropriate based on the following facts: the deepest penetrating MEC in the area, the 37 mm projectile, has a maximum calculated penetration depth of 3.9 ft. in sand (the soil type at the site) and can be reliably detected using magnetometers to only a 1-ft. depth."

The issue here is the detection depth that the 37 mm projectile can conceivably be found using a magnetometer. IF many 37 mm projectiles were not detected at the 1-ft. detection depth, (or deeper), they are still in the ground.
Further 37 mm projectiles could be in burial pits over 3.9 ft.

The issue here also is, this is "clean up by development". The can is kicked down the road and the responsibility for clean up tries to be imposed on a developer-contractor who allegedly will hire competent consultants to watch his hired crew's excavation work. Or, will he likely subcontract out some or all of the excavation work?
Anyone who has spent time around construction sites will understand this opens a Pandora's box of questions as to who is liable in the event of a catastrophic accident?

6) Weapons used on Artillery Hill can and did exceed the estimated clearance depths

Reference the following link in the fortordcleanup.com website

http://fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/ar_pdfs/AR-RI-044D.13/RI-044D.13.pdf

This is a Field Work Variance document from April 4, 2011.

The 75 mm projectile, has a calculated penetration depth of 6.7 ft. in sand in this document. The issue here is dangerous projectiles can and did penetrate the surface to depths below 4-ft. This is not only below detection depths. This is below where the Army and ESCA private contractors "officially" looked.

7) The FOCAG is not aware of any Basewide training maps pre-1940. We do know the entire pre-1940 Fort Ord footprint was the Gigling Artillery Range 1917-1940. It is understood this artillery range primarily trained with 37mm, 75mm, 105mm, and 155mm projectiles. These projectiles are found throughout most of the pre 1940 footprint. One of the known impact areas for the pre 1940's 37mm and 75mm projectiles is "Artillery Hill". This area, OE-50 and OE-53 (Veterans Cemetery and Endowment Parcels), when sampled and cleared to a depth of 4' discovered significant amounts of 37mm and 75mm fragments and unexploded projectiles. According to the Archives Search Report and interviews with range control personnel, these Sites were

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target areas for rifle grenades and shoulder launched projectiles in the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's. Other projectiles found include 60mm, 81mm, 3 inch stokes, and 4.2 inch mortars, and Livens Projectors. The latter ground tube launched munitions range(s) was not known prior to the sampling and removal actions. The FOCAG is unaware of historical training maps showing the firing points, range fans, or target areas of any of the ranges within or firing out of Sites OE-50 and OE-53 yet these areas were obviously extensively used for munitions training.

X. FOCAG Conclusion and Advice

Re: Proposed Fort Ord Cemetery location on Artillery Hill, and funding issues.
It is the wrong location for a cemetery on former Fort Ord. No ground disturbing activities should be allowed here.

Former FOCAG Chair Dan O'Brien has this to say about the proposed cemetery location:

The site is not suitable for any sort of unrestricted human habitation. It is too bad that the issue has been framed as a conflict between the environmentalists and the veterans. Once the land is transferred one more level of liability insulates the Army who is ultimately responsible for the cleanup from anyone who is harmed due to inadequate cleanup. Those who want the land developed are using those who have fought and sacrificed for us all as a sentimental patriotic card. If you oppose the cemetery you are unpatriotic and want to stand in the way of honoring those who have given so much. As usual politics are being used to further an outcome that will only lead to problems in the years to come. The vets deserve the best piece of ground on the whole property for a final resting place. Why make them settle for less just to free up the land so that developers can take advantage of the other lands freed up in the process?

Robert D. "Dan" O'Brien

FOCAG conclusion and advice continued:

We have been attending Army Community Involvement Workshops and following clean up issues since the 1990's. We expressed concerns and asked the Army for over two years, for a map of the proposed reuse with an overlay of the known and suspected ordnance sites. The known and suspected ordnance sites were, and in some cases are, a work in progress. We insisted areas had been used for Army tank training at time when the Army insisted it had not. We were right. One of the areas used for Army tank training was Parker Flats.

We noted, and asked long ago why the FOR A members, for the most part, never bothered to attend to learn about clean up issues. One day Mike Weaver asked a (former)

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FOR A member why this was. The response was abrupt. The response was "Mike they don't care, that's why they don't attend!"

The FOCAG asked why required remediation depth of no less than 10-feet below land surface has been overlooked? This was a Department of Defense Safety Board requirement for residential areas. (Reference attached in Document #3, "Required Remediation Depths US EPA, Cal EPA, CSUMB)

The FOCAG asked the Army why clean up site 13B had disappeared? An Army response was that it had been "subsumed". (Reference attached Documents #2, #4, and #6 - Site 13B)

The FOCAG has pointed out, time and again, that the clean up of this National Superfund Site has been treated separately from land reuse proposals, going back to 1997 and the Fort Ord Reuse Plan. The U.S Army never expected an Infantry Training Base, land used for decades, for purposes of preparing soldiers to fight in multiple wars, would be closed and converted to civilian use. The Army is tasked with attempting to clean up these areas for the purposes that civilian entities determine might be a nice use there. It is a task that has been hugely expensive for the U.S. taxpayers. It is a task that puts some land uses beyond the capabilities of providing a healthy and safe area for a proposed use. It is a task that has seen the existing Army footprint of barracks and offices largely ignored. The Army didn't intentionally build military barracks on top of dangerous training range places. They ARE the safer areas.

For all the above reasons the FOCAG advises another site be selected for the Veteran's Cemetery. Simply stated, the target-practice-Artillery-Hill is an unacceptable location for a ground-disturbing cemetery. Allegedly hiring trained consultants to watch is not acceptable. No ground disturbing activities should be allowed.

XI. List of pertinent attachments and reference materials

The Fort Ord Community Advisory Group is submitting some FOCAG documents from our files. Some of these are a part of the Fort Ord Administrative Record. They are for your review of the cemetery adjacent to Parker Flats subject. We believe these records to be pertinent to your consideration of the proposed cemetery location and Parker Flats in general. These documents are in chronological order, oldest to newest.

1) Year 2007, From the FOCAG Files (copied and pasted here)
re: Parker Flats, 2007

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OE-0590L MRS-Range 43-48 IA Technical Information Paper 2007 (after action report)

MRS-Ranges 43-48 IA site is approximately 499.5 acres.

No Subsurface 4' removal on 235.2 acres

Nearly 47% has not received a subsurface clearance

The entire 499 acres had a surface removal after the 2003 burn

Special Case Areas and non-completed areas;

Range 48	139 acres 656 grids
Range 47	15 acres 66 grids
Range 45	1.2 acres 5 grids
Range 44	19 acres 82 grids
Central Area Grids	8.5 acres 37 grids
East Side Grids No Removal	46 acres 212 grids
Sub Surface Removal Commenced	0.7 acres 2 grids
East Side Grids No Surface Removal	1.6 acres 7 grids
Bunker	0.7 acres
Fenceline	3.5 acres 28 grids

Total 235.2 acres

2) August 19, 2008, Dept. of the Army to Franklin Mark of DTSC

re: WWI munitions debris, Livens Projectors and TNT in a burial pit 4-ft. to 5-ft. deep.

3 pages

3) February 22, 2009, FOCAG File, FOCAG's Lance Houston to Mike Weaver

re: OE-13B "disappears". 1 page. (The FOCAG is told by an Army representative that it has been "subsumed").

4) March 28, 2009, FOCAG letter to BRAC, FOR A, Regulators

re: Military Munitions Residual Contamination, OE/UXO/OEW/MEC Detection, OE/UXO/OEW/MEC Clearance Depths, Administrative Record Keeping, Military Munitions Datatbase, Omissions of Pertinent Historical Site Documentation and Information, Compliance with Cleanup Standards

Letter 15 pages, Attachments 182 Pages (Total 196 pages)

5) September 2009, FOCAG report to BRAC, FOR A, and Regulators

re: County North- Horse Park - Training Site OE-45, 75 pages

6) November 20, 2009, FOCAG letter to FOR A/ESCA and BRAC

re: Potential risks and classification.

Inadequacy of Schonstedt detection equipment, risk categories, CBR, chemical contamination, OE-13B subsumed, and questioning LUC's (Land Use Controls).
3 pages.

7) December 2009, FOCAG report to FOR A/ESCA, BRAC, and Regulators

re: Chemical Warfare Materials (CWM) used at Fort Ord

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including Parker Flats, compiled from Fort Ord cleanup documents.
CERCLA Requirement - Baseline Risk Assessment. Where is it?
16 pages

8) March 24, 2010, FOCAG report to BRAC, FOR A, Departments, Districts, and some elected officials
re: The Fort Ord Superfund Cleanup has grossly ignored the danger from the wide range of pesticides used for decades throughout former Fort Ord.
19 pages

9) February 3, 2011, FOCAG letter to BRAC and U.S. EPA, Region 9
re: significant unidentified munitions, chemicals, pesticides, artillery ranges and artillery ordnance. Fort Ord Cleanup has failed to thoroughly investigate many issues, and failure to use best equipment and methods.
1 page

10) March 7, 2012, FOCAG report to BRAC, Regulators, and FOR A
re: Inadequate clean up, Questions, Penetration and Detection Depths of Projectiles (including 37 mm maximum detection depth .9 ft.)
16 pages

11) March 26, 2012, FOCAG letter to BRAC
re: site assessments and hired consultant's random walks down bunny trails
3 pages

Tables 1 -7, Fort Ord known and suspected Munitions and Pesticide Chemicals used in Training Areas.
34 pages

Map #1, Pesticide Sampling Fort Ord RI/FS 1995

Map #2, Seaside Groundwater Basin / Site 39 Impact Area

The FOCAG is asking that the entirety of this 15 page letter, eleven attachments, seven tables, and two maps, submitted here, be considered in any and all environmental reviews



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of the Parker Flats Area of former Fort Ord, and that includes the proposed Veteran's Cemetery on Artillery Hill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Mike Weaver
Co-Chair, Fort Ord Community Advisory Group (FOCAG)

End of Exhibit #3 -FOCAG RESPONSE LETTER SENT TO DTSC dated May 24, 2013

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Exhibit #4

June 2012 FOCAG Resolution regarding former the Fort Ord Superfund Site, link

<http://1hope.org/hopeblog/fort-ords-toxic-cleanup-tragedy/>

FOCAG Conclusion to,
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A JOINT INITIAL STUDY/
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST
VETERANS CEMETERY PROJECT – PHASE 1

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The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is inadequate. We formally request alternative locations be considered for a Veteran's Cemetery on Fort Ord and that a full E.I.R be prepared. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

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LETTER 10. FORT ORD COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (FOCAG)

- 10-1: The comment states support for the veterans but the proposed location is not the best place for in-ground burials. The comment notes that similar comments regarding alternative locations were provided during the environmental review process for Phase 1 of the CCCVC. The comment requests acceptance of the FOCAG research and comments sent for Phase 1 as they are pertinent to Phase 2, and includes the comment letter provided for Phase 1 for the CCCVC Project.

The development of project alternatives is discussed in Section 2.3, Development of Alternatives, of the Draft EIR/EA. Alternatives for analysis in the Draft EIR/EA were considered in the context of the CEQA/NEPA regulations and guidelines described. For the purposes of analyzing the proposed project, reasonability is based on the following criteria:

- Alternatives should fulfill the objectives under CEQA and purpose and need under NEPA.
- Alternatives should be feasible and reasonable in terms of economic, environmental, legal, social, and technological factors.
- Alternatives should avoid or substantially reduce one or more significant impacts of the proposed project.

The following alternatives were found to generally meet purpose/need and objectives of the proposed project, be feasible or potentially feasible, and have some potential to avoid or substantially reduce one or more significant impacts of the proposed project, and, therefore, are considered for further analysis in the EIR/EA:

- Alternative 1: Proposed Project – CCCVC 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2;
- Alternative 2: Reduced CCCVC 2015 Master Plan;
- Alternative 3: CCCVC 2015 Master Plan – Modified Phase 2; and
- Alternative 4: No Action Alternative

Several other alternatives to the proposed project were considered; however, during the evaluation of these alternatives, it was determined that they did not meet the purpose and need or objectives identified in Section 2.2.2 of the Draft EIR/EA, and were not reasonable in the context of the criteria identified in Section 2.3.1 of the Draft EIR/EA. Section 2.5.2, Different Location, was one of the alternatives considered but rejected. Relocating the in-ground burials to the beach ranges on the former Fort Ord, which is property owned by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, may result in an increase in environmental impacts due to the presence of special-status species within this area, and the site could be subject to sea level rise and coastal erosion. In addition, there would be significant legal challenges in changing the use of that public site. The State owns the 84-acre CCCVC property and Phase 1 has been completed. It would also be difficult for the State to acquire additional property elsewhere when it has already been provided a sufficient acreage to develop the CCCVC. It would be most logical to keep the cemetery on one property to reduce environmental impacts. As described above, the potential impacts associated with unknown military munitions have been addressed. The property has been remediated and the State would be required to prepare and implement plans and procedures related to reducing impacts from unexploded ordinance. For these reasons, this alternative was not carried forward in the EIR/EA analysis.

- 10-2: Please refer to Response to Comment 7-2 regarding the subject of piecemealing. Please note that the 2008 Master Plan was not adopted and is not relevant to the proposed project, which involves

the implementation of the 2015 Master Plan (Appendix B of the Draft EIR/EA) and the construction and operation of Phase 2 of the CCCVC as described in Section 2.4.1, Alternative 1: Proposed Project – CCCVC 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2.

- 10-3: The historic use of hazardous materials on the former Fort Ord and the project site is described in Section 3.9.2, Environmental Setting, in the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the Draft EIR/EA. As described in the Environmental Setting, extensive research and review of the site and area was conducted to evaluate the potential impacts associated with encountering UXO and DMM on the site. As discussed in Impact HAZ-1, beginning on page 3.9-15 of the Draft EIR/EA, the removal and/or disposal measures for all debris, including UXO and DMM, present on the project site would be in accordance with local, state, and Federal, State, and local regulations and agreements, including accordance with the LUCs outlined in the ROD to manage the risk to future land users from MEC. Grading and soil movement cannot occur within a Soils Management Plan area due to a deed restriction for all remediated parcels on the former Fort Ord, including the project site, and ordinances by Seaside and the County on digging and excavating on the former Fort Ord. These codes require a plan to ensure that any soil from the site is stored on-site or in an acceptable location. In addition, due to the risk of UXO on the site and in accordance to with the LUC UXO Training and Construction Support Requirements, grading operations in previously undisturbed areas would require direct observation by UXO-trained personnel. A site-specific UXO Plan would be developed during the design phase and included as part of the construction requirements. A certified UXO expert would be required to be on-site to serve as a consultant to the contractor during all grading and/or excavating operations (Chapter 15.34 City Code and Chapter 16.10 of County Code). These plans would be prepared during the construction document phase for each phase of work. Implementation of these plans and continued cooperation with FORA staff during construction would reduce potential impacts to a less-than-significant level. The information provided in the letter and exhibits did not contain additional information that would change the conclusions of the Draft EIR/EA.
- 10-4: Please refer to Response to Comment 10-1 regarding the subject of alternatives.
- 10-5: The comment discussed the components of Phase 1, which involved above-ground burial facilities, and requests that the IS/EA fully explain below ground impacts. Please refer to Response to Comment 10-3.
- 10-6: Comment noted. Please refer to Response to Comment 10-1 regarding the subject of alternatives.
- 10-7: Comment noted. This information will be available to decision-makers. Please refer to Response to Comment 10-3 regarding the subject of high hazard explosives.
- 10-8: Please refer to Response to Comment 10-1 regarding the subject of alternatives. An EIR/EA was prepared for the CCCVC Project.

Letter 11

From: [Dan Presser](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 1:56:45 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

The California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery is a State of California facility. As such it should not discriminate.

Yet that's exactly what's happening at the CCCVC! Religions are being discriminated against. Many religions require full body burials. That is not being offered at the CCCVC.

The only way to rectify this discriminatory practice is to make internment available to all veterans of all religions.

Regards,

Dan Presser

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11-1

LETTER 11. DAN PRESSER

- 11-1: The comment states that full body burials are not available at the CCCVC and is a discriminatory practice. As stated on page 2.2-2 of the Draft EIR/EA, the objectives of Phase 2 of the proposed project include increasing burial options by providing in-ground crypts and in-ground cremains, which would provide full body burials to veterans and eligible family members. Please also refer to the full project description for the proposed Phase 2 beginning on page 2.4-17 of the Draft EIR/EA. Construction of Phase 2 is anticipated to commence in late 2019/early 2020 and may be in operation as soon as the end of 2020/early 2021. The benefit of providing in-ground, full-body burial facilities is discussed on page 3.14-13 of the Draft EIR/EA to address the socioeconomic and environmental justice issues associated with the proposed project.

Letter 12

From: [Sid Williams](#)
To: [Erin Harwayne](#); [Terry Ash](#)
Cc: [ccvcproject](#)
Subject: Comments on Draft EIR CCCVC Project
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 3:24:07 PM
Attachments: [Comments to Cemetery EIR.pdf](#)
[Comments to Draft EIR CCCVC.docx](#)

Good Afternoon Ladies. Here are my comments as expressed at last night's meeting. I am forwarding to DDA as well.

Sid Williams
Support the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery
UVC-MC.con or CCVCF.com to donate

Denise Duffy & Associates, Inc.
Attn: Erin Harwayne
947 Cass Street, Suite 5
Monterey, CA 93940

Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR Comments

After attending several meetings concerning this project and familiarizing myself with the Draft EIR I wish to make the following suggestions. These thoughts do not relate to the identified impacts nor their recommended mitigations but rather to enhance and strengthen the project description, objectives and alternatives described in the Draft EIR.

1. In numerous and various places throughout the project description and objective paragraphs reference is made to the project being proposed to address the needs of the veterans and their families in the Monterey Bay Region of California. Historically, the project was viewed as being important to Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Benito counties. While these statements are true, they do not adequately reflect the anticipated and actual use of the facility. While the majority of those inurned in the first phase of the cemetery are from this immediate area, it is worth noting that as of February 2019 there were approximately 1,000 veterans and or family members who came to this cemetery from 17 states and 27 California counties. These statistics indicate a much broader reach than was originally anticipated or planned. This is due to the enormity of historic Ft. Ord, especially in the Pacific Theater of WW II, the Korean War and most recently the Viet Nam War. Ft. Ord was the beginning for large numbers of participants during these conflicts. For many it was their only assignment during their military service outside of the combat theaters themselves. When they came home from these wars, they were immediately discharged and never served anywhere else. For that reason, after learning of the existence of this cemetery, many have expressed their desire to have Ft. Ord be their final resting place. This situation may cause usage to be increased when accommodating these veterans from other parts of the state and nation. It may be important to the decision makers when considering this EIR for them to understand the importance and impact of this project and I therefore recommend that this information be put before them when considering the Final EIR. 12-1
2. The major environmental impact of the Oak Woodlands, which continue onto the state lands set aside for the cemetery, are expected to be one of the most significant objections from the environmental community. It should be remembered that in addition to mitigation measures described in the document there has already been substantial consideration given to this issue. When originally conceived the cemetery was to be approximately 200 acres. For both financial and environmental reasons there were two parcels separated from the cemetery's proposed location even before phase one was considered. The northern endowment parcel was carved out to provide a funding source for local funding requirements from the state. The southern habitat parcel was created to provide a place to transfer or transplant flora and fauna of concern. These two actions left about 80 acres for the cemetery itself. Figure 2-16 in the Draft EIR shows that of the roughly 80 acres within the boundaries of the cemetery, 31.7 acres have been identified as to be preserved. This is to occur over the phased life of the project with each new phase requiring more set aside until the 31.7 acres are met. That set aside will leave just under 50 acres for the cemetery itself. This does not include the mitigations and purposely careful considerations outlined in the Draft EIR so as to further reduce the amount of land actually available for the intended use of the project. This is being done to ensure the beauty and quiet reflective qualities of the land and to enhance the visitation experience for family and friends who come to reflect and 12-2

remember. I request that this explanation of history and environmental concern be highlighted to the decision makers when they consider the Final EIR. 12-2
Cont'd

3. There are 3 proposed Alternatives to the Project. Alternative 4 (No project) should be dismissed out of hand in that it would not allow for the completion of the cemetery. One important consideration for the state would be the potential of law suits from certain religious, ethnic or cultural groups who would be denied access to their rights because they cannot or decline to be cremated. Alternative 3 would cause greater environmental impact while requiring a less satisfactory experience for family and friends during ceremonies or while visiting loved ones. Alternative 2 reduces the overall number of burial opportunities. While these reductions come in the outyears they are never-the-less important. Please refer back to paragraph 1 where the discussion demonstrates that more need may be required due to the out of area usage of the existent facility. Perhaps more importantly, we must plan for the future. If we make decisions which reduce the availability of services today without benefit of actual usage, we may inadvertently cause damage to veterans yet to come. We must not forget, grand-children and great grand-children to come will unfortunately be required to serve and will then require a place for their eternal rest. It is obvious that any of the 3 alternatives have deficiencies when compared to the proposed project. Therefore, I request that these considerations be addressed to the decision makers as they review the Final EIR. 12-3

I thank you for this opportunity to express concerns not only of my own but those related to me by many others in the Monterey Bay Region. We have waited more than twenty years to get to this stage. Most of my peers and certainly I will never be here to see Phase 3. It is imperative that we see Phase 2 through to completion soon. Further delay in the certification of this EIR should not be allowed because a few groups have excessive expectations. Consideration for the environment is important and this Draft EIR expresses a real and achievable program to meet the needs of those who have given so much to our nation while providing sound environmental considerations and safeguards. I urge you to, after careful consideration, move forward with the certification process and the construction of the proposed project over all other alternatives. 12-4

Sincerely,



Sid Williams
Marina, CA

LETTER 12. SID WILLIAMS

- 12-1: The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 12-2: Comment noted. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 12-3: The comment provides support for the proposed project, Alternative 1, compared to other alternatives considered. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 12-4: The comment provides support for the proposed project. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.

California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Project

Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment Public Meeting

May 14, 2019

Comment Card

Name: Bobby C. Patterson Email: BobbyPatterson5635@yahoo.com

Comments: Veteran in this area need complete
Cemetery buried in ground, We fight
for our country, we needs you fight for
us a bury ground in ground bury like
our Place in America for Veterans. I don't care
about trees and plantings if you need them
so badly take them up, planting in another
Place. We a complete cemetery, why
love one don't need to drive fifty mile
to their husband, brother, sister, wife
Uncle, aunt grandmother, grandfather
bury site.

Bobby C. Patterson
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Seaside, ca 93955

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Department of General Service
Real Estate Division
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LETTER 13. BOBBY C. PATTERSON

- 13-1: The comment provides support for the proposed project. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.

Letter 14

From: [Marti Stanton](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Cc: [Marti Stanton](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:57:43 PM

Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Marti Stanton. I am the Secretary of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation.

I write today to comment on the draft EIR/EA proposed project and alternatives.

Alternative 1: (ES2.1 in the Executive Summary) Proposed Project- CCCVC 2-15 Master Plan and Phase 2

Clearly the first choice alternative, meets the needs of the veteran community at large, and by moving forward with building crypts, meets the cultural, legal, and religious needs of veterans whose religion forbids cremation. The phases allow growth to match the need in the future, but allows the flexibility to slow or advance the phases as committal needs dip and surge over the years.

14-1

Alternative 2:(ES2.2) Reduced CCCVC 2015 Master Plan

Reducing the overall footprint and number of phases of the 2015 Master Plan is short-sighted and premature. This alternative would reduce Phases 8 & 9, and completely eliminate Phases 10 & 11. Elimination of phases at this stage of build-out is irresponsible.

There may be a need in the future to reduce or eliminate phases, but the time to decide to do so is far in the future. I believe once a phase is eliminated, it will be impossible to restore. This alternative may not meet the spirit of the goals and objectives outlined in the 2015 Master Plan.

14-2

Alternative 3. (ES2.3) CCCVC 2015 Master Plan- Modified Phase 2

This may be a viable alternative in terms of meeting the goals and objectives of the 2015 Master Plan and Phase 2, but environmental concerns might be a point of contention for those who oppose the Cemetery expansion.

14-3

Alternative 4: (ES2.4) No Action Alternative

No action means no Phase 2, no in-ground burials, making the Cemetery's future uncertain. In my opinion, this is not an acceptable alternative.

14-4

If you have any questions, I may be contacted via mail, telephone, or e-mail:

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Corralitos, CA 95076-0307
(831) 728-5587
martistanton57@gmail.com

LETTER 14. MARTI STANTON

- 14-1: The comment provides support for the proposed project, Alternative 1. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 14-2: The comment states that reductions in the size or phasing associated with Alternative 2 should not be considered. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 14-3: The comment states that Alternative 3 may be viable but would increase environmental impacts. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
- 14-4: The comment states that Alternative 4 is not acceptable. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.

Letter 15

From: Steve Bloch
To: ccvcproject
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Friday, May 24, 2019 11:00:39 AM

This letter is in support of the EIR/EA for Phase 2 for full body, in ground placements and the 2015 Master Plan

15-1

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15-2

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Thank you.

*Roy S. Bloch, LCDR, USN (Ret.)
11575 McCarthy Road
Carmel Valley, CA 93924
831-659-7101*

LETTER 15. STEVE BLOCH

- 15-1: The comment provides support for the proposed project. The comment does not raise an environmental concern pertaining to the proposed project; comment is acknowledged and no further response is necessary. The comment is part of the project record and will be available to decision-makers.
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Letter 16

From: [Del Curtsinger](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019 11:58:49 AM
Attachments: [CCCVC EIR.pdf](#)

Please see my comments attached.
Thank you.

Terry Ash, Senior Environmental Planner
Department of General Services, Real Estate Division
Project Management and Development Branch, Environmental Services
947 Cass Street, Suite 5, Monterey, CA 93940

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Thank you.



Delbert A. Curtsinger, CDR, USN (Ret.)

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Marina, CA 93933

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(831) 883-0509

LETTER 16. DEL CURTSINGER

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Letter 17

From: [Nancy Fortman](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019 10:26:26 AM
Attachments: [Cemterey EIR Letter 2019.pdf](#)

Please see attached.

Thank you,
Nancy Fortman

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Add your name, address, email address and phone number.

Nancy Fortman
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Marina, CA 93933 (831) 384-0554

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LETTER 17. NANCY FORTMAN

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Letter 18

From: [Art&Ruby](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Sunday, May 26, 2019 8:40:10 PM
Attachments: [Cemterey EIR Letter.pdf](#)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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Add your name, address, email address and phone number.

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Eleanor Alonzo, 404 Hidden Valley Rd., Royal Oaks, CA
az.ellie@yahoo.com 831-724-5634 95076
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LETTER 19. ELEANOR ALONZO

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LETTER 20. ROBERT ALONZO

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Billie Anacheto

800 Dolan Rd #7

831-261-5698

Moss Landing, CA

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LETTER 21. BILLIE ANACHETO

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Yvonne Baker esselentfer@gmail.com

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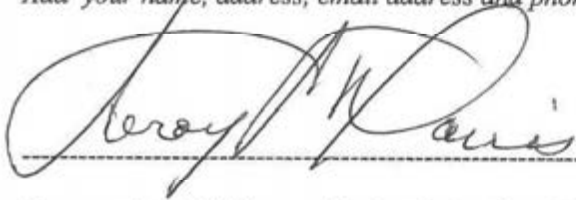
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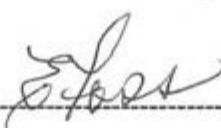
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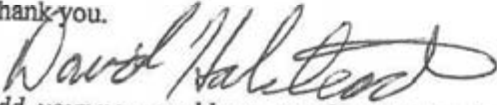
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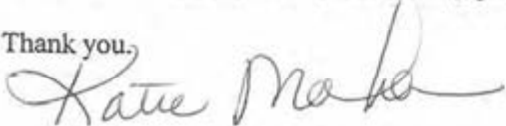
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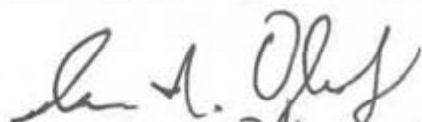
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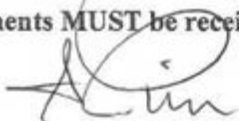
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Denis Rogers 277-8378

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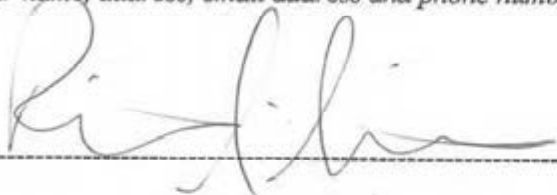
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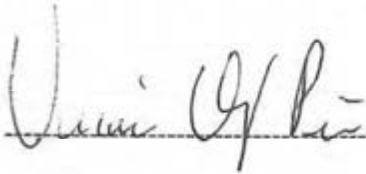
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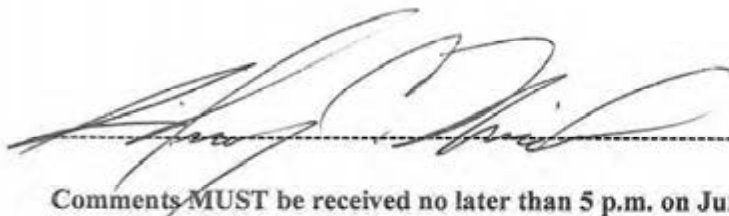
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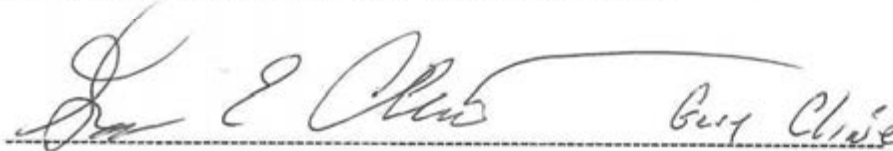
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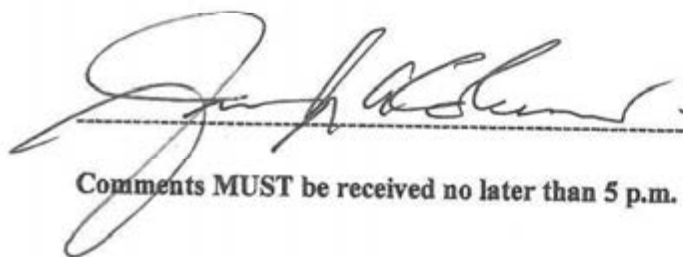
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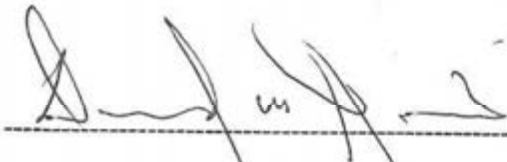
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From: [Richard Garza](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: EIR Comments
Date: Saturday, June 1, 2019 6:44:34 PM

Attn: Terry Ash, Senior Environmental Planner

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Two of the most crucial issues concerning expansion of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCVCF), to me, are the fact that World War Two veterans are dying at a rate of over 300 per day nationally, and the fact that the cemetery is not currently accessible for all veterans to use. In this context, Alternative 1 best meets current and future needs.

Alternative 2 seems to overlook the national impact of a veterans cemetery at the former Ft. Ord represents. Considering that, even with the current limitations of cremains only interments, veterans from over a dozen states and half of California's counties have chosen CCCVC as a final resting place demonstrates that demographics based upon the local veteran population do not adequately represent the true potential use of the CCCVC.

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Doing nothing, as proposed in Alternative 4, is not a viable option. It is disrespectful to veterans and places the State in potential legal jeopardy. The lack of in-ground burial capacity could easily be interpreted as religious discrimination. In addition, the State's acceptance of the initial federal State Veterans Cemetery grant obligated the State to meet 100 years worth of demand. In that CCCVC does not currently meet the need for in-ground burials, to do nothing further to expand the cemetery's capacity would be in violation of that obligation.

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Richard Garza

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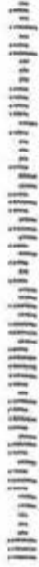
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Letter 122

From: [Douglas Kenyon](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Friday, May 31, 2019 7:23:11 PM

EIR/EA AND 2015 MASTER PLAN FOR THE CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CEMETERY

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Letter 123

From: [Bob Stephan](#)
To: [ccvcproject](#)
Subject: Emailing: CCCVC EIR Letter of Input.pdf
Date: Saturday, June 1, 2019 11:19:30 AM
Attachments: [CCCVC EIR Letter of Input.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Ash,

Please see attached pdf file.

/Bob

Robert A. Stephan, CDR, USN(Ret)

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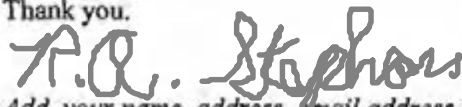
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Add your name, address, email address and phone number.

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Letter 124

From: [Eugene Street](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Subject: CCCVC PROJECT DRAFT EIR/EA coments
Date: Saturday, June 1, 2019 9:35:02 AM

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EUGENE P. STREET
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genestreet@yahoo.com

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From: [HUSHMAIL](#)
To: [cccvcproject](#)
Cc: [Peterson Duane](#)
Subject: CCCVC Project Draft EIR/EA Comments
Date: Sunday, June 2, 2019 7:28:07 PM
Attachments: [Centerey EIR Letter 2019.executed.DPeterson.pdf](#)

Dear sir,
Please find my support comments below.

Duane Peterson
MAJ, USA ((Ret)

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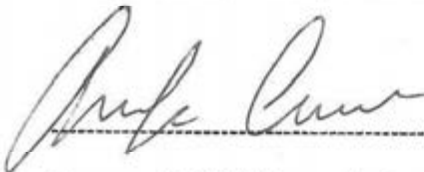
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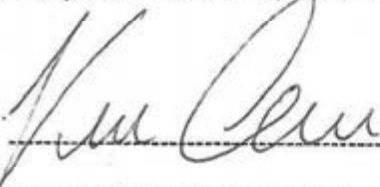
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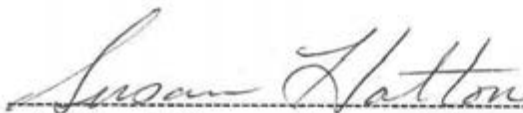
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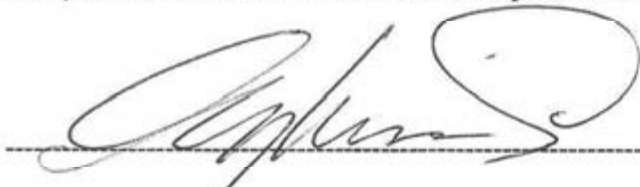
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This chapter presents revisions to the Draft EIR/EA text made in response to comments, or to amplify, clarify, or make minor modifications or corrections to the information in the Draft EIR/EA. The changes are presented in the order in which they appear in the original Draft EIR/EA and are identified by the Draft EIR/EA page number. Changes in the text are signified by ~~striketrough~~ where text is removed and by underline where text is added. The information contained within this chapter clarifies and expands on information in the Draft EIR/EA and does not constitute “significant new information” requiring recirculation (PRC Section 21092.1; CEQA Guidelines 15088.5)

3.1 PROJECT MODIFICATIONS

In response to comments from the CNPS (Letter 8), the 2015 Master Plan is revised as follows:

Figure 3-1: Master Plan Planting on page 19:

Swan Hill Fruitless Olive (*Olea europaea*), Victorian Box (*Pittosporum undulatum*), sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*) are removed from the Plant List.

Figure 3-2: Master Plan Planting Images on page 20 of the 2015 Master Plan:

Swan Hill Fruitless Olive (*Olea europaea*), Victorian Box (*Pittosporum undulatum*), sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*) are removed from the images.

3.2 REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT EIR/EA

Page ix, is corrected as follows in response to comments from the MBARD (Letter 3):

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Page ES-1, the second to last paragraph is corrected as follows in response to comments from the MBARD (Letter 3):

As part of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure ~~Closure and Realignment~~ Act of 1990 (BRAC), Fort Ord was downsized and realigned in 1991 and officially closed in 1994. An initiative to develop a veterans cemetery at the former Fort Ord began a few weeks after announcement in 1991 of the BRAC. The CCCVC 2008 Development Master Plan (2008 Master Plan) was prepared in support of this effort. Phase 1 of the CCCVC was approved and constructed in 2015. After the approval of Phase 1, an updated master plan, the CCCVC 2015 Master Plan (2015 Master Plan), was prepared.

Page ES-25, Mitigation Measure BIO-11 in Table ES-1, Summary of Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures, is revised as follows in response to comments from the CNPS (Letter 8):

“Mitigation Measure BIO-11: Oak Tree Protection and Replacement Measures

For each phase of the 2015 Master Plan, including Phase 2, impacts to coast live oak trees shall be avoided and minimized through site design and protection during construction. To maximize tree retention and protection, a forester, arborist, or other tree care professional shall be involved with early planning and design of each phase and shall be involved in the review and development of final grading and construction plans wherever trees occur within the site or at the grading margins. To avoid unintended impacts to trees outside the construction area, the following tree protection measures shall be implemented:

- Temporary construction fencing shall be placed at approximately 10 feet from the trunk and no grading, trenching, or vegetative alteration shall occur within this environmental exclusion zone. Grading, vegetation removal, and other ground disturbing construction activities may not commence until the project forester has inspected and approved the protective fencing installed by the contractor. No equipment or materials, including soil, shall be stored within the established environmental exclusion zone. Prior to grading within 25 feet of retained trees, the project forester, arborist or other tree care professional shall be consulted to determine whether pruning is necessary to protect limbs from grading equipment.
- To avoid soil compaction from damaging the roots, heavy equipment shall not be allowed to drive over the root area. If deemed necessary and approved by the forester, equipment may drive across one side of the tree. To reduce soil compaction, wood chips shall be spread 6-12 inches deep to disperse the weight of equipment and plywood sheets shall be placed over the wood chips for added protection. Mulch shall not be placed within 6 to 8 inches of tree trunks or rootballs to avoid fungus, disease, and pests.
- Roots exposed by excavation must be pruned and recovered as quickly as possible to promote callusing, closure, and healthy regrowth.

- Retained trees shall be watered periodically in accordance with species need to promote tree health. Transplanted trees and their intended planting areas shall be pre-watered. Post planting watering shall be done as needed to assure establishment.
- When phase design is completed, an estimate of the appropriate number of replacement trees shall be made based on available planting space. These replacement trees (minimum five-gallon specimens) shall be planted along boundaries and within landscape areas. Planting density for replacement trees shall be accurately detailed to allow for some unavoidable mortality over time.
- Transplants are encouraged and shall be credited on a 3:1 basis. Final replanting numbers may be modified by additional tree retention and should be made part of the final landscaping plan.

Page ES-26, Mitigation Measure BIO-12 in Table ES-1, Summary of Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures, is revised as follows in response to comments from Keep Fort Ord Wild (Letter 7):

“Mitigation Measure BIO-12: Coast Live Oak Tree and Woodland Protection

Mitigation Measure BIO-6, Project-Specific Biological Resources Studies, requires biological surveys and an assessment of potential impacts to sensitive biological resources prior to construction of future phases of the 2015 Master Plan. During the implementation of **Mitigation Measure BIO-6**, a qualified biologist shall determine whether coast live oak trees/woodland would be impacted by each proposed phase. If coast live oak trees/woodland have the potential to be impacted, a qualified biologist will provide a description of the conditions of the trees and habitat that may be impacted and quantify the individuals and/or acreage that may be impacted for inclusion in the Project-Specific Biological Resources Study required by **Mitigation Measure BIO-6**. The impact analysis shall take into consideration tree retention, relocation, and replacement proposed for each phase. A qualified biologist will include a summary of coast live oak trees/woodland impacted by phase to date in the study and verify that the impacts that the oak mitigation continues to meet a 1:1 mitigation ratio. If impacts to coast live oak trees/woodland in a future phase would exceed a 1:1 mitigation ratio based on the available oak woodland that would be preserved on-site, the phase may either be redesigned to avoid or reduce impacts to meet a 1:1 mitigation ratio, or additional mitigation (e.g., including off-site preservation, on-site or off-site restoration, or payment of in-lieu fees) would be required. A qualified biologist will identify potential mitigation strategies to meet a 1:1 mitigation ratio in the study, and the appropriate mitigation strategy shall be determined and initiated prior to construction of the subject phase. Potential mitigation strategies may include, but are not limited to:

1. Off-site oak woodland preservation areas: opportunities may include coast live oak woodland habitat within or adjacent to the former Fort Ord. However, off-site preservation areas shall not include any lands conserved as part of the Fort Ord Oak Woodland Conservation Area, once approved. In addition, authorization to utilize the site by the land owner would be required and the mitigation area must be preserved in perpetuity through a conservation easement or other appropriate land use restriction.
2. On-site or off-site restoration: opportunities may include restoration of coast live oak woodland habitat within or adjacent to the former Fort Ord. Two potential on-site areas that could serve as suitable planting sites include, but are not limited to: 1) a disturbed area at the intersection of Parker Flats Road, Parker Flats Cut-Off, and Normandy Road; and 2) a

disturbed area between the Administrative Building and entrance driveway. Off-site mitigation areas would be subject to the same conditions listed in mitigation strategy #1.

3. Payment of in-lieu fees to the County and/or Seaside to fund a “fair share” of the cost to manage and monitor the Fort Ord Oak Woodland Conservation Area, once approved. The fair share cost shall be based on the acreage required to meet the 1:1 mitigation ratio exceeded in the phase.”

Page ES-33, Impact GEO-4, the mitigation measure column is corrected to read:

“CTR-1: Unanticipated Discovery: summarized above.

CTR-2: Cultural Sensitivity Training: summarized above.”

Page 1.2-1, the first paragraph is corrected as follows in response to comments from the MBARD (Letter 3):

As part of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure ~~Closure and Realignment~~ Act of 1990 (BRAC), Fort Ord was downsized and realigned in 1991 and officially closed in 1994. An initiative to develop a veterans cemetery at the former Fort Ord began a few weeks after announcement in 1991 of the BRAC (RHAA and Whitson Engineers, 2008). The CCCVC 2008 Development Master Plan (2008 Master Plan) was prepared in support of this effort (RHAA and Whitson Engineers, 2008). Phase 1 of the CCCVC was approved and constructed in 2015. After the approval of Phase 1, an updated master plan, the CCCVC 2015 Master Plan (2015 Master Plan), was prepared (Wood Rodgers, 2015).

Page 2.4-5, Figure 2-5 has been revised to remove Swan Hill Fruitless Olive (*Olea europaea*), Victorian Box (*Pittosporum undulatum*), sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*) from the Plant List as shown on the following page in response to comments from the CNPS (Letter 8). This revision is consistent with the modifications made to Figure 3-1: Master Plan Planting on page 19 of the 2015 Master Plan.

PLANTING + GROUND COVER TYPOLOGY LEGEND

- EXISTING OAK WOODLAND
- NEW OAK WOODLAND
- ACCENT TREES (ROADSIDE + COLUMBARIUM AREAS)
- CRYPT FIELD BANK TREES
- HERITAGE OAKS (QTY: 4)
- CRYPT FIELD BANK PLANTING
- SIGNIFICANT VEGETATED EDGE
- NATURALIZED ZONES
- NATIVE GRASSES
- DECOMPOSED GRANITE (CRYPT FIELDS)

PLANT LIST (SEE SHEET L4.01 FOR PHOTOS)

TREES

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
ARBUTUS 'MARINA'	STRAWBERRY TREE
CUPRESSUS MACROCARPA	MONTEREY CYPRESS
OLEA EUROPAEA 'SWAN HILL'	SWAN HILL FRUITLESS OLIVE
PISTIUM UNILATUM	VICTORIAN BOX
QUERCUS AGRIFOLIA	COAST LIVE OAK
SAMBUCUS MEXICANA	MEXICAN ELDERBERRY

HYDROSEED MIX FOR EROSION CONTROL

PLANT TYPE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
PERENNIALS	ACHILLEA MILLEFOLIUM	WHITE YARROW
	ESCHSCHOLZIA CALIFORNICA	CALIFORNIA POPPY
	ESCHSCHOLZIA MARITIMA	SWEET ALYSSUM
	LUPINUS BICOLOR	PYGMY-LEAF LUPINE
GRASSES	BROMUS CARINATUS	CALIFORNIA BROME
	ELYMUS GLAUCUS	BLUE WILDRYE
	TRIFOLIUM OBTUSIFLORUM	CLOVER
	VULPIA MICROSTACHYS	THREE-WEEKS FESCUE

SHRUBS + PERENNIALS

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
ACHILLEA 'MOONSHINE'	FERN LEAF YARROW
ARCTOSTAPHYLOS EDMUNDSONII 'BIG SUR'	BIG SUR MANZANITA
ARCTOSTAPHYLOS UVA-URSI 'POINT REYES'	POINT REYES MANZANITA
CEANOTHUS GLORIOSUS 'HEART'S DESIRE'	MOUNTAIN LILAC
ERIOGONUM FASCICULATUM FOLIOLOSUM	CALIFORNIA BUCKWHEAT
ESCHSCHOLZIA CALIFORNICA VAR. MARITIMA	COASTAL CALIFORNIA POPPY
FESTUCA MAIREI	ATLAS FESCUE
LAVANDULA STOECHAS	SPANISH LAVENDER
PENNISETUM SPATHULATUM	SLENDER VELDT GRASS
RHAMNUS CALIFORNICA 'SALT POINT'	COASTAL COFFEEBERRY
ROSMARINUS OFFICINALIS 'PROSTRATUS'	CREeping ROSEMARY
SALVIA CLEVELANDII	CLEVELAND SAGE
SALVIA MELLIFERA	BLACK SAGE



Source: 2015 Master Plan



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Figure
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Page 2.4-16, the following paragraph is added after the second paragraph under “Construction” in response to comments from the MBARD (Letter 3):

“The following standard construction Best Management Practices, based on Chapter 8 of the Monterey Bay Air Resources District’s 2008 CEQA Guidelines, will be implemented to the extent practicable throughout the duration of project construction to reduce fugitive dust:

- Apply water or dust palliative to the site and equipment as frequently as necessary to control fugitive dust emissions.
- Spread soil binder on any unpaved roads and parking areas used for construction purposes, when practical.
- Wash off trucks as necessary to control fugitive dust emissions.
- Properly tune and maintain construction equipment and vehicles. Use low-sulfur fuel in all construction equipment as provided in California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 93114.
- Locate equipment and material storage sites as far away from residences and recreational areas as practical. Keep construction areas clean and orderly.
- Use track-out reduction measures such as gravel pads at project access points to minimize dust and mud deposits on roads affected by construction traffic.
- Cover all transported loads of soils and wet materials prior to transport, or provide adequate freeboard (space from the top of the material to the top of the truck) to minimize emission of dust (particulate matter) during transportation.
- To decrease particulate matter, promptly and regularly remove dust and mud that is deposited on paved, public roads due to construction activity and traffic.
- Route and schedule construction traffic to avoid peak travel times as much as possible, to reduce congestion and related air quality impacts caused by idling vehicles along local roads.
- Install mulch or plant vegetation as soon as practical after grading to reduce windblown particulate in the area. Be aware that certain methods of mulch placement, such as straw blowing, may cause dust and visible emission issues, and may require controls such as dampened straw.
- Locate construction equipment and truck staging and maintenance areas to the extent feasible and nominally downwind of schools, active recreation areas, and other areas of high population density.
- Cover inactive storage piles.
- Post a publicly visible sign which specifies the telephone number and person to contact regarding dust complaints. This person shall respond to complaints and take corrective action within 48 hours. The phone number of the MBARD shall be visible to ensure compliance with Rule 402 (Nuisance).”

Page 2.4-27, the following paragraph is added after the last paragraph under “Construction” in response to comments from the MBARD (Letter 3):

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6. Payment of in-lieu fees to the County and/or Seaside to fund a “fair share” of the cost to manage and monitor the Fort Ord Oak Woodland Conservation Area, once approved. The fair share cost shall be based on the acreage required to meet the 1:1 mitigation ratio exceeded in the phase.”

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