

Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update

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- HCP Update
- HCP/Habitat Management Plan (HMP) Summary
- HCP in the Transition Plan
- JPA Formation
- Recommendations

- ▶ 1997 Habitat Management Plan (HMP)
 - Army & USFWS Agreement enabling Fort Ord property transfer
 - Established Fort Ord Habitat Reserve System
 - Authorized “Take” of special status species for cleanup
 - Signatories agreed to fulfill habitat mgmt of reserves, Borderlands

- ▶ 2019 Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
 - Funding to manage habitat reserve system, meeting jurisdictions’ HMP responsibilities
 - Federal and State Incidental Take Permits (ITPs)
 - New Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to manage annual expenditures and ensure HCP compliance

▶ 1997 Habitat Management Plan (HMP)

Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)

County of Monterey (County)

City of Marina

California Department of Parks and Recreation

The Regents of the University of California (UC)

Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)

Monterey Peninsula Community College District (MPC), with FORA to manage their HMA

York School

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Marina Coast Water District

CA Department of Transportation, District Division 5

▶ 2019 Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)

County of Monterey (County)

City of Marina

City of Seaside

City of Del Rey Oaks (DRO)

City of Monterey

California Department of Parks and Recreation

The Regents of the University of California (UC)

The Board of Trustees of the California State University

(on behalf of CSU Monterey Bay) (CSUMB)

Monterey Peninsula Community College District (MPC)

Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (Cooperating Entity)

Marina Coast Water District

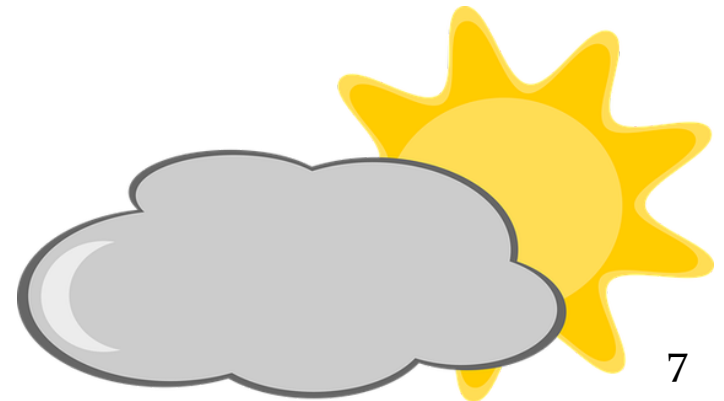
► Obligations

HMP	HCP
Prepare Resource Management Plans for Habitat Reserves	Prepare Resource Management Plans for Habitat Reserves
Deed restricted habitat reserves to preserve and protect species	Deed restrictions and conservation easements to preserve, protect, and mitigate impacts to species
Monitoring required, few specifications for restoration targets	Species-specific monitoring and habitat restoration targets required
Borderland requirements along Fort Ord National Monument (FONM)	Borderland requirements along all habitat reserves (aka HMAs)
Many habitat reserve owners do not have identified funding sources	Habitat reserve owners have identified funding sources (Developer fees)

► Benefits

HMP	HCP
Habitat reserves have deed restrictions allowing Army to transfer Fort Ord lands from Federal to local ownership	Habitat reserves have conservation easements allowing species mitigations for covered activities in reserves and development lands
Few specifications for habitat management	Habitat and species-specific monitoring is required and reported regularly to improve management
Habitat management funding is subject to land owners budget priorities	Habitat management funding is strategically collected through the FORA CFD or its replacement
Designated Development lands have no HMP requirements, except HMP Borderlands (which may require ITPs)	Designated development lands are allowed ITPs for development and HCP Borderland activities

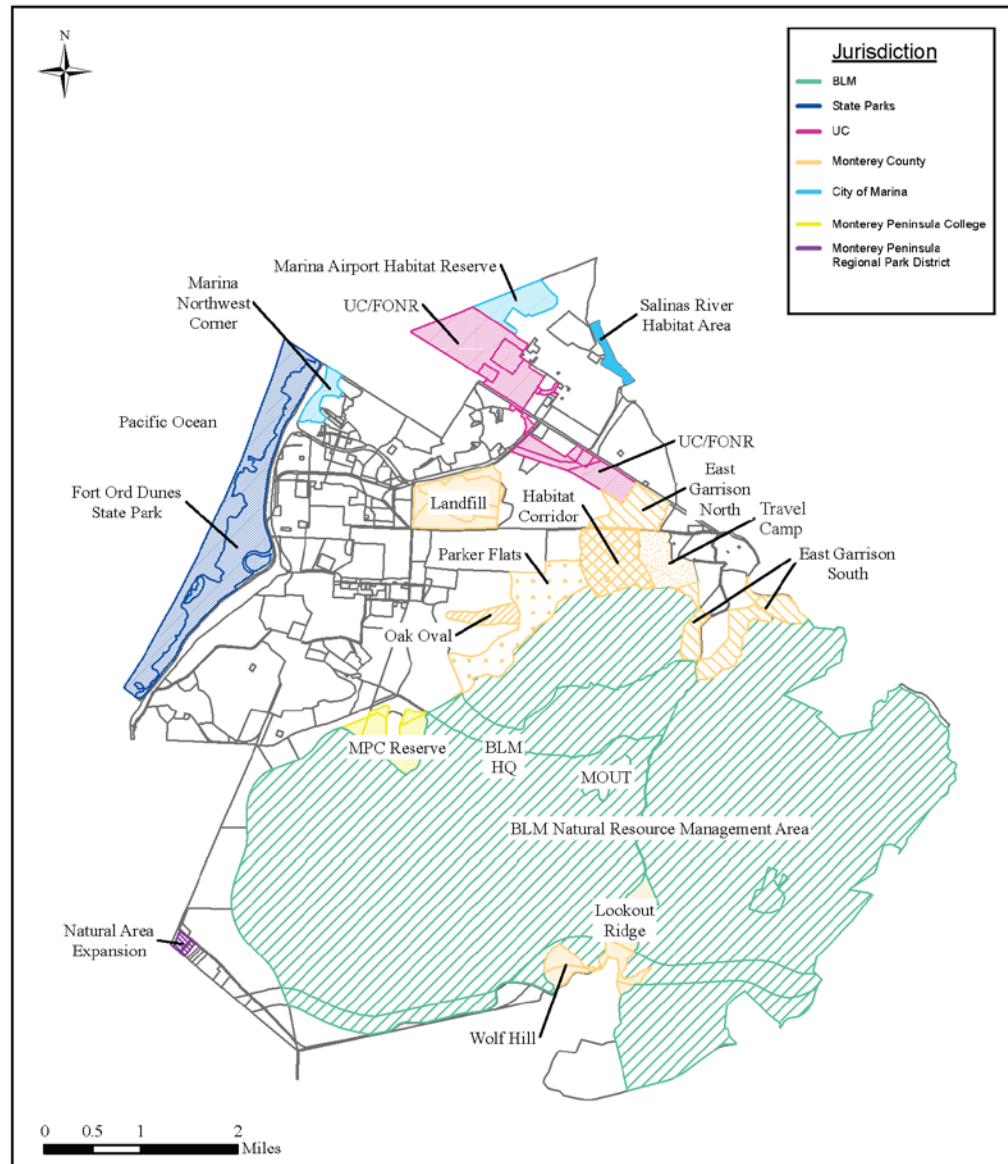
- ▶ Department of Interior April 27th Memorandum
 - Imposes Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completion limit to one year (April 2019)
 - Requires reduction in EIS document size (300 pages)
- ▶ Good news for meeting tight timeline for HCP completion



Current HCP Timeline

- Now** ▶ Final Screencheck Review (by USFWS Solicitor)
- Nov-
Dec-Jan** ▶ Public Draft Review
- March-
April '19** ▶ HCP JPA formation, ROD, *both must precede:*
- June -
July '19** ▶ State and Federal Permits for Take

HMA locations



Development/HMA per JD

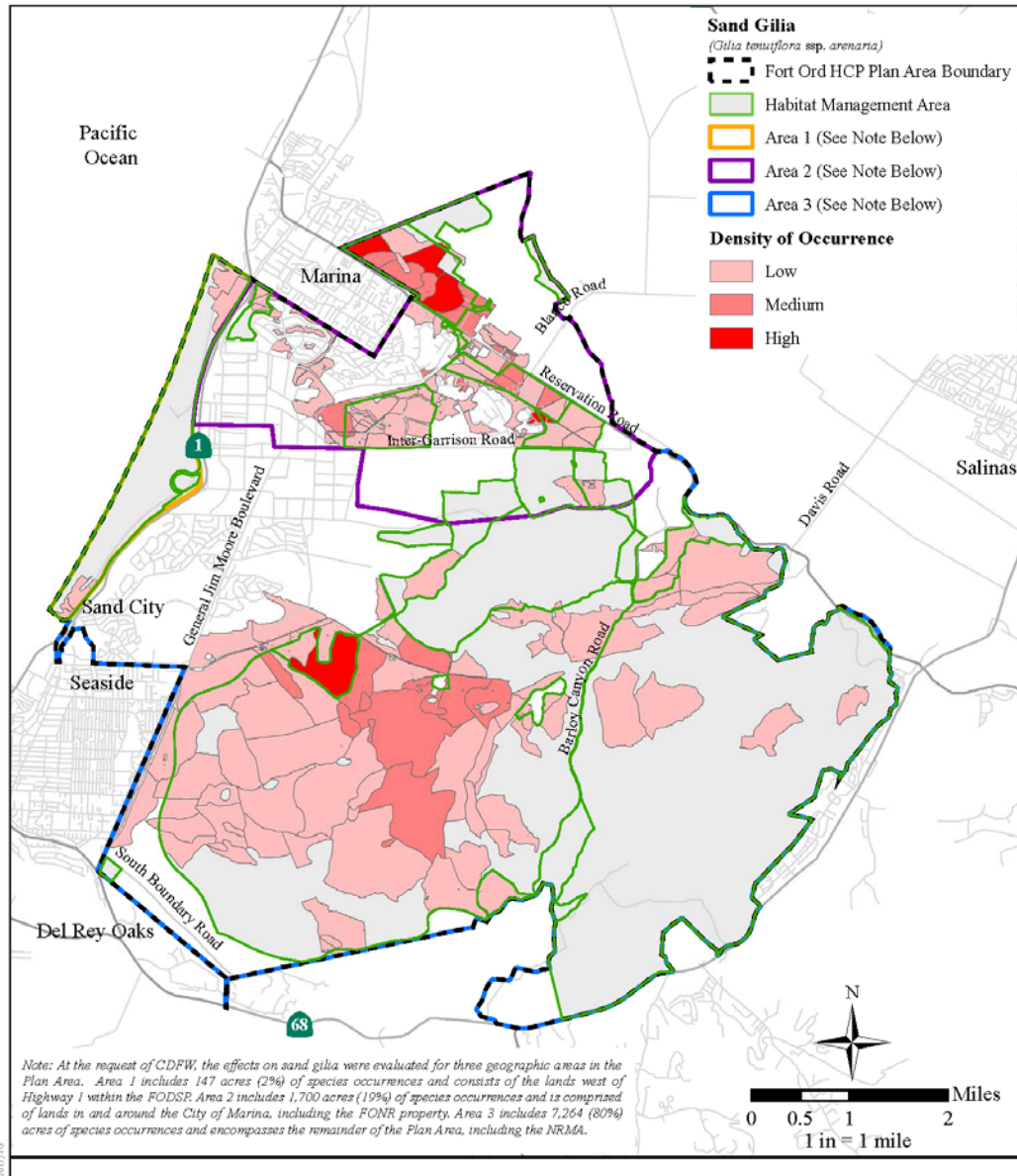
Jurisdiction/Agency (JD)	Development Acres	Available HMA Acres
Monterey	110	0
Del Rey Oaks	344	18*
Seaside	1,811	17*
Marina	994**	140
County of Monterey	1,595	1,507
UC	479	598
CSUMB	532†	0
MPC	296	206
State Parks	145	834
TOTAL	6,306	3,303

**Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District owned in DRO, MPC owned in Seaside.*

***Rough estimate of remaining Fort Ord development lands.*

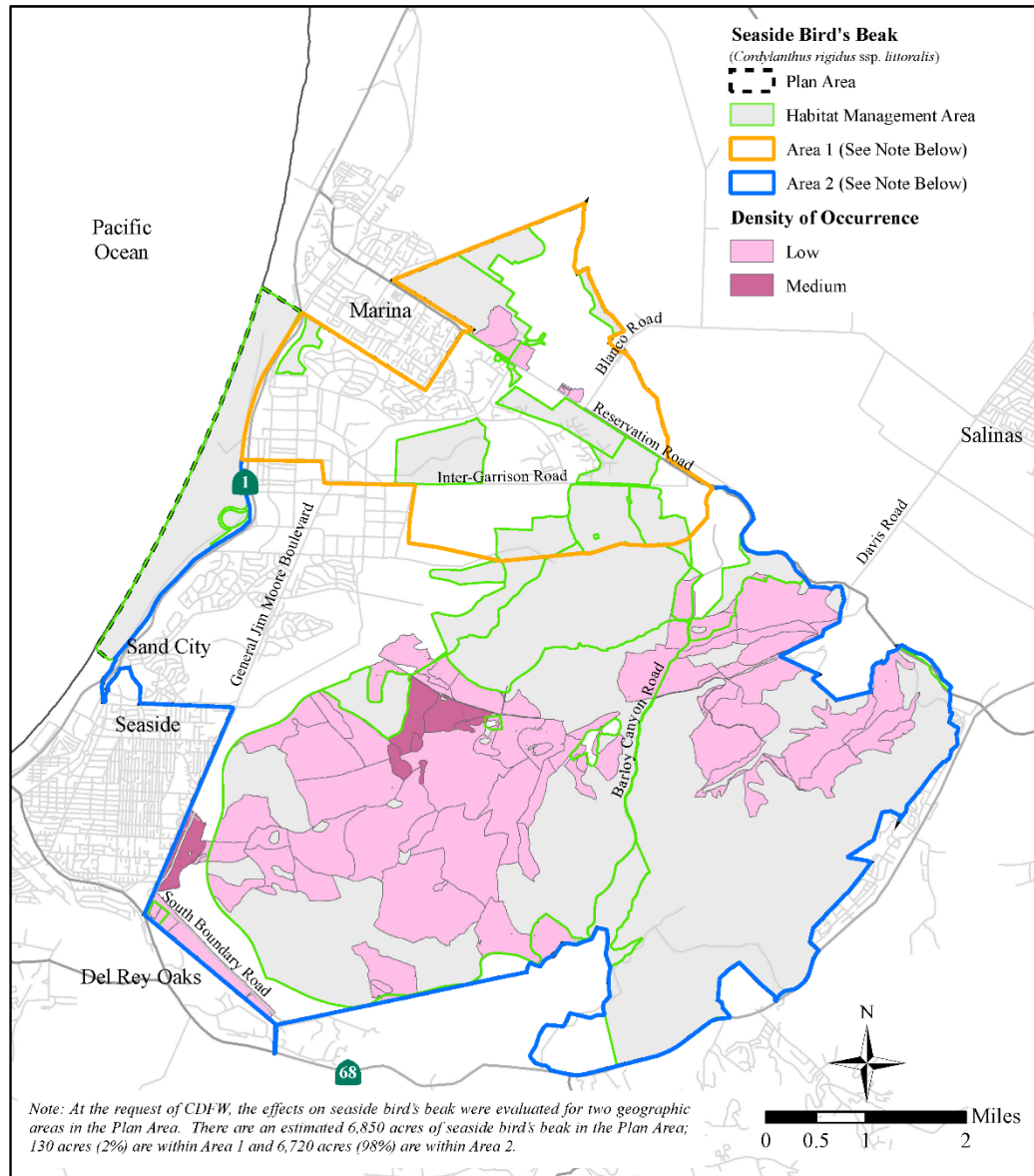
† CSUMB development area is estimated because the EIR is not final on their Master Plan.

Occurrence Maps

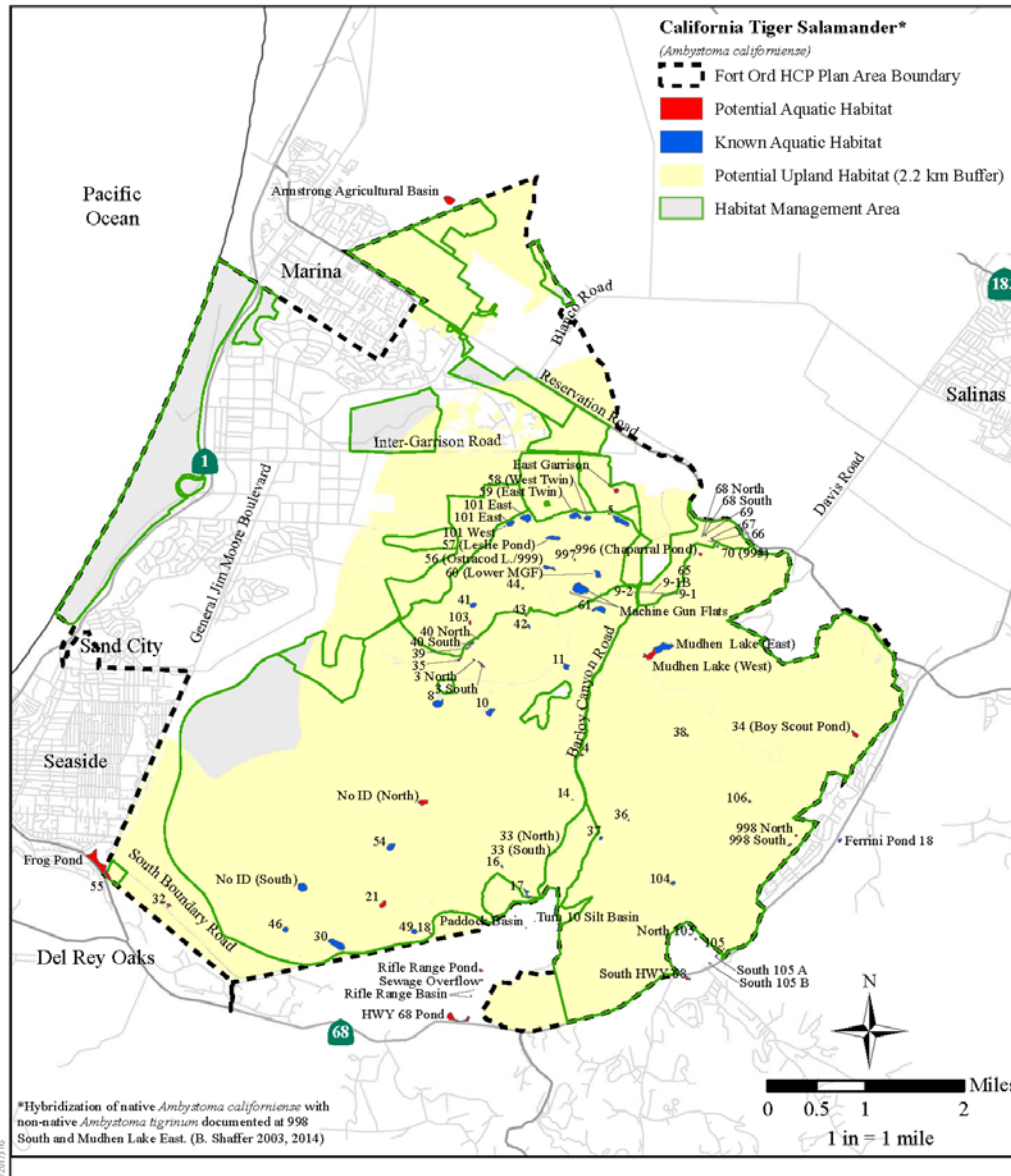


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Hypothetical Project

Fort Ord Parcel Map

<http://docs.fortordcleanup.com/parcelmap/>

Seaside East Parcel E24 200 Acres



- ▶ Listed species present: California Tiger Salamander (CTS) (Federal & State ITPs), Seaside Bird's Beak (State ITP), and Sand Gilia (State ITP)
- ▶ How would Seaside/developer obtain ITPs without the HCP?
 1. Conduct surveys
 2. Identify potential impacts
 3. Consider options
 4. Choose an option
 5. Submit permit applications

- ▶ Surveys completed by a biologist

- ▶ Results identify 200 acres of CTS and 100 acres of Seaside Bird's Beak and Sand Gilia impacted

- ▶ Options:
 1. Reduce impacts by developing fewer acres;
 2. Secure 600 acres of CTS upland habitat on Fort Ord and secure 300 acres of Seaside Bird's Beak and Sand Gilia habitat (County, MPC, Marina, UC)
 3. Same as option 2, except CTS mitigation is secured by purchasing CTS mitigation bank credits

- ▶ What are the HMP requirements?
 - No habitat management requirements for this parcel
 - Interim management measures required
 - Non-native species control
 - Manage existing native habitat or construct and maintain firebreaks and vehicle barriers to protect FONM lands
 - Others to be determined
 - Borderland management required
 - Install and maintain barriers to natural areas
 - Fire-resistant land uses located along interface of parcel and FONM act as a buffer
 - Structures sited entirely behind buffer
 - Measures to reduce potential erosion into FONM

- ▶ Transition Taskforce (TTF) members expressed desire to “tie up loose ends”
 - Transition Plan should have a recipient organization for HCP responsibilities in place
 - Could just be the entity to implement the HMP and receive FORA CFD habitat management funding if HCP effort is not successful

1. Form a HMP JPA in next few months

- Failsafe in case the 2019 HCP JPA is not in place by June 2020
- JPA could amend its purpose in the future to implement the HCP, if that effort is successful
 - *OR*

2. Have a trigger date by which, if no HCP JPA is established, landholders agree to begin forming the HMP JPA

JPA Considerations

- ▶ If HCP is approved, early formation of JPA would not be necessary
 - Streamlined Federal EIS process moves permit issuance to June 2019
 - Forming a JPA and then amending that JPA's purpose creates an extra step for multiple public agencies

- ▶ Receive this HCP status report.
- ▶ Consider directing staff to work with jurisdictions on formation of a JPA to implement base-wide habitat management activities required by the 1997 HMP. Should the Board direct staff to form a JPA to implement the HMP, consider including a target date for forming the JPA, such as July 31, 2019.

Questions?

