

RESOLUTION #05-2

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A JOINT
LOCAL/STATE EFFORT TO SPEED UP
REDEVELOPMENT OF CALIFORNIA'S CLOSED
MILITARY BASES

WHEREAS, the economy of the State of California has been significantly negatively impacted by 23 military base closures since the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure ("BRAC") Commission began its work in the late 1980's, costing the state more than 126,000 civilian and military jobs, as well as thousands of indirectly related jobs, with a cost to the state of nearly \$10 billion in tax revenue (State of California, Office of Military Base Retention and Revitalization); and

WHEREAS, those 23 bases consisted of more than 70,000 acres of California real estate, much of it in extremely sought after locations, such as the Monterey Bay region, the San Francisco Bay region, or other fast growing regions like Sacramento, San Diego, San Bernardino, and Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of those properties to local governments, and the subsequent redevelopment, was anticipated to offset the detrimental economic impacts of closure and provide a new round of economic development opportunities to the state and the entire Monterey Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of these former defense facilities, in particular the former Fort Ord Military Installation, was intended to be the focal point of urban economic revitalization and environmental restoration efforts, offering badly needed jobs, housing and open space for the impacted communities in the Monterey Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of much of the land within those bases, including the former Fort Ord Military Installation, has been delayed for many years due to complex remediation issues and under-funded environmental cleanup efforts; and

WHEREAS, the positive economic impact to the Monterey Bay region and the state, would be tremendous if the conveyance and redevelopment of these closed military bases could be expedited; and

WHEREAS, some 65,000 new jobs could be created, and more than 19,000 new housing units, including 4,500 affordable housing units, could be built; and

WHEREAS, more than \$14 billion in real estate value could be generated at these former military bases; and

WHEREAS, more than \$160 million in annual state tax revenue and another \$115 million in annual local tax revenue would result, and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of this development and revenue potential will occur on the former Fort Ord in the Monterey Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the local impact of expedited military base redevelopment will have a positive impact on all communities in the Monterey Bay region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Fort Ord Reuse Authority that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority hereby expresses its strong support for creating a joint effort with state and local officials focused on speeding up the pace of base cleanup, conveyance and redevelopment in order to improve the quality of life in the Monterey Bay region and generate a healthy and stable economy for its residents and businesses; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that redevelopment of closed military bases is one of the greatest economic development opportunities now before the State of California and many of the communities that have been affected by the base closure process; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority urges the administrations of President George Bush and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to work closely with affected local governments to prioritize state and local resources to make this issue a priority for the state including a clear mandate for state agencies to expedite base redevelopment; promote effective coordination between federal and state agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board; and involve top level staff and executives to manage the process; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this joint state/local effort should include a plan for working with the federal government to streamline the environmental cleanup process and provide adequate funding and other resources as needed to pay for the cleanup and the conveyance of these former military bases; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this effort begin immediately in order to align with decisions in the next round of the BRAC process; and

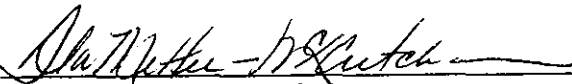
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority duly directs its Chair and Executive Officer to complete this resolution and forward copies to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the relevant members of his Administration at the State Capitol and to the California Congressional delegation.

Upon motion of Mayor Albert, seconded by both Mayor McCloud and Councilmember Morrison, the foregoing resolution was passed this 18th day of February, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES:	13	Supervisors Calcagno, Potter, and Smith; Mayors McCloud, Russell, Mettee-McCutchon, Albert, Pendergrass, and Rubio; and Councilmembers Morrison, Schenk, Sanchez, and Mancini.
NOES:	0	
ABSTENTIONS:	0	
ABSENT:	0	

I, Ila Mettee-McCutchon, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of the said Board of Directors duly made and entered in the approved minutes thereof at Item 7c of the proceedings of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority's Board of Directors meeting of February 18, 2005.

DATED: 2/18/05

BY: 
Ila Mettee-McCutchon
Chair, Board of Directors
Fort Ord Reuse Authority