

FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation

Supervisor Ila Mettee-McCutchon

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Board of Directors hereby resolves that:

WHEREAS, Ila Mettee-McCutchon served as a U.S. Army officer from 1971 until her retirement in 1997, commanding U.S. Army units at the company, battalion and brigade levels both in the United States and overseas, including Commandant of the Defense Language Institute and Garrison Commander for the Presidio of Monterey and Fort Ord from 1994 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mettee-McCutchon served as the former Fort Ord Base Realignment and Closure chief from 1996-1998, offering advice and direction on the property disposal, remediation programs and, most notably, habitat conservation processing, and actually transferred one-third of the base for reuse; and

WHEREAS, Ila Mettee-McCutchon served as a community advisor to the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, as a member of the League of California Cities Housing and Economic Development Policy Committee, and as board member of the Girl Scouts United Way and Community Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Ila Mettee-McCutchon was elected to the Marina City Council in 1998 and served as mayor of the City of Marina from 2002 to March 2008 and as Supervisor of the Fourth District since that time, providing consistent and dynamic leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ila Mettee-McCutchon served two terms as FORA Board Chair and was instrumental in implementing the Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan of former Ford Ord property; and

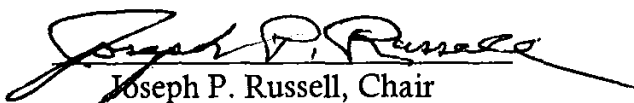
WHEREAS, Ila Mettee-McCutchon provided significant leadership on the FORA Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement negotiating team that led to \$100,000,000 in federal munitions removal funding; and

WHEREAS, the record reflects that Ila Mettee-McCutchon is the only person to have served in four different capacities while serving on the FORA Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mettee-McCutchon has maintained a sense of clarity and equitability; and

WHEREAS, as FORA Chair, Ila Mettee-McCutchon never met a meeting she couldn't facilitate, has consistently preached the gospel that a good meeting can also be a short meeting, and holds the record for efficiency by chairing the shortest FORA board meeting in history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to Ila Mettee-McCutchon for her extraordinary contributions to the reuse of former Fort Ord and to the citizens of Monterey County; and wishes her every success in all future endeavors.


Joseph P. Russell, Chair

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