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From: Michael Weaver [michaelrweaver@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:50 PM
To: FORA Board
Cc: Laura Vidaurri
Subject: FORA Board - Fri, April 12, 3:30pm – 5:00pm re: FOCAG concerns about VC proposed location
Attachments: FOCAG-FtOrdVC.doc

FORA Board,

Please find attached letter for FORA Board members and staff.
If for some reason the attachment won't open please call and I can fax it to you.

Thank you,
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Fort Ord Community Advisory Group (FOCAG)
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The "Fort Ord Community Advisory Group is a public interest group formed to review, comment and advise on the remediation (cleanup) of the Fort Ord Army Base, Superfund Site, to ensure that human health, safety and the environment are protected to the greatest extent possible." - Mission Statement.

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Re: Fort Ord Federal Superfund Site
Proposed Veteran's Cemetery location and funding issues
Monterey County, CA

March 30, 2013

Dear Secretary Gravett and Director Raphael,

This letter is being written to express FOCAG concerns over local plans in Monterey County to transfer contaminated and still dangerous former Army Training Range land, Federal property, to the State of California. As we understand it, this proposed specific property transfer is for purposes of meeting some sort of a deadline for applying for Federal money for a Veteran's Cemetery.

The Fort Ord Community Advisory Group (FOCAG) was formed by the California DTSC, who assisted in getting it up and running. This FOCAG formation followed the U.S. Army dissolving the Fort Ord Restoration Advisory Board, and a Fort Ord Toxic's

Project Federal lawsuit against the Army regarding that dissolution. The FOCAG are volunteers who receive no State or Federal funding.

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Former Fort Ord is the second largest military base closed by the Army Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). It is huge. It has been, and is, fraught with clean up issues. These clean up issues include buried ordnance, including unexploded ordnance, chemical contamination of the soil, and contaminated groundwater.

The FOCAG supports a Veteran's Cemetery on former Fort Ord. However, the current proposed acreage for a Veteran's Cemetery on Parker Flats is in an inappropriate and dangerous location. The topography is inappropriate. The 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 land mines 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. Obviously gravesites will be dug to 6-feet below ground surface. This presents considerable danger. Further, searching for, and remediating chemical contamination of the soil has been next to non-existent.

The Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007 allowed an early and dirty transfer of approximately 3300-acres of this former Fort Ord for purposes of a faster clean up of munitions. This clean up of munitions is being handled by private contractors. The Army remains responsible for the chemical contamination of the soils and chemical contamination of area groundwater. The latter have not been completed.

The State of California should not accept contaminated and dangerous property because it creates liability issues for the State and it will dilute accountability in its clean up.

The FOCAG requests full CEQA environmental review of this project proposal prior to the State of California agreeing to accept former Army Training Range property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: JOEL WEINSTEIN [joelweinstein@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 5:06 PM
To: FORA Board
Subject: Agenda Request

Dear FORA Directors and and Mr. Houlemard,

On behalf of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, this is request that FORA withdraw Agenda item 7eiii scheduled for Friday, April 12 as: Consider Sierra Club's Request to Remove Sections 8.02.020(t) And 8.02.030(a)(8) ACTION

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,
Joel Weinstein
Chapter Chair

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From: Haines Jane [envirlaw@mbay.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 7:42 AM
To: FORA Board; Michael Houlemard
Cc: Alec Arago
Subject: letter from Jane Haines
Attachments: Haines.pdf; ATT00001.htm

JANE HAINES

April 11, 2013
FORA Board of Directors and
Michael Houlemard, Executive Director
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Dear FORA Directors and Michael:

My first reason for writing is to express my strong enthusiasm for the April 5 work by the Base Reuse Post-Reassessment Ad Hoc Committee. The committee meeting started on time, ended (almost) on time, and by my count, committee members made 69 thoughtful decisions. I am confident that that committee will act carefully and intelligently in providing guidance to your Board regarding how FORA should follow-up on the 2012 Reassessment process.

Also, I want to inform you that I've resigned from the Sierra Club over my disagreement with the Club's support for retaining subdivision (t) of Section 8.02.010 of the Master Resolution. I believe it is critically important that FORA accept the 2012 Market Study recommendations to attract middle income jobs to Fort Ord, which I believe will not occur if middle income households wanting to purchase homes at Fort Ord must pay higher home prices in order to subsidize below-market housing. My beliefs are based on the attached quoted passages from the 2012 Final Reassessment Report and the 2012 Scoping Report. To me, this is a pivotal issue for determining the type of community which the former Fort Ord will ultimately become.

Best regards,



Jane Haines

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Final Reassessment Report, pg. 3-96: "The reassessment's Market Study found a significant reduction in middle-income households on the Monterey Peninsula, largely attributable to the high cost of housing...The current residential market is highly price sensitive. As a secondary effect of high housing costs, many businesses are reluctant to establish on the Monterey Peninsula because the high cost of housing means that potential employees cannot afford to live in the area."

Scoping Report, pg. 3-9: "A multi-pronged approach is necessary to achieve job growth that will stabilize the region's economy and offer more diversity, opening access to disadvantaged and underserved populations that have suffered since base closure and during the recent recession. As discussed in the prior section, this approach potentially involves supporting labor force growth through some initial acceptance of a 'jobs following housing' model. This approach relates to the fact that the middle class, which has been declining in the region, needs to be bolstered to arrive at a fully functioning economy that will attract larger employers."

Scoping Report, pg. 3-11: "Income disparities (the disappearance of the middle class) must be addressed through a major effort to attract jobs and economic development to provide regional balance. Fort Ord is positioned to be the 'engine' for regaining this lost balance. In this regard, it will be necessary to accept some level of residential growth ahead of commercial development to build a labor force that will set in motion recognition of opportunity among South Bay and other employers looking at potential expansion."

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From: Jen Simon
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 2:33 PM
To: FORA Board
Subject: Reminder: Change in Board Meeting time for May & June

FORA Board Members:

This is a sent as a reminder, per the direction of the Executive Committee at its April 3rd meeting, the board meetings of May 10 and June 14 will begin at 2:00pm.

Jen

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To: FORA Board
Subject: Community & educational development

PRESS RELEASE

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