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FORA Base Reuse Plan Reassessment Draft Scoping Report Now Available

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) has released a draft version of the scoping report for the Base Reuse Plan reassessment process, which is underway and will be completed by the end of the year. The Base Reuse Plan is the “blueprint” that guides conversion of Fort Ord from a former military base to civilian use within the Monterey Bay region.

The Base Reuse Plan was adopted in 1997 and anticipated full reuse or “buildout” would take place gradually over a 50-year timeframe. The reassessment process is studying current and projected economic conditions and status of implementation of the adopted plan, as-well as possible adjustments to various objectives and policies for consideration by the FORA Board.

The draft scoping report may be downloaded at FORA’s web site: www.fora.org. Printed copies and CD copies are available for review at the main public libraries in Marina, Seaside, and Monterey, and at FORA (920 2nd Avenue in Marina). CD copies of the report may also be obtained at the FORA offices at no cost.

The Scoping Report includes three main components: Status of implementation of the Base Reuse Plan to date; a market and economic report looking at regional trends, forecasts, opportunities, and constraints; and reporting of public input obtained in previous community workshops and through written correspondence submitted to FORA. The Scoping Report provides a factual foundation for analysis and consideration by the FORA Board at the conclusion of the reassessment process in late 2012.

At its monthly meeting on Friday, August 10, the FORA Board received information about the contents and schedule for the Base Reuse Plan Reassessment Scoping Report. Consulting firms EMC Planning Group and Economic & Planning Systems provided an overview of the report’s main findings.

Next, following two weeks of public review of the draft scoping report, the FORA Board will hold a community workshop during a special Board meeting to receive public comments and questions through September 14, 2012 regarding the draft report. The meeting will take place at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 29, at Carpenters Union Hall, located at 910 2nd Avenue in Marina. A final scoping report will then be presented at the regular FORA Board meeting on Friday, September 14.

More information about the upcoming community workshop and other reassessment updates will be posted at www.fora.org, where links to the Base Reuse Plan document and FORA’s Facebook page are also available.