

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Authorize concurrence with the management requirements)
of the Installation-Wide Multi-species Habitat Management)
Plan for former Fort Ord, California.)

Upon motion of Supervisor Johnsen, seconded by Supervisor Lindley, and carried by those present, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes concurrence with the management requirements of the Installation-Wide Multi-species Habitat Management Plan for former Fort Ord, California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of July 2003, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Lindley, Johnsen, Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Sally R. Reed, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof at page --- of Minute Book 71, on July 29, 2003.

Dated: July 31, 2003

SALLY R. REED, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California

LF/AH

By Ann D. Anderson
Deputy

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

10:30

MEETING: July 29, 2003	Scheduled 10:45 a.m.	AGENDA NO.: 5-8
SUBJECT: Authorize concurrence with the management requirements of the Installation-Wide Multi-species Habitat Management Plan for former Fort Ord, California.		
DEPARTMENT: County Administrative Office - ERP		

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize concurrence with the management requirements of the Installation-Wide Multi-species Habitat Management Plan for former Fort Ord, California.

SUMMARY

The Fort Ord Habitat Management Plan (HMP) is intended to mitigate the effects of base reuse on federally listed or proposed threatened and endangered plant and animal species.

DISCUSSION

Fort Ord supports a diverse array of habitat types and numerous rare, threatened, endangered or otherwise special-status species of plants and animals. Consequently, when the decision was made to close and dispose of the former base, the U.S. Army was obligated under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) to enter into a formal consultation process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As a result of that consultation process, the Service and the Army reached agreement on the Army's activities which included the requirement to develop and implement a HMP to reduce and mitigate the effects of disposal and reuse on federally-listed or proposed threatened and endangered species and the habitats that support them.

The HMP can be divided into two parts. The first part deals with habitat management prescriptions for the Army's clean up and remediation activities prior to transfer. The second part of the HMP provides a template for land transfer and reuse. It identifies categories of future land use and specifies parcel by parcel resource conservation and management requirements. Some parcels are designated for development with no restrictions or management guidelines, other parcels are designated for partial or conditional development with obligations to implement certain management guidelines, and still other parcels are designated as habitat reserves or corridors with specific management guidelines and restrictions on development and uses. These areas are shown on the HMP map attached as Exhibit A.

The HMP is a binding document. Also, conformance with the requirements of the HMP is a prerequisite for the transfer of land from the Army to other parties. Land recipients will be required to follow the mandates of the HMP through separate memoranda of agreement (MOAs) and/or deed restrictions.

Acceptance of designated habitat reserve land (with its deed restrictions) and/or execution of an MOA binds those recipients to a commitment to manage the land for habitat purposes in perpetuity. In return, the HMP is intended to simplify future regulatory compliance regarding biological resource issues.

A general goal of the HMP is to promote preservation, enhancement and restoration of habitat while allowing implementation of a community-based reuse plan that supports economic recovery at Fort Ord. The HMP provides a basis for recipients of Fort Ord lands to proceed with reuse with little or no additional mitigation for impacts to federally or state-listed species. Also, because the HMP addresses several non-listed species, the document is considered a prelisting conservation agreement so that no additional mitigation is required should those species become listed.

Species and Habitats of Concern at Former Fort Ord

Eleven Plant and seven wildlife species are addressed in the HMP (Exhibit B). Many of the HMP species have their center of distribution or a large percentage of their range on the former base. Most are associated with coastal dunes or central coast maritime chaparral habitat, two habitat types that are also addressed in the HMP.

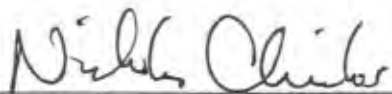
This latter habitat type, central coast maritime chaparral, is by far the most extensive vegetation type on the base, occurring on over 8,000 acres of former Fort Ord lands. Maritime chaparral is a fire-prone and a fire-adapted plant community. Chaparral burns with some regularity and the species that comprise it not only tolerate burning but benefit from it. Thus, prescribed burning is a critical management tool identified by the HMP for use in maritime chaparral habitat reserve lands. Other management tools include measures such as weed control and fire break maintenance.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

This report has been coordinated with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA).

FINANCING

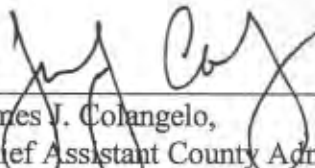
Basewide costs for implementation of the HMP are estimated to be \$6.5 million. FORA set aside the first \$1.5 million of this amount through revenue bond issuance. Developer fees will fund the balance of the amount needed. These monies will be used to create an endowment fund for long-term habitat management.



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Principal Administrative Analyst

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Date



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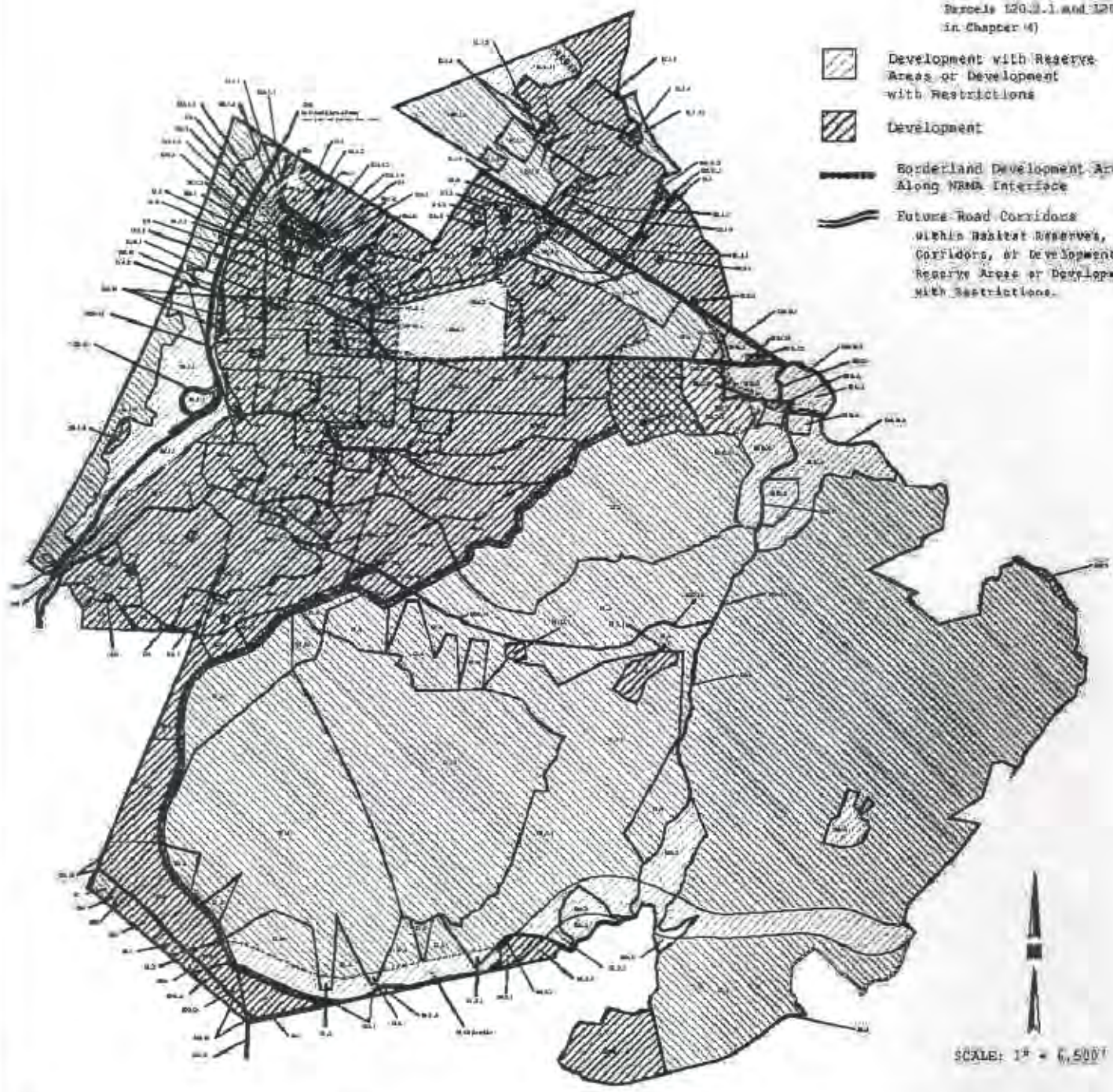
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EXHIBIT A

-  Boundary of the Former Fort Ord
- StonMP Management Categories**
-  Habitat Reserve
- Habitat Corridor**
-  Habitat Corridor
-  Portion of Habitat Corridor With Allowance for Future Development (See Figure 4-3 and the Discussion of Sections 120.2.1 and 120.2.7 in Chapter 4)
-  Development with Reserve Areas or Development with Restrictions
-  Development
-  Borderland Development Area Along NAB Interface
-  Future Road Corridors within Habitat Reserves, Habitat Corridors, or Development with Reserve Areas or Development with Restrictions.



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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Environmental Consultants
Habitat Management Plan Map
for Former Fort Ord
December 1996

HMP Species

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status Federal/State/Other
Plants		
Sand gilia	<i>Gilia tenuiflora</i> ssp. <i>arenaria</i>	E/T/CNPS 1B
Monterey spineflower	<i>Chorizanthe pungens</i> var. <i>pungens</i>	T/--/CNPS 1B
Robust spineflower	<i>Chorizanthe robusta</i> var. <i>robusta</i>	E/--/CNPS 4
Seaside bird's-beak	<i>Cordylanthus rigidus</i> var. <i>littoralis</i>	SC/E/CNPS 1B
Toro manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos montereyensis</i>	SC/--/CNPS 1B
Sandmat manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos pumila</i>	SC/--/CNPS 1B
Monterey ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i> var. <i>rigidus</i>	SC/--/CNPS 4
Eastwood's ericameria	<i>Ericameria fasciculata</i>	SC/--/CNPS 1B
Coast wallflower	<i>Erysimum ammophilum</i>	SC/--/CNPS 1B
Yadon's piperia	<i>Piperia yadoni</i>	E/--/CNPS 1B
Hooker's manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i>	--/--/CNPS 1B

Animals

Smith's blue butterfly	<i>Euphilotes enoptes smithi</i>	E/--
California linderiella	<i>Linderiella occidentalis</i>	no status
California red-legged frog	<i>Rana aurora draytoni</i>	T/CSC
California tiger salamander	<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>	P/CSC
California black legless lizard	<i>Anniella pulchra nigra</i>	--/CSC
Western snowy plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i>	T/CSC
Monterey ornate shrew	<i>Sorex ornatus salaries</i>	SC/--

Status Explanations

Federal

- E = Listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- T = Listed as threatened under the federal ESA.
- P = Proposed for federal listing as threatened or endangered under the federal ESA.
- SC = Species of Concern are all former Category 1 and 2 candidates species that without additional conservation action are likely to become candidates for listing by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the federal ESA.

State

- E = Listed as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).
- T = Listed as threatened under the CESA.
- CSC = California Department of Fish and Game species of special concern.

Other

- CNPS 1B = California Native Plant Society list 1B: plants listed as rare, threatened or endangered in California and elsewhere.
- CNPS 4 = California Native Plant Society list 4: plants of limited distribution in California – a watch list.