

# Del Ray Oaks



**Is It Ready to be Transferred?**

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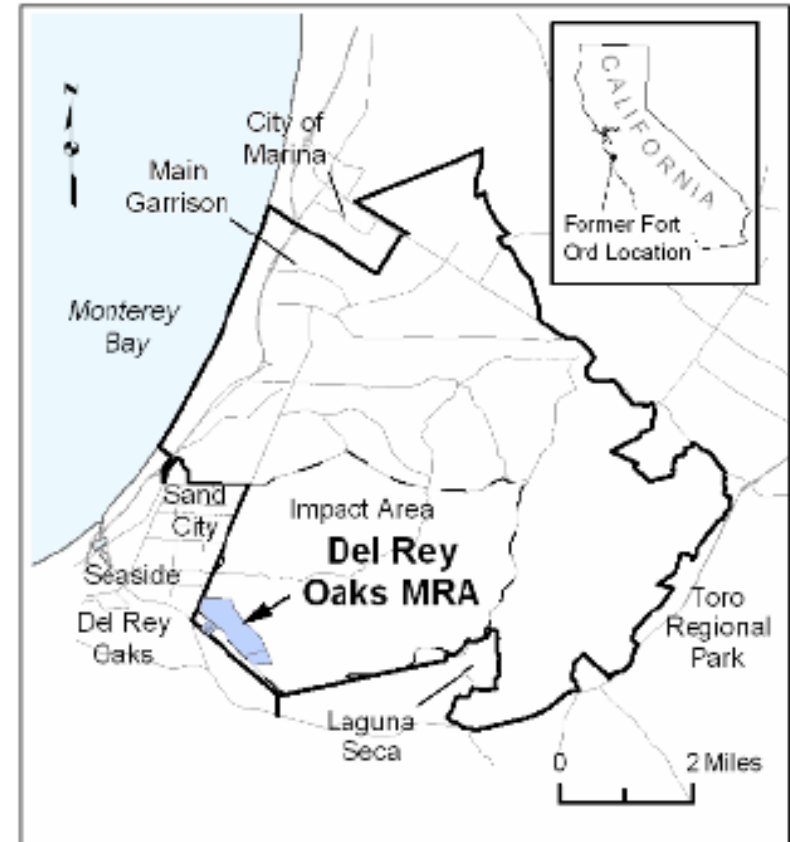
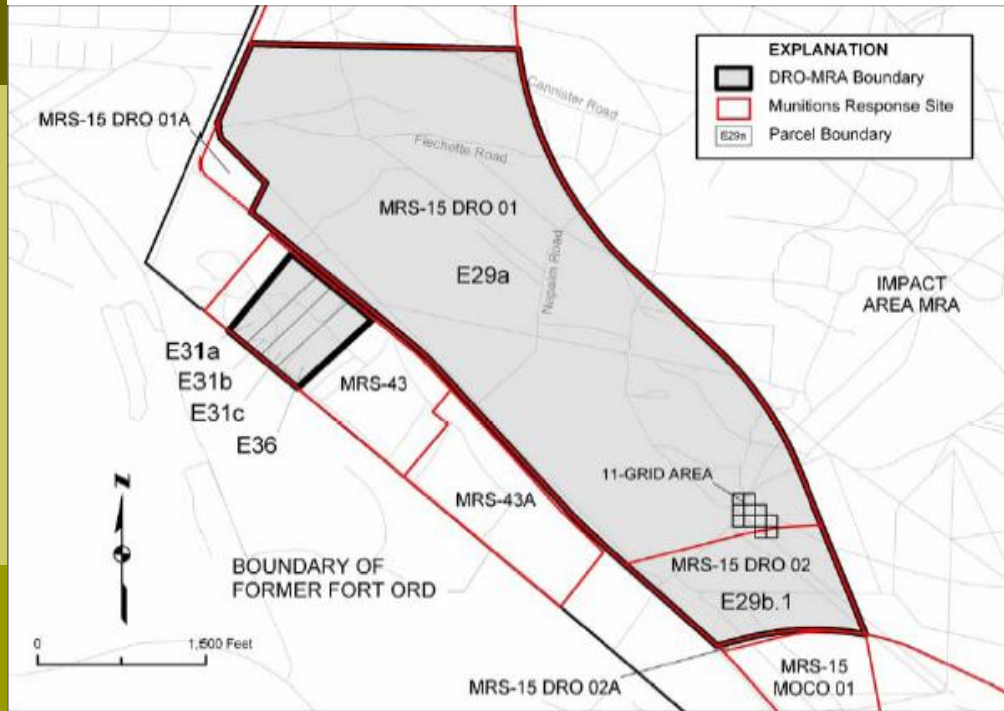
**Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network**

**TAG Advisor**

# FOEJN

- Represents the affected communities in the greater Fort Ord area and Monterey County
- Recipient of an EPA Technical Assistance Grant to support participation in the cleanup
- Focuses on addressing environmental threats to human health
- Involved since 1994

# Location



# The Track 2 Designation

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- ❑ Refers to risks from unexploded ordnance
- ❑ Locations where removal actions have been performed, but potential for risk remains



# Cleanup History

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- 1998: Removal Action in MRS-15 DRO 01
- 1999: Creation of Fuel Break and subsequent MEC removal
- 2000-2001: Removal action across all of MRS-15
- 2003: Removal on eastern boundary of MRS-15
- 2003: Machine gun link clearance

# Proposed Actions

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- #1: No Action
- #2: Limit Soil Disturbance
  - Requires worker safety training (> 4 ft deep)
  - Construction Support
- #3: Limit Soil Disturbance w/Residential Use Restrictions
  - Same as # 2, but prohibits residential use until certain conditions are met

# Technical Concerns

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- ❑ Soil Contamination
  - Lack of sampling
  - Outdated standards
- ❑ Requirement for Worker Safety Training
  - Inability to locate items > 3ft deep
  - Should be required for ALL



# Legal Concerns

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- Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)
  - Secret agreement to transfer cleanup responsibilities from the Army to FORA
  - Ignored community concerns
- Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET)
  - Related to AOC, transfers custody of properties from the Army



# Recommendations

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- ❑ Require safety training for all workers digging in soil
- ❑ Reevaluate sites with past small arms use for soil contamination
- ❑ Cleanup and transfer sites using the standard procedures and not with secret negotiations and complex legal documents

# Questions?



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