

TABLE 1 VERBAL COMMENTS RECEIVED AT THE AUGUST 29, 2012 PUBLIC MEETING

Name	BRP Reassessment Comments – Comments at Public Meeting																			Project-Specific Comments				
	Scoping Report Document	Input Process	FORA Procedures	Economic/ Jobs	EcoTourism/ Recreation	Blight/Urban Footprint	Hazardous Materials	Housing	Transportation	Water	Trails/Access	Open Space	Habitat/ Wildlife	National Monument	Native Americans	CSUMB/ UC/MPC	Aesthetics	Other	Monterey Downs/ Horse Park	Veterans' Cemetery	Eastside Parkway	East Garrison	Other	
Jane Haines, Sierra Club	x		x			x						x												
Tom Moore, Sierra Club			x	x	x	x			x															
Susan Schiavone			x						x		x		x											
Rick Feddick				x				x	x															
Alexandra Walling			x	x		x		x		x										x		x		x
LeVonne Stone, Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network				x				x												x				
Alexander Henson, attorney for Veterans Wild Fort Ord			x																	x				
Ret. Lt. Col. Ed Mitchel			x	x	x			x	x					x										
Henrietta Stern				x	x			x						x										
Ralph Rubio			x	x	x	x																		
Greg Nakanishi				x				x																x
Collin Gallagher		x	x																					x
Janet Parks, Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery Foundation																								x
Jack Stewart				x																				x
James Bogan																								x
Sid Williams			x	x																				x
Bill Carrothers, Salinas Citizens for True Emigration Reform				x																				
Steve Eckland						x																		x

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Nancy Amadeo, City of Marina											x	x		x										
Jay Fagan					x								x			x		x	x					
Kay Cline	x			x		x					x			x				x						
John Tompkinson			x	x		x															x			
Ellen Gavin						x				x			x					x						
Jason Campbell				x											x	x								
Paul Wolfe			x	x				x						x		x					x			
Susie Wister			x	x	x	x					x	x		x		x	x					x		
Jodie Hansen, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce			x	x																				
Tim Sanders			x					x	x															
Dawn Nakanishi													x										x	
Dina Beatty			x	x		x					x		x		x								x	x
Arthur McLaughlin			x																					
Luana Conley		x	x	x		x		x	x				x			x								
Frank Lambert				x				x	x	x			x								x			x
Jan Shriner			x	x				x	x	x			x	x										
Leonard Laub			x	x	x								x	x										x
Margaret Davis, Friends of the FORA War Horse				x	x	x		x			x			x							x			x
Julie Engle			x	x		x					x		x	x										
Rick Schaeffer		x	x			x			x					x										
Jeff Taylor			x	x				x			x	x									x			x
Bill Weigle											x													
Eric Peterson, Pedalia al Pede				x							x			x							x			x

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George Riley			x	x		x					x	x												
Safwat Mallick				x		x										x								
Gail Morton, Fort Ord Rec Users	x		x		x			x				x		x							x			
Ron Chessire, FORA Board		x	x	x										x										
LeVonne Stone			x																					

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FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING/ PUBLIC WORKSHOP

August 29, 2012
910 2nd Avenue, Marina, California

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1 MARINA, CALIFORNIA

2 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2012, 6:37 P.M.

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5 CHAIRMAN POTTER: All right. Jonathan,
6 will you assign the public workshop.

7 MR. GARCIA: This mic is on? Okay. Thank
8 you.

9 I just want to give a brief -- items on
10 housekeeping on the workshop. I just want to point
11 out the main focus of the meeting tonight is to take
12 public comments on the draft scoping report. We're
13 not providing a new presentation on the item. The
14 presentation was provided at the August 10th FORA
15 Board meeting.

16 And the draft scoping report became
17 available on Wednesday, August 15th. It's online on
18 the FORA website. It's at local libraries in the
19 city of Monterey, the city of Seaside, the city of
20 Marina. And I believe those are the three libraries.
21 And now the CSUMB library also has a copy of the CDs.
22 And then CDs are available at the FORA office. And
23 we also have CDs tonight. So after I get done
24 talking, if you want a CD, we can hand those out to
25 you.

1 I want to point out also a few comments
2 inadvertently left out of the draft scoping report.
3 Those are available on the FORA website. There were
4 ten comments in total. It's now a document on the
5 website called Appendix D-2.1.

6 And I'll just read off on those comments
7 since there's only ten, whose comments were left out.
8 And we sent an e-mail to the Board members, as well,
9 last Thursday. And then there were two other
10 additional comments by Collin Gallagher that were
11 found to be left out of the report. So those are now
12 included on the website.

13 The others that had their comments left --
14 that were left out but are now on the website
15 include: Dennis Renault, Eileen Munger, James T.
16 Hendrich, Laura McFarland, Margaret Larsen, Mike
17 Weaver, two comments from Mike Weaver, and then Susan
18 Alexander. And so those comments are now part of the
19 scoping report in the appendices.

20 And if there's any other comments left out
21 inadvertently, let us know tonight and we'll get
22 those into the final scoping report which will go to
23 the Board on the September 14th Board meeting.

24 We also encourage people tonight to submit
25 comments in writing to FORA. So those forms of

1 submitting comments, besides the comments you give
2 tonight, would include e-mails -- again, e-mails,
3 FORA -- aplan@fora.org. You can send a fax to the
4 FORA office. You can send mail to the FORA office.
5 And then we also have comment forms that we'll be
6 handing -- that are available tonight at the table.

7 So I think that's primarily everything I
8 wanted to say tonight.

9 We do have a court reporter, so if you
10 would please identify yourself. That way when your
11 comments are included in the scoping report, there
12 will be a name to the comment.

13 So without further ado, I'll turn it back
14 over to the Chair.

15 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Okay. Is there any
16 questions to Jonathan by directors at this time?

17 Okay. And can I just get a show of hands
18 of how many people are intending to testify?

19 Okay. As you come forward, if the speaker
20 would go forward, identify themselves. And then the
21 next speaker who is intending to speak, you can come
22 up and take a seat in the front row somewhere. I
23 think that might save a little travel time.

24 MS. HAINES: Begin?

25 CHAIRMAN POTTER: You are on.

1 MS. HAINES: I'm Jane Haines from the
2 Sierra Club. We spent a lot of time on this. We
3 have a 19-page letter that we're going to be sending,
4 e-mailing you this weekend that are comments on this.
5 But, don't worry, there's a cover page. And the
6 cover page summarizes everything in our letter.

7 We've read every one of the written
8 comments. There were 317. And we found a real
9 pattern in them. One hundred seventy-eight of those
10 say that they want no more development on the open
11 space until the blight is removed.

12 We found some really interesting things in
13 the market study. And the most interesting being
14 that the market study recommends that the FORA Board
15 reexamine its policy of using land sales for -- to
16 raise money for blight removal.

17 All of that will be documented in our
18 letter. We put the comments here on the first page.
19 And then if you want to, say, look up the one about
20 the land sales or whatever, you can just go through
21 here. And then we put the page numbers where they
22 are so that you can check it too.

23 I want to say that we think the EMC did a
24 wonderful job on the analysis, particularly of the
25 implement -- or the status of the implementation.

1 It's over 150-pages long. They went through every
2 single policy and program in the base reuse plan.
3 There are over 800 of those. They found 156 that
4 have not been completed that need to be. It's not
5 just FORA's fault. It's the jurisdictions haven't
6 done it too. But they told how to get them
7 completed.

8 And one of the things Sierra Club is
9 recommending is that your Board hold a workshop to
10 study that implementation status so that you can find
11 it and develop ways to make sure that all of the
12 things get done. And it tells you what needs to
13 happen for all of these policies to be implemented
14 and that to then schedule a regular -- you know, at
15 regular intervals, staff reports on the status of
16 implementation so it doesn't get this far behind.

17 So, anyway, that's -- there's a lot more.
18 There's 19 pages or 18 pages more. But you should
19 get it some time this weekend. We'll e-mail it to
20 you. So that's kind of the highlight of what Sierra
21 Club found.

22 By the way, there are almost 7,000 pages
23 from this, and we have read thousands of the pages.
24 We really have. We've read the entire market study,
25 the entire scoping report, and about half of the

1 appendices. So you'll get the e-mail soon.

2 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Jane.

3 Next speaker?

4 MR. MOORE: Yes. Good evening, ladies and
5 gentlemen. My name is Tom Moore with the Sierra
6 Club.

7 You just heard a very brief summary of the
8 number of issues that we have covered. And I just
9 want to reiterate a couple of them and elaborate just
10 slightly on one or two of them.

11 There is very strong sentiment from the
12 public to develop paved areas first. I think you're
13 going to hear that again on a number of occasions. I
14 do hope you listen. That's pretty important.

15 And the EPS market study did indicate that
16 blighted areas are, to a certain extent, a barrier to
17 bringing jobs and employers to the region because
18 they drive into gateways like Imjin Parkway and see
19 these old, deteriorated, World War II-era buildings
20 that are still standing.

21 We certainly would encourage you to talk
22 with EMS. Or if you're not happy with EMS, other
23 marketing financial consultants to see about ways to
24 finance blight removal that are different from the
25 methods, which for 14 or 16 years unfortunately

1 haven't worked out.

2 Thirdly, we do want to see a FORA-wide,
3 vigorous marketing plan developed. And so that's
4 work to be done hopefully by FORA and FORA staff.
5 The policies that haven't been implemented, perhaps
6 that's a little bit of a fault of not really strong
7 procedures for monitoring progress and for measuring
8 progress forward.

9 So I would certainly urge Staff and the
10 Board to sit down and to think about ways to come up
11 with a really robust, periodically-repeated process
12 for monitoring the status of the reassessment --
13 excuse me, the reuse process going forward.

14 There are folks, by the way, I would
15 suggest you might look a little south to places like
16 the Naval Postgraduate School where there is an
17 entire department called the Operations Research
18 Department, full of professors who do that sort of
19 thing for a living, in part to know how to at least
20 help you understand what's going on by coming up with
21 the appropriate metrics. I suspect they might have
22 some interest in helping with a monitoring of the
23 process in closing a major military base.

24 The jobs/housing-balance issue, we didn't
25 feel was quite fully addressed in the reassessment

1 report.

2 Is that three seconds or three minutes?

3 CHAIRMAN POTTER: About the same, 2:57, now
4 2:59.

5 MR. MOORE: Okay. We'll look forward to
6 having you read our comments in the rest of the
7 report and take some time to --

8 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thanks, Tom. Thank you.
9 Next speaker?

10 MS. SCHIAVONE: My name is Susan Schiavone.
11 I'm a Seaside resident. I've been a --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear you.

13 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Can you pull the mic
14 down?

15 MS. SCHIAVONE: Thanks.

16 My name is Susan Schiavone. I'm a Seaside
17 resident. And I'm here because I read through the
18 discovery report. I didn't read everything because I
19 can't cover thousands of pages as a resident.

20 But I was very concerned at the beginning
21 of this process and wrote a letter before the
22 deadline of June 10th about wildlife quarters. I
23 don't see any of this. I've seen nothing. I've
24 written a little thing to read, but I think it would
25 take me more than three minutes.

1 But this entire group needs to back up and
2 start over because you did it backwards. We're
3 forming plans to go into a habitat, make trails, use
4 this for making buildings, but we're doing nothing to
5 accommodate the existing wildlife that lives in this
6 area so that they can have pathways into our world,
7 just like we have paths into theirs. And we're not
8 setting it up so that they can come down to the
9 beach, walk along the beach, and return on the south
10 end of this whole property.

11 All of the people who are making plans for
12 the city expansion, for the buildings, need to get
13 together and make little areas that connect so that
14 the wildlife can move through this whole property,
15 around it, and back to where they're going.

16 I also see it trifurcated with three
17 different roadways, including a Route 68 bypass
18 that's going to trifurcate all of these plans that
19 have been set aside for wildlife. This is going to
20 ensure a lot of death and destruction. Snakes are
21 very, very sensitive to reverberating on the ground.
22 We're not thinking about those little animals that
23 live here and need to be accommodated as much as we
24 are.

25 So what I'm encouraging FORA to do is to go

1 back and think about putting in wildlife corridors
2 all through what you're developing so that you can
3 keep the jewel that you have here. You're going to
4 talk about going on walks in the woods. What are you
5 going to see if they're all dead? This is silly, you
6 know.

7 So go back and rework it correctly. You
8 have time now to go back and do it right. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Susan.

10 Next speaker?

11 MR. FEDDICK: Hi. My name is Rick Feddick.
12 I am not from the Sierra Club. I live in Salinas.
13 Hi, Dennis.

14 I want to talk to you guys about economic
15 development. I understand that FORA was supposed to
16 create jobs and create economic growth. And, again,
17 I think it was done backwards.

18 Even when I read the market study and the
19 scoping report right now, it looks like you guys,
20 first and foremost, think about housing sprawl.
21 That's not how you create new jobs. Temporary jobs
22 of building the houses, not long-term living wages
23 for people who can buy those houses.

24 Let's look at something else. Dave Potter,
25 you grew up in New England in Hingham. Do you

1 remember Massachusetts when the mills closed down all
2 across New England, and you remember that what was
3 happening then and the way it is now, they've had a
4 lot of economic growth? They've had economic growth
5 because they figured out a model. They figured out
6 where to build highways, where to build mass transit,
7 how to move people from where they live to where the
8 jobs are. And then the same engineers who moved
9 there for those jobs later started businesses.

10 It's predictable. It's a five- to
11 seven-year path from an engineer graduating from
12 school, going to work for another firm or the Navy or
13 a university, and then several years later starting a
14 business.

15 Today we don't have the mass transit
16 options for people to live down here and commute to
17 San Jose. We don't have the mass transit, so they're
18 not moving here. They're moving to Tracy. They're
19 moving somewhere else where they can get to and from
20 sit there all day on their laptops on their commute
21 or take naps during the commute. And they're
22 starting the businesses out of Tracy, not here.

23 So people would be starting more software
24 startups here if we brought them in before they got
25 married. Or the young couples, let them buy their

1 first homes here so we can -- homes that cost
2 160,000, 200,000, not million-dollar homes. We don't
3 get software executives to move here and they bring
4 their companies. That model does not work. You get
5 the young engineers to come here and young couples,
6 they start having kids here. They start their
7 businesses here.

8 Fifteen -- that was the process for
9 15 years. If the model we've been using 15 years has
10 not worked, let's pick a model that has worked in
11 other parts of the country. It has worked in
12 Alabama. It has worked in Florida along the Space
13 Coast. It has worked in New York. It's working
14 right now in Rocklin County, which also had a very
15 high unemployment problem, a lot of empty buildings.
16 Now they have buses and trains. It's a one-hour,
17 one-and-a-half-hour commute to New York City. People
18 first started commuting. Now they're starting
19 businesses in clusters around where the train station
20 and bus stations are because they were cheap spaces
21 for people to rent and set up their businesses.

22 And the same barracks that we talk about as
23 being blighted locations, we could throw on a coat of
24 paint or put up some cinderblock buildings as
25 cheap-rent offices and are a few years later --

1 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Time.

2 MR. FEDDICK: Okay. Two seconds left?

3 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Three seconds.

4 MR. FEDDICK: And the --

5 CHAIRMAN POTTER: No seconds.

6 MR. FEDDICK: Sorry?

7 CHAIRMAN POTTER: No seconds.

8 MR. FEDDICK: There we go. Done. Thank

9 you.

10 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thanks a lot, Rick.

11 Appreciate it.

12 Next speaker?

13 MS. WALLING: Hi. My name is Alexandra

14 Walling. I'm a resident of Seaside and a student at

15 CSUMB. I transferred there.

16 I'm new to the area. We've only been

17 living here for a year. And I've been doing my best

18 to learn about the issues that are going to affect me

19 as a resident.

20 And I admit, I don't know much yet because

21 I'm young and I'm new. So admitting that my

22 sympathies are largely with Keep Fort Ord Wild and

23 the environment and the community, I have four

24 questions that I'd like to ask that I have not yet

25 heard really good answers to.

1 The first one: Why have FORA and the City
2 of Seaside retained the same outside consulting
3 company to reassess the use of the Parker Flats
4 cutoff? Isn't it a conflict of interest?

5 The second question: How does the City of
6 Seaside and the County as a whole plan to allocate
7 water to any new developments, given the upcoming
8 shortages that I've heard forecast all over the
9 place?

10 The third: What is the evidence of need or
11 desire, not only for new single-family homes in a
12 soft housing market, but also for a race track,
13 casino, hotels, Olympic swimming pools? You know,
14 all this stuff that is supposed to be going along
15 with Monterey Downs, what is the evidence that this
16 community is going to use that?

17 You know, I lived in Annapolis for a number
18 of years while I was attending school out there. And
19 shortly prior to the collapse of the housing market,
20 they put up a whole bunch of luxury condominiums on
21 the premise that Washington lawyers are going to
22 commute out there to support their dollar. They're
23 going to buy these \$500,000 or million-dollar
24 condominiums.

25 Well, they didn't. And the city is out

1 millions of dollars for these luxury developments
2 that no one is buying. You know, what are you going
3 to do if nobody wants these houses you're going to
4 build?

5 And the fourth question, which everybody
6 else has already addressed is: Why is the blight not
7 being removed?

8 Those are my questions. Thank you very
9 much.

10 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you.

11 And before the next speaker speaks, I've
12 been informed we have some sort of technical glitch.
13 We need to shut down the system for 15 seconds. So
14 issues beyond my control, so if you could just hold a
15 minute.

16 Staying right on time, that was all of the
17 time that was needed. So next speaker?

18 MS. STONE: LeVonne Stone, Fort Ord
19 Environmental Justice Network.

20 I'm going back to 1990 when the base was
21 put on the base-closure list as one of the most
22 contaminated sites in the nation. I'm going back to
23 when the base closed down and we had hundreds of
24 people who lost their jobs, hundreds of people who
25 were dislocated here and was promised that the

1 Superfund process was going to make it possible for
2 us to hurry up and clean it up and get people back to
3 work in their communities, get their communities back
4 together.

5 Well, that didn't happen. And most of them
6 was dislocated because they couldn't keep their
7 houses. They had to sell their houses for pennies.
8 They had to get out of the area. And most of those
9 families were African American families. They have
10 virtually been put out of the area and been replaced.

11 Now, until this matter is addressed, it's
12 not going to go away. It's not going anywhere
13 because I was one of those people. And I helped to
14 close down this base, moving from department to
15 department, and was left hanging here without a job
16 when all of the jobs moved to other places in the
17 country.

18 Now, if this process is not going to deal
19 with that, what CERCLA has implied to happen,
20 according to the CERCLA laws, the Superfund laws, the
21 Environmental Justice Resolution that was written by
22 President Clinton to protect us from encroachment
23 because it was going to happen because all of this
24 free land was happening -- now, I have not seen a lot
25 of people that was part of this process when we got

1 started, when we did all of the leg work, all of the
2 grunt work, all of the little dirty work of bringing
3 these things to a forefront that nobody wanted to
4 hear about. Well, I'm still bringing them out. And
5 they must be addressed.

6 There is no way that we can be a model for
7 a country, for a nation, when we treat our people as
8 though they are not important, that they're less
9 important than a snail or something like that. These
10 are human beings. We're talking about people with
11 families, with babies, with children, people who have
12 dreams, people who need to live in their country and
13 in their communities and be safe, safe health-wise
14 and number-wise and any other-wise.

15 And I advocate for these people and have
16 been doing it for all of these years. And I do it
17 all over the country.

18 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Ms. Stone.

19 Next speaker?

20 MR. HENSON: Good evening. My name is
21 Alexander -- pardon me -- Alexander Henson. I'm an
22 attorney for Veterans Wild Fort Ord, which has
23 challenged the public access restrictions on areas of
24 Fort Ord never used for munitions and awaiting DTSC
25 review and approval.

1 After that approval, the EPA has final
2 review and approval to release the land for most of
3 the deed restrictions regarding cleanup for this
4 toxic Superfunding site. There is a FORA map which
5 indicates most of the remediation has been completed
6 and submitted for review by DTSC. The only exception
7 is the area encompassed by the Monterey Downs
8 project. That area is designated as having active
9 remediation.

10 FORA's response to a request for greater
11 access to safe areas by my client is to inform DTSC
12 and EPA of trespassing issues in areas dangerous to
13 personal safety from unexploded ordinance. This
14 information then triggers a letter from DTSC where it
15 takes a corrective action to precluded personal
16 intrusions into unsafe areas of unexploded ordinance.

17 FORA, or someone, causes a FORA contractor
18 to put up "no trespassing" signs in various areas
19 surrounding the Monterey Downs project, given that
20 the policy direction was supposed to sign at each
21 recognizable trail next to the permitted access
22 roadways. Along some areas, the signs are as thick
23 as a picket fence. Such a maze of recognizable
24 trails without any loss of life or limb confirms
25 these areas have already been cleared of all surface

1 munitions.

2 FORA grants right-of-entry permits to many
3 special interest groups over these same trails where
4 the "no trespassing" signs are located. It is FORA
5 policy to grant such ROE permits to groups who have
6 liability insurance against mishaps not having to do
7 with munitions. Insurance companies do not sell that
8 type of insurance.

9 If public lands should be available for
10 public use, unless it is unsafe for use, then why are
11 these lands, already happily used as evidenced by the
12 trails and ROE, off limits to the general public?

13 Who adopted this policy of excluding the
14 public from lands that have been cleared of munitions
15 unless they have an ROE permit?

16 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Time.

17 MR. HENSON: If the property has been
18 cleared and identified --

19 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Time.

20 MR. HENSON: -- what is the justification
21 for withholding public access? Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN POTTER: If we could refrain from
23 clapping. If you feel good, thumbs up. If you feel
24 bad, thumbs down. Thanks.

25 RET. LT. COL. MITCHELL: You did that just

1 before I showed up.

2 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Oh, there will be an
3 impact. Thank you then.

4 RET. LT. COL. MITCHELL: I'm Retired Army
5 Lieutenant Colonel Ed Mitchel who went through basic
6 training and one tour of duty at Fort Ord and is
7 submitting his third stab of inputs as a member of
8 the American Legion No. 593 and cofounder of the
9 Prunedale Neighbors Group.

10 We assess and confirm that much progress
11 has been accomplished by establishing CSUMB and
12 entitling six subdivisions, some of which have been
13 partially built. However, the FORA reassessment did
14 not adequately address that there is a low-cost way
15 of rapidly stimulating lucrative athletic events and
16 ecotourism for the cities surrounding the National
17 Soldiers Monument, and that little progress had been
18 accomplished in 14 years in establishing an
19 intelligent county and city trail system with
20 parking, easy access to, through, and around the
21 protected interior area of Fort Ord, which is an
22 objective of FORA.

23 Imagine three, four, or five events a year
24 as large as the Big Sur Marathon, but staged across
25 and around the Soldiers Monument. For example, a

1 running and biking biathlon bringing T.V. crews to
2 film the thousands of athletes racing through the
3 beautiful interior of Fort Ord and biking on the
4 roads around the monument to end just across the
5 street at the Old Soldiers Parade Ground.

6 Now, also imagine the restaurant, hotel,
7 and gas station owners of the utility -- of our
8 hospitality industry counting their profits from the
9 thousands of guests that stayed in Salinas, Marina,
10 Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, and Monterey. But such
11 economic benefit will only happen if FORA grasps the
12 vision that MRCA, FORU, Keep Fort Ord Wild, and
13 18,000 signers of the recent referendum understand.

14 Free and easy access to the national
15 monument can provide a huge economic impact to the
16 local economy at a very low cost if they have free
17 access to these areas, just as free access by the
18 Coastal Act has done for this county, allowing people
19 for 42 years to get free access to the coastal areas.
20 It's the same economic approach.

21 So it is not in the surrounding cities'
22 best economic interest to approve subdivisions or
23 roadways which block access to the monument. And
24 FORA can and should design and establish parking
25 areas, access routes, and an intelligent trail

1 network that supports these kind of events.

2 It can be done in 15 months. It can be
3 done cheaper. For example, hire Dave Lutes who just
4 retired from the Monterey County Planning Department
5 and Parks Department. Don't do government
6 management. Do program management of this federal
7 program, establish a date when he will report back to
8 you, and I think you'll see quite a big advantage.
9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you.

11 Next speaker?

12 MS. STERN: Hi. I'm Henrietta Stern. I'm
13 speaking as an individual. I'm a resident of Pacific
14 Grove. I'm also very involved in MORCA. I offer
15 advice in facilitation of Fort's Friends, Fort Ord
16 Recreation Trails Friends.

17 And we -- this is a wonderful entree that
18 the previous speaker identified because we really
19 believe in win-win solutions. And we really
20 encourage you to think about win-win solutions where
21 a wonderful network of trails, bike paths, whether
22 they're paved bike paths or dirt trails, can really
23 be an economic boon.

24 It can be -- raise property values for
25 nearby homes. It can create job opportunities, as

1 was just suggested by the previous speaker. It can
2 provide tax revenue for you.

3 Also another speaker who was talking about
4 these high-tech people who can really live wherever
5 they want, they can do their work from their laptop,
6 can have a wonderful area where people would like to
7 relocate themselves or their businesses because they
8 don't have to be in a specific building in San Jose.
9 They can do their work here.

10 So I really encourage you to think about
11 the economic benefit of trails and open space. And
12 that is not mutually exclusive with jobs. In fact,
13 many studies have shown that an entity like the Fort
14 Ord National Monument and an integrated trail system
15 with it benefits communities, and especially
16 communities like Seaside or Marina or Salinas that
17 are immediately bordering the national monument and
18 the lands.

19 And you control a wonderful opportunity to
20 really do something great for your community as well
21 as the visitors and the type of jobs that are
22 associated with eco-restoration.

23 In terms of the near term, the immediate
24 near term, I really would like you to think about
25 putting on hold some of the munitions cleanup for

1 areas that are slated as residential because that
2 means taking the trees right down to the root ball.
3 And, instead, if you -- I know you need to continue
4 your cleanup, but clean up to the open space
5 standard, which means leaving the trees and allowing
6 the chaparral brush to grow back, similar to what you
7 did at the Oak Oval area, the Parker Flats area.

8 If, indeed, there isn't going to be
9 necessarily that residential development, something
10 more like a beautiful campground amongst all of the
11 trees where people enjoy the trees and the open space
12 rather than yet another subdivision or a commercial
13 area that your economic report says may not be
14 viable.

15 It wouldn't be appropriate. It would be a
16 lose-lose situation if you took those trees down to
17 the nub now, thinking that they might be residential.
18 And, indeed, if they turn out not to be residential,
19 then you've lost those trees forever. So I really
20 encourage you to think about that.

21 There's a wonderful gentleman who I met at
22 our last workshop here, a gentleman from Seaside.
23 And he said, "It's fine to keep Fort Ord wild, but
24 don't keep Seaside poor."

25 And that really got me thinking. And I

1 really believe that trails and open space and job
2 creation for communities such as Seaside can work
3 together. It's not mutually exclusive. And I really
4 encourage you to work with the community and the
5 passion of so many people here who care deeply about
6 these. Rather than working against and being in
7 litigation, let's work together and create something
8 really positive.

9 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you.

10 Next speaker.

11 MR. RUBIO: Good afternoon, Board. My name
12 is Ralph Rubio, lifelong resident of Seaside and
13 participant in this discussion for many years.

14 There's no way in the world that I would
15 advocate encroaching on the open space, the national
16 monument, and the recreational uses on the former
17 Fort Ord. Over 20,000 acres are dedicated to that,
18 and I applaud that. And I think we should get busy
19 and build those trails. And all of these groups that
20 are here speaking about these trails should be at the
21 spearhead of building those trails and designing, you
22 know, facilities out there on those 20-plus-thousand
23 acres.

24 The thing I'm here to speak about is the
25 small portion that is set aside for economic

1 development. Do not encroach on that. That is the
2 livelihood of the communities here.

3 We talk about the former Fort Ord, which
4 is, in reality, Seaside, Marina, the County of
5 Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, CSUMB, sovereign
6 jurisdictions that should be able to keep their own
7 self-determination as to how they want to fulfill
8 their general plans, or not, and in what order. If a
9 community decides they want to take out the inner
10 blight first, good for them. If they don't and some
11 other project comes up first, they should be able to
12 do that. But they will not encroach on that
13 protected land.

14 All they are doing is fulfilling the
15 promise and the covenant that was made to this
16 community so many years ago. And please don't go
17 back on that promise. And make sure that the people
18 that move on to represent and these city
19 representatives get what they deserve, what they were
20 promised and what they have been looking forward to.
21 And the generations moving forward will know that
22 there is possibilities in the future to create new
23 opportunity for our folks.

24 To back up now and clamp it down because we
25 have a bad economy is not forward thinking. That's

1 turtle thinking, pull it in and just shelling up.
2 And that's not what we want to do.

3 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Ralph.
4 Next speaker.

5 MR. NAKANISHI: My name is Greg Nakanishi.
6 I'm a citizen of the Monterey Peninsula for
7 practically all of my life. Excuse me.

8 One of the things that I noticed in the
9 base reuse plan meetings that we had earlier was when
10 Fort Ord was in existence, there were about 20,000
11 jobs that were created as a direct result of the
12 base. And since that time, only about 5,000 of those
13 jobs have been recreated in the community as part of
14 the redevelopment of Fort Ord.

15 The other thing that I noticed and heard in
16 some of the discussions was that a lot of people
17 wanted a regional approach to developing the former
18 Fort Ord, so it wasn't just the City of Del Rey Oaks,
19 the City of Marina, the City of Seaside going about
20 their own business. And the things that I guess I
21 took from it were, one, I think that we really need
22 to get back to job creation in this community,
23 looking at an economic base that is sustainable over
24 long periods of time.

25 And no criticisms, I've never seen a trail

1 or a horse trail or open space create tax revenues.
2 I don't see those as creating high-paying jobs in
3 this community for people that can afford the
4 highest-priced housing that we have in this area.

5 So I really would encourage you to take a
6 look at the base reuse plan as an opportunity to look
7 at our history. You know, we came from a fishing
8 history. We became a military community. And I
9 think our opportunity now is to really envision what
10 kind of community and what kind of economic base do
11 we want to have as we go forward.

12 And as part of that, I also have been
13 involved in the creation of this veterans cemetery on
14 the former Fort Ord. And I would really encourage
15 you, having worked with these veterans for the last
16 five years -- and they have been working for the last
17 19 years on this project, to keep the focus on the
18 cemetery where it is so that we're not waiting
19 another 20 years to have a veterans cemetery built
20 for the people who have lived and served our country.

21 I think it's a travesty that we're even
22 talking about changing the location of the cemetery,
23 and it has taken us 19 years to get us where we are
24 today. These veterans deserve an honorable resting
25 place. And I think it's your responsibility, as well

1 as ours, to let them have that honor.

2 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Greg.

3 Next speaker?

4 MR. GALLAGHER: Hi there. My name is
5 Collin Gallagher, resident of the city of Marina.

6 And first I want to say thank you all for
7 what you're doing. And there is a huge amount of
8 local talent here that I see in front of me. So
9 you're all public servants from a diverse range of
10 entities, [inaudible].

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tom, we can't hear
12 you.

13 MR. GALLAGHER: All right.
14 Collin Gallagher.

15 Anyway, thank you all for what you're doing
16 here.

17 So FORA has kind of a unique legal status.
18 It has an agreement with the military. It has a
19 special status that allows it to request certain
20 types of documents and plans and execute certain
21 types of activities that other entities and local
22 authorities cannot.

23 There is a pending -- sitting on the
24 Governor's desk, an AB 16/14 thing that may be,
25 probably will be signed pretty soon. I wanted to

1 make a comment here about that, that although it has
2 been approved by the legislature and will likely be
3 approved by the Governor, I registered with the
4 Governor my objection to it because I feel that that
5 State law should have included some kind of provision
6 for further review in the form of basically a
7 citizen's review committee. And it didn't.

8 And, to me, that's -- was kind of strange
9 that the extension bill, the legislature has formerly
10 provided for an extension of FORA, but didn't really
11 stipulate any accommodations or changes in the
12 interest of the general public that would further the
13 progress of public engagement for -- in the interest
14 of further public review for direct public engagement
15 with FORA.

16 There have been a lot of public inquiries,
17 lawsuits, concerns over public information. And, to
18 me, it's something that FORA should take up on its
19 own initiative to try to get a citizens' review
20 committee and try to get different citizens or
21 residents more directly connected and engaged with
22 the FORA Board. As it seems to have been, there have
23 been several obstacles to this.

24 And I think that would be a good thing.
25 And it would help overcome some of the problems that

1 you have had with the general public when it comes to
2 what kind of activities the FORA Board does or how
3 it's received when you engage in the type of actions
4 that you're engaged with, ranging from actions on
5 infrastructure to interactions with developers or
6 what kind of information you disseminate to the
7 public or don't disseminate to the public.

8 So I want to add, as you move forward, I
9 feel that assistance from a review committee would be
10 a very good thing for either the legislature to take
11 up or for FORA to take up for both of you, together,
12 to try to work towards -- with the public in general.

13 And that being said, I think the
14 reassessment is a good thing to open up and redo some
15 of the policies, but work with businesses and work
16 with the general public as much as humanly possible.

17 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Tom.

18 MR. GALLAGHER: Collin.

19 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Collin. I'm sorry.

20 Next speaker?

21 MS. PARKS: Thank you, Mr. President. This
22 is -- I'm Janet Parks, and I live in Pacific Grove.
23 And I'm president of the Central Coast State Veterans
24 Cemetery Foundation.

25 For the past 14 years, we have been working

1 hard to get a veterans cemetery here at Fort Ord.
2 And over 20 years ago, veterans came to the City of
3 Seaside, the County of Monterey, and FORA and said,
4 "We need land for a cemetery."

5 And FORA found a place for us. And they
6 all agreed that the spot that was designated for the
7 veterans cemetery was where it's presently located at
8 the end of Parker Flats Road. Now, all of a sudden,
9 it has become a very big problem for the people who
10 think they need trails and they don't want to cut the
11 trees down.

12 Well, I want to say: Do you want to honor
13 a veteran, or do you want to honor a tree? You have
14 to make the decision.

15 But I hope that the Board of Supervisors
16 and that FORA Board will decide that the veterans
17 cemetery will stay where it has been designated so
18 that we continue to work hard to get the cemetery to
19 actually go. And thank you very much for your
20 consideration.

21 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Janet.

22 Next speaker?

23 MR. STEWART: My name is Jack Stewart. I'm
24 a resident of Marina. In my former life, I was a
25 retired soldier. I am a retired soldier who served

1 at Fort Ord at basic training and was fortunate
2 enough to come back here to retire. I worked for the
3 County for 20 years as a Military Veterans Affairs
4 officer. I was tasked in 1994 by the Board to get
5 the cemetery done. I failed, but I never gave up.

6 Many, many times we've gone through systems
7 trying to get the cemetery in place, through the
8 National Cemetery System and denied three times.
9 Twice more as annexed to another cemetery, we were
10 denied. The only solution was the State Veterans
11 Cemetery. It took us five State bills to get one
12 signed off by the Governor. And it was dependent
13 upon local funds to pay for the cost of maintenance
14 and administration of the cemetery to effect an
15 advocacy for the State Veterans Cemetery project.

16 The site was selected way back in 1996,
17 having been denied four other sites that we wanted
18 that now are considered maybe they're not so bad
19 after all. But regardless of what happened, we have
20 been through this process. FORA has spent over
21 \$700,000 on this project already.

22 Let me give you some numbers here. We've
23 got over 30,000 veterans that live in the -- within
24 the borders of the County of Monterey. Each veteran
25 has 1.56 dependants. All that equates to 109,000

1 residents of the County of Monterey. 75 percent of
2 the veterans vote.

3 Did you hear me?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, we do.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you. The largest
6 population base of any vote because they have fought
7 for their freedoms, even you, your freedoms from the
8 date our country was founded.

9 This cemetery is so close to happening,
10 it's dependent upon a sell of a parcel of land.
11 Don't let that stand in your way. We must get the
12 cemetery done.

13 I want to be very clear. When I retired I
14 had black hair and a little bit on the top. I
15 haven't got that much to give. I've given this my
16 whole life, basically since I retired. I'm not
17 giving up, but I'm getting long in tooth. And my
18 memory is not what it used to be. In fact, I don't
19 remember what I had for breakfast.

20 But I know one thing: Let us enshrine our
21 veterans at the former Fort Ord. If you have looked
22 at the site, if you've looked at the plan, it is a
23 mecca that would provide thousands of jobs.

24 Thank you so much.

25 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Jack.

1 Next speaker?

2 MR. BOGAN: My name is James Bogan, and I'm
3 a resident of Seaside. I won't repeat what Jack just
4 said. But I'll say it to all of you elected
5 officials: If it weren't for veterans, do you think
6 you would be elected to that position you have now as
7 a United States citizen?

8 We have put our lives on the limb. We did
9 our time. And some of us suffer every day from the
10 aches and pains to give you the opportunity to sit
11 here and squabble back and forth. I challenge each
12 one of you to walk in my shoes every day with the
13 pain I have fighting for veterans. Look yourself in
14 the mirror, and if you see a veteran, you'd know that
15 you were enjoying the freedom because of us.

16 In 19 -- January 1, 1972, the military went
17 all volunteer. We called it "vo-com" back then.
18 It's a changed military. And these kids are still
19 putting their lives on the limb for you.

20 Politicians, citizens of this area, think
21 about what you're doing to veterans. When you go
22 home, if you don't pray, ask the devil to help you
23 out.

24 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, James.

25 Next speaker?

1 MR. WILLIAMS: My name is Sid Williams.
2 I'm a resident of Marina.

3 I would challenge the FORA Board to
4 remember why FORA was created. FORA was created to
5 provide regional oversight and a regional approach to
6 the redevelopment of Fort Ord to replace the economic
7 engine that left when the Fort closed, not to provide
8 trails, not to provide horse stuff, but to provide
9 for the economic redevelopment of Fort Ord.

10 A previous speaker already mentioned that
11 of 20,000 or 25,000 civilian jobs that were out there
12 at Fort Ord, only five have been replaced. That's a
13 lot of money that still is not coming into your city,
14 to your county, to do what you need to do, as the tax
15 revenue to provide services that you're supposed to
16 provide.

17 On the other side of that coin, the
18 veterans of this country provided the services they
19 were supposed to provide. And now it's up to you to
20 make sure that cemetery happens so they have a place
21 to rest. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Sid.

23 Next speaker?

24 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Good afternoon, ladies and
25 gentlemen. My name is Bill Carrothers. I am

1 chairman of the Salinas Citizens for True Emigration
2 Reform.

3 I count about 22 people here around this
4 desk. And I invite you to think for a moment about
5 the history of this county's efforts to address the
6 water supply issues on the Monterey Peninsula and to
7 build some kind of source, sources, or whatever to
8 provide the necessary water to meet the requirements
9 of meeting the 2016 deadline for this county.

10 Having watched the progress and the lack of
11 progress, the incredible lack of progress on
12 addressing this issue, I want to see a show of hands
13 among the 22 people standing in front of me here who
14 actually think that this county is going to produce
15 any kind of organization, system, process,
16 engineering possibility, pulling in water from -- in
17 plastic envelopes from the Yukon, whatever, you know?

18 Tell me how many of you think we will meet
19 that deadline with the kind of incompetence,
20 corruption, mismanagement, and general "I want to be
21 God at this thing" attitudes that we have seen here.
22 I want to see a show of hands, how many of you
23 think --

24 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Bill, this is public
25 comment, not an opinion pole.

1 MR. CARROTHERS: If I am not public
2 commentating, then I apologize.

3 CHAIRMAN POTTER: You need to summarize
4 your comments.

5 MR. CARROTHERS: You were at the same
6 meeting that I was that the Green Party offered.
7 Bill Gates was there as well.

8 Mr. Tom Moore made the prediction that he
9 does not believe that we will meet that deadline. We
10 have water rights available from the city of -- from
11 Pebble Beach that might be lent, or we have water
12 rights available from the Fort Ord area. We
13 desperately need those.

14 And until we see some kind of progress on
15 the really major issue of the economic issues of this
16 county and its coastal area, I would suggest that
17 these predictions of "we better make jobs," whatever
18 that is, be put quietly to rest until we have water
19 there to do it.

20 I want to remind each of you while you're
21 sitting there listening to people talk about
22 government making jobs, what a real job is. A job
23 consists of either producing a service or producing a
24 product that the world is willing to pay you for.
25 And governments cannot do that very well, only

1 individual businesses and individual people do that.

2 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Bill.

3 MR. CARROTHERS: High-paying jobs are
4 high-paying moon things.

5 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you.

6 MR. CARROTHERS: I conclude my remarks.
7 I'd love to see an actual show of hands though.

8 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Next speaker, please.

9 MR. ECKLAND: I'm Steve Eckland from
10 Salinas. And I really think we should keep Fort Ord
11 as wild as we possibly can. I understand the desire
12 for a veterans' cemetery, but I don't see why it has
13 to be put in a place where we have to destroy
14 thousands of trees to put in a cemetery. There are
15 other places that the cemetery can be put.

16 As Bill was saying, I read the other day
17 somebody wants to put like -- they have already -- in
18 Monterey County, there are over 1,000 houses that are
19 in foreclosure. There is all these improvements,
20 something like 5,000 more houses ready to be built.

21 So why do you want to cut down more trees
22 in order to build houses when nobody will be able to
23 buy them? I'm almost ready to -- if it wasn't for --
24 if the persuading icons said, "Go ahead and do it,"
25 those developers would probably build up a whole

1 bunch of houses and not be able to sell them and be
2 out a whole bunch of money.

3 And I believe -- and I can't say this as
4 absolute fact, but I believe that most of the people
5 who wanted development or to make some money out of
6 it, they are not from around here. They don't care
7 about the environment. Here we have some of the
8 cleanest air in the country around here. It's
9 wonderfully inviting. It can be a wonderful tourist
10 attraction, beautiful mountain biking trails,
11 horseback riding trails. And people from all over
12 the place are coming here for the great
13 eco-recreation.

14 So please do everything you possibly can to
15 not develop the areas that are so precious, that are
16 so wonderful. We have this wonderful environment
17 right here. Let's keep it. We don't want to destroy
18 it. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Steve. Steve,
20 would you repeat your last name.

21 MR. ECKLAND: Eckland.

22 MS. AMADEO: Thank you, FORA Board. I'm
23 Nancy Amadeo. I'm with the City of Marina. I wasn't
24 planning of speaking, but I've heard a lot this
25 evening.

1 We want open space. We have open space.
2 We want areas to develop. There's about 3500 acres
3 that are available to develop on the former Fort Ord
4 according to the original plan. I don't think that's
5 changing.

6 We lost an entire city when Fort Ord
7 closed. If Monterey, everyone in Monterey packed up
8 their bags and walked out, it would have a huge
9 impact on the region. And that's what the closure of
10 Fort Ord did. It had a huge impact on the region.
11 And the communities that were most hard hit were the
12 cities of Marina and Seaside.

13 I believe in open space. I'm thrilled we
14 have a national monument. I'm certainly in favor of
15 access, but access doesn't have to preclude
16 development.

17 The other thing that I believe that really
18 hits home for me is that we need to keep the veterans
19 cemetery where it's at for many years to provide a
20 final resting place for the men and women who have
21 come through the former Fort Ord. And they deserve a
22 place for their final rest.

23 I recently took a trip back east just about
24 two weeks ago. I visited Arlington. I visited the
25 memorials in New York. I visited where our country

1 got its founding in Philadelphia. I went to
2 Gettysburg where over 20,000 people died in three
3 days. And I went to the Flight 93 Memorial where
4 approximately 44 people gave up their lives, gave up
5 their lives willingly for our country. There are
6 memorials for them. And we need to have a memorial
7 for them.

8 And I believe people will come, not just to
9 be buried but to witness the fact of sacrifice and
10 patriotism that all of our cemeteries for veterans
11 provide constant reminder of the sacrifice that these
12 people have made. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN POTTER: That you, Nancy.

14 Next speaker?

15 MR. FAGAN: Good evening, FORA Board. Jay
16 Fagan. My very first time speaking in front of you.
17 I;m quite excited. I hope I get a pin.

18 So I'm here this evening because I hear a
19 lot of people throughout the community tell me we
20 need to stop cutting down trees.

21 Well, let me tell you about myself. I'm a
22 taxpayer. I'm a citizen of Marina. I'm a homeowner.
23 I'm a business owner. Last year alone, I probably
24 directly put in the economy about \$100,000. I pay
25 approximately 43 percent of my earnings income in

1 taxes, all in state, local, property, you name it.
2 My wife is a graduate of CSUMB. That cost us
3 \$50,000.

4 In short, we bought. What happens in
5 Monterey County, we paid for. I'm one of many. I'm
6 not saying I'm the 1 percent, probably in the top 10
7 percent, but we pay for it.

8 And it reminded me that I was at the
9 airport the other day. And before I got on the
10 plane, she asked me how much I weighed. I wanted to
11 know why.

12 And she said, "So we know how much fuel to
13 put on the plane."

14 I said, "Fill it up. I'll buy. Fill it
15 up."

16 Well, ladies and gentlemen, I've bought. I
17 want development. I paid for it. Make it so. I
18 want to golf 19 holes -- 19 at Pebble Beach. I want
19 to go over and have lunch and watch the ponies at
20 Monterey Downs. I want to finish the evening off in
21 Carmel and watch a race at Laguna Seca. That was the
22 Monterey I paid for. I paid for it. I want it to
23 happen.

24 Cut the trees. We've got
25 20-plus-thousand acres of trees. They're marvelous.

1 They're wonderful. It's wonderful to have
2 ecotourists. When I was a kid, apparently I was one.
3 We got our horses. We got our tents. We went to the
4 state parks. We paid our \$10 at the gate, which was
5 probably 50 cents then. But, you know, we paid that.
6 We camped. We trucked everything in. We trucked
7 everything out. Apparently, I was an ecotourist. I
8 always thought we were poor.

9 That's the way ecotourism works. So we've
10 done well by the environment. I love living in
11 Monterey Bay. It's beautiful. You've done a
12 phenomenal job. Do not take an acre of development
13 land away from us. We paid for it. We deserve it.
14 Let's get it done. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Jay. Come any
16 time.

17 MS. CLINE: My name is Kay Cline, and I'm a
18 resident of Seaside. First of all, thank you for the
19 scoping report. There are many interesting things in
20 that report.

21 I was especially heartened to see that the
22 national monument was recognized in that report. And
23 also that when it was signed in 1994, there were four
24 goals. And two of them, one of them was reuse and
25 development of the base area. It needs to be done in

1 ways that enhance the economy and the quality of life
2 in the Monterey Bay community and supports to
3 maintain and protect the unique environmental
4 resources of the area.

5 So I was really glad to read that. And I
6 think that it's really important that many things in
7 that scoping report were looked at. Especially, also
8 there was a comment in there to remove -- the removal
9 of derelict Army buildings needs to be prioritized to
10 provide a better vision of future economic
11 opportunity.

12 And I think this is what many of us are
13 calling for. We would like to see the derelict areas
14 developed. And we would like to see also a focus put
15 on entry to the national monument from Seaside and
16 Marina. This is part of dealing with the people of
17 the area and allowing them easy access.

18 The healthy part is an endowment of a
19 five-year grant from Seaside, and they're working on
20 nutrition and exercise and getting people out into
21 the park areas. And, as you know, Seaside has very
22 little parkland within Seaside proper.

23 So I think that looking at the fact that
24 things have changed, we have a national monument now,
25 and that that access is going to be really, really

1 important. Just as the veterans are very passionate
2 about having a cemetery, and I really applaud that
3 and think that they also deserve that, I think we
4 residents who value having an easy access to the
5 national monument and encouraging to all of the
6 different things that'll happen there.

7 Some of us have been working on Friends of
8 the National Monument to help with the trails and all
9 of this. There's a lot of economic things that can
10 happen now that we have a national monument in our
11 midsts. And we have the DeAnza Trail. We have a lot
12 of history. All of this is important to protect and
13 also to have our development.

14 Also, it's saying that in your scoping
15 report more emphasis should be placed on
16 multicultural and underserved populations. That
17 issue of inclusion is really important, and I think
18 we need to look at how we make sure that happens as
19 well. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you.

21 Next speaker?

22 PUBLIC SPEAKER: My name is
23 John Tompkinson. I'm a past 28th District Commander
24 of the American Legion, member of the United Veterans
25 Council, and a few other things. But what I'm going

1 to do for a moment here is give you a little bit of
2 history on myself.

3 Both grand -- great-great grandparents
4 fought with Washington in the American Revolution. I
5 hope no one in this room had to go through what I
6 went through in 1966 in Vietnam.

7 I deal with a lot of veterans, and have for
8 many, many years, who have to go a long distance for
9 the cemetery. We all know that story.

10 When I was a young boy, I can remember
11 taking my thumb and planting blue spruce in the
12 ground and put the seedling in. It meant so much to
13 me that, to this day, I can promise you I've never
14 even pruned a tree without apologizing to that tree.
15 To some people, that may sound silly. To me, it
16 doesn't. It's a living thing.

17 Everything is a tradeoff. Every one in
18 this room right now, all of us have different points
19 of view. We have to come together. And we're going
20 to have to give in order to make this work from what
21 I've been seeing here over the last year.

22 So it's my wish, my heartfelt wish, I want
23 to -- I'm at a point where -- I'm a blood-and-guts
24 carpenter. I work every day. I'm almost 70 years
25 old. I still swing a hammer every day. Work has

1 been really, really tough in this area. So I'm not
2 going to go through all of that. We know we need
3 jobs. We also know we need development.

4 And I have hiked this area as a young man.
5 And right up until this age, I love the wild. But
6 somewhere along the way if I had to cut one of those
7 blue spruce down, I would do it in a moment to honor
8 our veterans and to make something work that -- right
9 now I can see the writings on the wall. We're all
10 going to have to come together very quickly. Because
11 by the accounts in the paper, things aren't happening
12 very quickly.

13 So it's my wish that we just give a little
14 and take a little. That's what I had to say.

15 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, John.

16 Next speaker.

17 MS. GAVIN: Good evening. I'm Ellen Gavin.
18 I'm a 27-year resident of the Monterey Peninsula and
19 Carmel. Pro development can be an incredible
20 solution that supports human needs from the roots up.
21 Ancient trees are key since they have deep roots that
22 can survive our only seasonal rainfall without
23 tapping into manmade watering systems built on our
24 nonexistent new water supply.

25 Fort Ord's live oak groves are part of an

1 ecological network from Big Sur to Santa Cruz to
2 Carmel Valley to Salinas and beyond. These trees
3 are, by their nature, CO2 eating beings. Monterey
4 Peninsula attracts residents and tourists by its
5 innate and natural beauty which perpetuates fresh
6 clean air benefitting human, animal, plant.

7 Within Monterey, the cities, Seaside has
8 the lowest amount of parkland, Marina second, Salinas
9 third. I urge you, FORA, to preserve the mature oaks
10 in Fort Ord by building on the blighted and bulldozed
11 areas and by building community in the building
12 process. Gratitude. Very sincerely, Ellen Gavin.

13 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Ellen.

14 Next speaker.

15 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you for having us.
16 I'm Jason Campbell, resident of Seaside.

17 I admit I didn't read the entire --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We cannot hear you.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm Jason Campbell, a
20 resident of Seaside. I admit I didn't read the
21 entire draft. But 1,000 pages seems like a lot. And
22 I don't think that Sierra Club should apologize for
23 returning 19 pages. That doesn't seem like a big
24 deal.

25 I think I'm glad that we -- excuse me. For

1 relatively small investments, we can do what a lot of
2 people have said here. We can go with our strengths
3 with the beauty and what we have, the national
4 monuments. And I think that the base reuse plan
5 should actually take into account the national
6 monument.

7 I know we all want jobs, very good-paying
8 jobs. But I haven't -- what I haven't heard yet is
9 what those jobs are. I agree that leading a bicycle
10 tour may not be a high-paying job, but at least it's
11 a job. And we don't have to invest tremendous
12 amounts of money and land to produce jobs like that.

13 I'm open to hearing what these good jobs
14 are. I really am. I think, so far, the best jobs
15 have been what has been created within the schools
16 and the education system. And we should really keep
17 building on that since that's what's working.

18 The market research seemed to take note of
19 our current economic conditions. That's a little
20 more realistic than the original plan. And I think
21 that you guys, it's a little bit disappointing at
22 your failure to adapt to the new economics. But I
23 think if you did, we would be much better off. We
24 would be saving money. We wouldn't be talking about
25 shrinking developers' fees all of the time.

1 And on that note, I've got to say, if the
2 developers can't afford to pay the fees, maybe it's a
3 bad investment. You know, there's a bit of
4 capitalist running through me. I'm still a
5 capitalist on some levels. And I think we should
6 treat the developers like capitalists and not support
7 them with their -- by reducing their fees, reducing
8 their fees, providing them the infrastructure. Let
9 them deal with that, if that's what it comes down to.

10 Anyway, I think there's a new emphasis on a
11 long range, like this is a 30- or 40-year plan now
12 with the build-out plan. I hadn't heard that before,
13 but it's starting to come up with the reassessment
14 almost as though history will be the judge if we made
15 the right decisions. Well, I think that's a bad
16 excuse. I think we need to make the right decision
17 here and now.

18 We've heard a lot of good ideas from the
19 audience. And a lot of times I think we should
20 switch places.

21 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Jason.

22 Next speaker.

23 MR. WOLFE: Can you hear me? Paul Wolfe,
24 Seaside resident.

25 I am going to run the risk of

1 oversimplification, but there's so much to think
2 about. And what occurs to me is the concept, a bit
3 of a false dilemma perhaps, but I do want to kind of
4 divide it in two.

5 On one hand, you've got sort of a vision,
6 the '90s vision with the booming housing market and
7 amazingly optimistic student enrollment projections
8 for CSUMB. And many things that do not fit the
9 current vision on the other side, which is the
10 slumping housing market, really fractional enrollment
11 at CSUMB, the concept that we are not going to be a
12 dot-com extension of Silicon Valley. We now have a
13 monument. So we are looking at a different world.

14 And when the planner of EMC says we have a
15 choice between a little tweak and a big tweak, are
16 they prescribing, maybe more than they should,
17 something that doesn't take into account the
18 difference between then and now?

19 The other thing that, again, at the risk of
20 a false dilemma, but there is, on one side, the
21 concept of jobs that are based upon the beauty and
22 splendor of this area. And on the other hand --
23 again, maybe an oversimplification -- the massive
24 Monterey Downs project that becomes not really the
25 replacement for what a speaker said about the entire

1 lost city of Fort Ord, but really is more like a
2 gated community of tourism, a gated tourist community
3 with people who will be, in effect, in an enclave who
4 do not necessarily filter into the Peninsula. And do
5 they provide jobs to Marina and Seaside?

6 If -- I'm not the voice of authority on
7 this. Consult the July 2011 presentation to FORA in
8 which the developer describes that high-paying jobs
9 will come in with the people in the horse park, the
10 horse experts, the business experts, and so on. The
11 low-paying jobs will be recruited from the Salinas
12 Valley. Nothing wrong with that, but be aware of
13 what the economic dynamics will be.

14 So keep those things in mind. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Paul.

16 Next speaker.

17 MS. WISTER: Hi. Excuse me. Hi. I'm
18 Susie Wister, and I live here on Fort Ord. I just
19 want to echo some things on maybe two new points.

20 "Trails and open space can't support jobs."
21 There's a tremendous amount of economic potential
22 with recreation that really hasn't been thought about
23 directly in the FORA plan. And yet that is what
24 people come to the Peninsula for. Besides
25 agricultural, tourism is our major economic indicator

1 in the area. So there's clearly -- the reason people
2 come here is it's beautiful. It's not overgrown with
3 buildings. It's beautiful here.

4 The second thing about that is this is a
5 chance to realign with the new national monument to
6 protect the areas surrounding the monument and build
7 up the entrance to Fort Ord in a way that allows
8 people who are coming here to get off the freeway and
9 do things that are related to coming out to a
10 national monument. Just like you do when you go to
11 any other national monument, you go in, you get a
12 sandwich, you buy stuff for your mountain bike. And
13 you go in and you ride, and you come out and have a
14 beer and pizza when you get out. It's a great way to
15 have economic potential.

16 The other thing is, usually students,
17 unlike the last speaker, if anyone went to the Marina
18 Target in the last week, you know how many hundreds
19 and hundreds of parents were there buying all of this
20 stuff for all of their apartment buildings. The
21 place was packed. So CSUMB has 5,000 students now.
22 They are now having an economic impact on the city of
23 Marina and the city of Seaside. And they need to be
24 recognized because we're going to have more, and we
25 would like to have places to shop.

1 The second thing, I think after talking to
2 lots of people who don't really participate in these
3 things, they think what FORA is for is to get rid of
4 the already-developed land on Fort Ord and turn them
5 into something. And when I tell them, "You know
6 what, the new plan from FORA isn't really to do
7 anything else with the blighted lands of Fort Ord,"
8 they said, "What? Which fort is Fort Ord reusing?
9 Aren't they reusing Fort Ord?"

10 I said, "No, they're planning to build in
11 the open space."

12 And they go, "Really? But isn't that what
13 FORA means?"

14 People don't realize it. And when we
15 actually tell them the new plan doesn't really focus
16 on getting rid of the blighted lands and helping the
17 cities of Marina and Seaside to actually fulfill that
18 because they don't have enough money to do it
19 themselves, then I think you're going to have a lot
20 of people who are really upset and you'll see more
21 letters in the paper.

22 Finally, with that being said, the veterans
23 or fallen soldiers who served here in Fort Ord
24 deserve to be remembered. And many of those places
25 where they trained out in the backcountry have all

1 been taken down. And there's all this old history
2 out there, and it's just getting taken out. And
3 these could be places that could be saved as
4 historical pieces. We could have historical exhibits
5 and explain what happened here at Fort Ord. But
6 there hasn't really been any effort to save that
7 history. Most of it has been demolished. And I've
8 been here for 16 years, 17 years, so I've seen a lot
9 of that history disappear.

10 And that should be part of this plan, how
11 do we protect that history? There's so much emphasis
12 on the veterans, many of them who weren't even
13 veterans at Fort Ord, and not for the people who
14 served here. There's tons of people who served here,
15 many who never came back. And they need to be
16 acknowledged as well.

17 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Susie.

18 MS. WISTER: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Next speaker.

20 MS. HANSEN: Good evening, Mr. Chair and
21 members of the FORA Board. My name is Jodie Hansen.
22 I'm the president and CEO of the Monterey Peninsula
23 Chamber of Commerce, representing 800 businesses and
24 nonprofit associations.

25 And I'm here tonight basically to address

1 the economic loss that FORA -- FORA's promise was to
2 replace the economic engine that was once here. And
3 I think that's where we made slower progress than we
4 anticipated. And any real big change in this plan is
5 going to cost us a lot. It's going to cost us. It's
6 going to set us back.

7 And I think we really need to preserve the
8 plan as it was originally conceived as much as
9 possible, update it in some areas. It needs some
10 fine tuning, obviously, because a lot has changed in
11 the last 15 years, but a lot hasn't.

12 And I really think what we're looking at
13 is, you know, our preservation of lands for
14 commercial use is primary to the actual recovery of
15 this area. It's what's going on to help fund the
16 cleanup, and we have a big job to do. And I think it
17 costs a lot more than we ever thought it would. And
18 the longer we wait to do the cleanup, the more it's
19 going to cost.

20 I would say that when we do make decisions
21 for land use, we stop a whispering of the project
22 where I know there was a business planning to
23 relocate there. Basically, it was not a tourism
24 business. It was a light manufacturing business with
25 50 employees, high-paid employees. They had

1 engineers. They had machinists. They had a
2 different kind of job than we can draw here at most
3 times, and that opportunity was lost.

4 So let's not lose any further
5 opportunities. I think it's really important to
6 stick to the plan, and it really was a
7 well-conceived, thoughtful plan that was fully
8 vetted. And I appreciate your time. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Jodie.

10 Next speaker? If there is anybody else
11 that's intending to speak, the on-deck rule is still
12 in place. So please take a seat in front here so we
13 can move forward quickly.

14 MR. SANDERS: Good evening, Board and
15 members of the Board.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.
17 Sorry.

18 MR. SANDERS: Is that better? My name is
19 Tim Sanders, and I live in the unincorporated portion
20 of Monterey County. And I'd like to say a little bit
21 about formulating an approach to the FORA development
22 piece schedule, which was reported in The Harold
23 yesterday.

24 I strongly oppose the 37-percent decrease
25 in the developer fees that's implicit in this

1 formula, this -- what is a transfer of development
2 costs, including critical supporting infrastructure
3 to the public treasury from developers. This kind of
4 shift that costs to developers -- or to the county
5 from developers -- I shouldn't say just the county,
6 but to all of the agencies that may be involved in
7 infrastructure and other things that development fees
8 are to support. This is thoroughly unjustified and
9 irresponsible.

10 There's excess in addition. The problem
11 with infrastructure: There's already excess
12 available commercial space that's either vacant or
13 it's undeveloped and approved. The same is true of
14 housing. There are more -- there is a large
15 inventory of undeveloped-but-approved housing.

16 The population growth that was proposed for
17 FORA has not been realized. It's 1 percent per year
18 for 15 years. So that's about 16 percent that would
19 have -- should have occurred and has not.

20 The real problems that one sees very
21 quickly upon development are the excess traffic on
22 Highway 1 and Highway 156, which are already
23 overloaded. And if there is to be further
24 development that would require greater traffic -- or
25 greater support for traffic and new roads, that

1 should not be paid for by only the county people and
2 taxpayers, but it should be paid for by the
3 developers. Any new -- any new impact should be paid
4 by developers.

5 The current circumstances of the FORA
6 territory should be taken into account in planning
7 for new development. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Tim.

9 Next speaker?

10 MS. NAKANISHI: Hi, there. I'm
11 Dawn Nakanishi. A small little point in this great
12 big issue: For those of you that want the trees
13 saved, the little critters --

14 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Ma'am, just speak so we
15 can hear you.

16 MS. NAKANISHI: For all of those of you who
17 want to make sure that every tree is saved and the
18 living critters are not destroyed because our
19 veterans aren't worth that, I want to ask all of you
20 that find it so important, your home, was a tree
21 destroyed? Were ten trees destroyed? Were little
22 rodents murdered? Were little spiders stomped on for
23 your home?

24 And where you shop and eat your meals and
25 get your petroleum for your cars, all the buildings

1 that you utilize and where you go, were little
2 animals and trees destroyed for those things that you
3 use?

4 Use your brains. Let our veterans be laid
5 to rest where they were given the place to rest.
6 Fight your battles on everything else. To be honest,
7 I don't really care. I care about the veterans. Let
8 some critters and trees die like they did for your
9 home and the place you live on right now. Think
10 about it.

11 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you.

12 Next speaker.

13 MS. BEATTY: My name is Dina Beatty. I'm a
14 50-year resident of Monterey.

15 I'll differ with the previous speaker.
16 When I opened my newspaper this weekend and saw the
17 clear-cutting that was envisioned by FORA, I was
18 appalled. And I have a letter that if anyone is
19 interested in signing that I'll be sending to
20 Governor Brown asking that he veto legislation to
21 extend the FORA reuse authority.

22 We have empty commercial space, as a
23 previous speaker noted, that's obvious to anyone who
24 goes to the cities in this county. We have a
25 cemetery that had been -- typical federal government

1 had already run into lots of road blocks at the
2 federal and state level, which appalls me. It's
3 really nice to do the flag waving that our
4 government, our elected officials do. But when it
5 comes to the real stuff, they bail on so many issues,
6 as they bailed when they took the hospital out of
7 Fort Ord so that our veterans have to go out of town.

8 So I'm very much in favor of a cemetery, an
9 appropriate place. And as a previous speaker said,
10 there were four or five locations that were turned
11 down. I do not think it's a "veterans versus
12 environment" thing. Development is a panacea and not
13 the answer when we have so many things going on, so
14 much emptiness in our county that has to be
15 addressed.

16 And it has to be an overall plan. Plunking
17 X or Y business is not going to guarantee jobs for
18 anything. It's just plunking them there.

19 Finally, I agree with the speaker that
20 spoke at the beginning, Susan. The voices that are
21 missing in the comments would be the wild creatures
22 that some people have disparaged when they come up
23 here. I take it very seriously my obligations in the
24 house I live in, in the city I live in, to walk
25 carefully, to be aware that I am just one species. I

1 don't think of myself -- and most indigenous people,
2 the native people in this land that are not really
3 taken into consideration in the land-use policies or
4 FORA.

5 Consider that we are not the pinnacle or
6 the most important, but just one being. That doesn't
7 denigrate the contributions of the human people that
8 we share a species with. But I am very concerned
9 that we continue on the same road we always have
10 continued on with regard for ourselves in one way and
11 regard for the natural world in another.

12 And as I said with the zip line, at a
13 hearing for the zip line in Jacks Peak where the
14 County was worried about underuse of a park by the
15 public. I said, "Who is the public?" The public
16 includes every living thing, and that park is very
17 well used by the public. It's just not the human
18 creatures.

19 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Dina.

20 Next speaker.

21 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Arthur McLaughlin. When
22 I, in the mid '60s, attended a joint meeting on the
23 school board and a major city council representing
24 the interest of teachers, the mayor first called for
25 everyone to put their weapons on the table before

1 discussions could continue. There was such conflict.
2 In the formative days of FORA when we met out at a
3 blighted building near the freeway onramp, I was
4 reminded of that city meeting because of the
5 disparity of views and the way things were not
6 progressing.

7 There has been development within the FORA
8 structure. You are civil to each other, although
9 there are divergent views on the panel, because
10 you've learned to come together and at least discuss
11 the issues.

12 Tonight we've heard many divergent views
13 from the citizens. So as we go forward, I would
14 suggest -- did I lose power? I can talk loud. As we
15 go forward, I would --

16 (Brief pause in the proceedings.)

17 As we go forward in the process, I would
18 recommend, since you have the names of tonight's
19 speakers and all of us who submitted comments, you
20 have how to get in touch with us, that we form
21 various committees on some of these issues, bringing
22 divergent people together with a facilitation to plan
23 and make recommendations to this Board on how to
24 proceed, bringing us all closer together. And we,
25 too, can leave the pistols at home.

1 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Arthur.

2 Next speaker?

3 MS. CONLEY: Is it working?

4 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Yes.

5 MS. CONLEY: My name is Luana Conley. I'm
6 a Marina resident. And I'm glad I stepped up behind
7 my friend, Art, because it was apparent at the five
8 public meetings that were held earlier where we were
9 supposed to have a public -- an opportunity to the
10 public to discuss the reassessment, but many people
11 left feeling those meetings were just a joke because
12 every single one of those meetings was -- started
13 out, was over an hour. Well over an hour of the
14 meeting was just a presentation. I went to four of
15 them myself. And there was very, very little time
16 left for the public to make any kind of comments.

17 And I know you've probably gotten lots of
18 written comments, but I think there's a lot of unmet
19 needs of the public that haven't come out yet. As
20 awareness of roads, especially with the episodes like
21 the bulldozing coming down the pipe, if we don't take
22 action immediately, I mean, that's raising the
23 awareness of what we stand to lose.

24 I would like to support -- I don't believe
25 that this meeting here tonight is any substitute for

1 the kind of public forums and commission or
2 committees that Art was talking about. I think
3 that's really necessary. This is about 20 years into
4 this old plan. It's out of date. Economically, it's
5 out of date. Population-wise, we have a new
6 awareness of our environment, what that means to us,
7 what that can mean to us economically. And we're
8 still sitting with the blight that was created by
9 FORA. The blight was not left here by the Army.
10 Four thousand of those homes had new solar on them
11 and were scheduled and slated to be discussed and
12 talked about to be sold at about 100 to \$120,000 a
13 piece. Instead, they were just left to rot.

14 And now we are sitting here, talking about
15 cutting down forests so we can build homes when you
16 let them sit and rot. So that's really crazy
17 economy. We really need to have a true reassessment
18 of the plan and really discuss this openly to the
19 public. There's a lot -- as you saw earlier, it only
20 took us three weeks to get 18,000 signatures to stop
21 the bulldozing of one tiny parcel. I have here 1,000
22 -- over 1,000 signatures of people that visit the
23 Peninsula with disposable income. And we collected
24 these in a couple of days. And believe me, there's
25 thousands of more people behind these thousands. And

1 there's thousands of local people that do not want to
2 be cutting down oak forests when we have all of this
3 blight remaining. That's really crazy economy. We
4 need to make the most of what we have.

5 The way CSUMB set a great example of
6 turning barracks into dorms, let's follow that
7 example and leave a beautiful legacy. And I agree
8 with the previous speaker that I think we should flip
9 roles here, that this Board, as it's constructed, is
10 not working.

11 And I wanted to say that what you all just
12 voted on tonight -- thank you. What you all just
13 voted on tonight is the kind of thing that propelled
14 Bruce Delgado into the mayor position in Marina.
15 We've made just another sweetheart deal for
16 developers at the public's expense. And we're just
17 about done standing for this. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Luana.

19 Next speaker? Okay. If there's anyone
20 else intending to speak, please make your way to the
21 front.

22 MR. LAMBERT: Good evening. Frank Lambert,
23 Marina resident. I'm not here to condemn or
24 criticize the people on FORA. But after almost
25 20 years now of Fort Ord being closed, I think

1 somebody dropped the ball somewhere along the line.

2 And I'm a retired truck driver. I've put
3 eight years in the Army. So I don't want to hear
4 anything about the military, cemeteries, and anything
5 else.

6 But I used to deliver and I'm still working
7 at the Oakland -- the former Oakland Army and Navy
8 base. And you want to see the good use of all those
9 buildings and hangers that they made civilian light
10 industry use of. I thought once Fort Ord was shut
11 down in the '90s, we would do the same thing down
12 here. It hasn't been. I don't know why. Maybe you
13 can give me the answer or give everyone else the
14 answer.

15 Now, I'm for saving the trees and
16 everything else. I like the lizards, the snakes,
17 everything, rabbits, everything. I'm a nice guy.
18 This racetrack, this is what I want to talk about
19 right now in my time. They're closing racetracks.
20 They're closing satellite centers all around the
21 country because people don't have the money to
22 gamble. That's what it is, it's a gambling facility.

23 They just stopped horse racing in the state
24 of California up at Cal Expo. I have friends of mine
25 and some distant relatives that own racehorses and

1 work in that particular industry, so I know what I'm
2 talking about. You're going to build a racetrack
3 here, supposedly, Monterey Downs or whatever you want
4 to call it. What happens when you don't have the
5 attendance?

6 You have all of that maintenance. We have
7 a water problem on the Peninsula, which everyone in
8 this room knows about. What are you going to do,
9 make a flea market out of it when you don't have the
10 attendance to gamble? People all over the world, as
11 you all know, everyone in this room knows because
12 they want to go to the Aquarium, they want to go to
13 Cannery Row, Big Sur, Pebble Beach, and all parts
14 north and south of here. They're not going to come
15 and gamble their vacation money.

16 Now, there's a few people -- well, maybe
17 more than a few people that's, you know, "We're going
18 to make some really big money if this deal goes
19 through." But you're going to have more traffic,
20 more air pollution, more water problems, and possibly
21 more crime if it goes through. I'm hoping you vote
22 no on this and rescind what you -- whatever kind of
23 deals or agreements were made already.

24 This is a pristine area. Thank God we've
25 got the water on one side so we don't have more

1 developers. And as far as housing on this, you know,
2 the new housing development, how many years now is
3 the Marina Heights infrastructure sitting there
4 growing weeds? All of the utilities were put in
5 already.

6 The economy is not getting any better.
7 Regardless of who is going to win the election, we're
8 losing more and more jobs. But building a racetrack
9 for gambling is not the kind of jobs we need. We
10 need light industry on that space where all of those
11 buildings and even the ones around here are just
12 dormant and sitting there. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Frank.

14 Next speaker.

15 MS. SHRINER: I am Jan Shriner, also a
16 resident of Marina. And I wanted to clarify really
17 quick for those of you who want to join us in Marina
18 for the Marina Equestrian Center is welcome to the
19 Mission Riders. So please RSVP to
20 muledaze@yahoo.com. That's M-U-L-E-D-A-Z-E.

21 I want to just mention since people are
22 giving a bit of their backgrounds, that I have five
23 ancestors who fought in the American Revolutionary
24 War. I have uncles who were Air Force and Marines.
25 I have a father who was regular Army deployed through

1 Fort Ord to Korea, decorated for valor. So, yes, I
2 am also known as a granola-crunching tree-hugger, but
3 my family has a long history with the military. And
4 according to the late, great Howard [inaudible], that
5 means we are a poor family. We are a proud family,
6 but we were and always have been a poor family. We
7 are resourceful and we are proud.

8 Now, one of the things that the 1997 base
9 reuse plan is premised on is forecasted increases in
10 populations. The build-out of the reuse plan, as
11 written in the next ten years, is worthless. I want
12 everybody to think about how entitlements and water
13 allocations are not equivalent to the creation of
14 jobs as we have seen with the approvals of over 6,000
15 homes since 2003. You have to imagine them because
16 they are still not built. There are still no jobs
17 for those. And sometimes I have to imagine how the
18 Marina City staff can say with a straight face, still
19 after ten years, the theater is imminent.

20 So we have a national monument, and this
21 requires an update to the reuse plan. We could think
22 about, instead of how our business community has been
23 solely focused on real estate and investments of land
24 sales, ten years ago these authors included the
25 trails on the former Fort Ord.

1 Now, the business community of Monterey has
2 created this awesome map to help people understand
3 all of the features in Monterey. And although in
4 Fort Ord we have nationally-recognized bicyclists, we
5 have volunteers creating maps. We have government
6 agencies posting maps.

7 We need to get our business community
8 behind the economic driver of the national monument.
9 And we need to promote ourselves as a region of
10 health that a nation can look to. At REI I'm told
11 sometimes they have tourist booths. We don't have
12 that yet at REI in Marina. FORA could help.

13 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Jan.

14 Next speaker.

15 MR. LAUB: Good evening. Leonard Laub,
16 30-year resident of Monterey.

17 Folks, we have an amazing opportunity here.
18 You are the stewards of this land. As the stewards
19 of this land, you have an obligation to help preserve
20 it, to help protect it. Once you eliminate the
21 natural beauty, the trees, you can't replace it.

22 I am an ecotourist. I spend tens of
23 thousands of dollars to travel around the world to do
24 ecotourism.

25 You can't hear me this way?

1 CHAIRMAN POTTER: [Inaudible].

2 MR. LAUB: All right. There we go.

3 I spend tens of thousands of dollars. I've
4 paid my dues too. I use this property. There are
5 thousands of people out there like me who will pay
6 top dollar to come here as an ecotourist, as you
7 will, to use the property in its current state. The
8 old adage, "Build it and they will come," doesn't
9 work here. Keep it, improve it, and people will
10 come.

11 It would be a travesty to lose this
12 magnificent jewel. I am convinced that working with
13 the community to balance the economic growth, the
14 veterans cemetery, and the ecological aspects of this
15 magnificent property is paramount. Clear-cutting
16 huge swaths of trees is not the answer.

17 Things have changed drastically since FORA
18 was first established. It is time to recognize this
19 and amend the plans to better address the needs,
20 desires, and current economic conditions to create a
21 vision that everyone can embrace. Get the community
22 involved. Work with us. Don't polarize us. Let's
23 show the world what we can really do here. Thank
24 you.

25 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Leonard.

1 Next speaker? Are there others wishing to
2 speak?

3 MS. DAVIS: Margaret Davis with Friends of
4 the FORA War Horse.

5 The course FORA has followed has come to a
6 dead end. For years, FORA has been on autopilot,
7 just a bureaucracy that rumbles along with the other
8 bureaucracies. FORA has neglected to keep alive the
9 vision of the base reuse plan and the watchdog role
10 you were intended to have. FORA ignored the veterans
11 for years and finally forced them to get in bed with
12 hardcore gambling as a last report.

13 Gambling destroys families. Gambling does
14 not uphold the values our veterans fought and died
15 for. Focus On the Family describes the kind of
16 gambling represented by the developer as planned for
17 Monterey Downs as addictive as crack cocaine.
18 Veterans deserve better than to be dragged into this.

19 FORA focused on housing that never happened
20 and ignored the most economically prompting aspect of
21 the base reuse plan, the economic engine of outdoor
22 tourism which is a 60-billion-plus-a-year industry
23 and growing. The base reuse plan mandates a trail
24 system that's, quote, beautiful, humane, desirable,
25 lures tourists and homeowners to Marina, Seaside, and

1 the Peninsula.

2 Your continuing neglect for the -- of the
3 mandated "beach to BLM" corridor and these trails
4 robs especially Marina of its most promising asset.
5 And all the more because Marina now controls the
6 northern access to the national monument, tourists
7 will land in Marina.

8 I'm a resident and homeowner in Marina. I
9 want Marina to thrive. Marina's best bet for
10 prosperity for all is building on the urban blight
11 first and developing the beach and the national
12 monument corridor mandated in Volume I, Chapter 3 of
13 the base reuse plan, a gift from the U.S. Army to
14 Marina and the nation.

15 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Margaret.

16 MS. ENGLE: Good evening. My name is
17 Julie Engle.

18 There seems to be the concept that the
19 vision for the reuse of Fort Ord is that we're going
20 to protect 20,000 acres of BLM, now national monument
21 land, and scorched earth policy everywhere else.
22 That certainly is not the integrated vision that I
23 understood in the Fort Ord reuse plan.

24 One of the key policies that has not been
25 adopted by the City of Seaside, Marina, or the County

1 of Monterey is a policy that requires a program for
2 oak woodland protections that will protect stands,
3 vast stands of oak woodlands and connect them with
4 the trail systems and connect them as a corridor to
5 the internal lands of Fort Ord. So the vision of,
6 you know, this dichotomous Fort Ord where you have
7 development in one place and nature someplace else
8 simply is not the case.

9 The other thing I would like to remind the
10 FORA Board is that we have been provided an
11 opportunity with this new economic study for a
12 reality check. A lot of people seem to think that we
13 ought to keep doing more of the same of what hasn't
14 worked. And this is an opportunity to take a really
15 hard, long look at where we're going and where our
16 assets really lie and develop economically within the
17 new reality.

18 I guess that's what I'm saying. Let's get
19 real. All of the wants, dreams, whatever, about, you
20 know, the "pie in the sky" development, the people
21 thought was going to happen in the 1990s hasn't
22 happened. Doing more of the same isn't going to make
23 it happen. And maybe what we need to do is take a
24 much closer look at what we can really accomplish.
25 Doing more of the same is only going to dig a deeper

1 hole, and that really concerns me a lot.

2 I hate seeing an unparalleled public
3 resource wasted. I hate seeing a public resource
4 being divvied up to whatever developers want. You
5 know, the idea seems to be, well, if this doesn't
6 work let's give away a little bit more. That's a
7 really disturbing trend. It's not going to solve any
8 problems.

9 And I would urge you to look very, very
10 carefully at the economic study that has been
11 completed and make the changes that we really need to
12 see happen. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Julie.

14 Next speaker?

15 MR. SCHAEFFER: My name is Rick Schaeffer.
16 And tonight I thought we were going to discuss the
17 reassessment of your reassessment of the report. And
18 tonight I didn't really hear anybody speaking about
19 what was in the report and the different changes that
20 have been suggested. So I'm getting the feeling that
21 nobody out here is really going to have an idea of
22 what's in that report.

23 They're going over some really good ideas
24 that have been going around and around. But they
25 aren't going -- addressing what you have in your

1 report for the reassessment. So -- and then I
2 noticed that the comment periods are going to be
3 ending on the 4th of September. Now, if people at
4 this time aren't sure what's in that report, how are
5 they going to have time to find out and get a comment
6 by September 4th? So I think that your window is
7 very short and should be lengthened to include a
8 longer time, and that you're not appropriately
9 addressing and giving them a chance to tell you what
10 needs to be addressed.

11 One of the other things is the national
12 monument has changed the ball game. And the
13 development on the west side, the development areas
14 on the west side of the national monument is going to
15 curtail the utilization of that area. Right now I
16 can't understand why there's not a sign on
17 Lightfighter Drive that says, "Fort Ord National
18 Monument this way." If you started to consider that,
19 you might be able to find that the engine there for
20 your economic development would exist.

21 Around here I see a lot of blight. In
22 fact, around here I see railroad tracks with no
23 trains that could be utilized as a public service and
24 a public transit. But right now I have a feeling
25 they're being utilized to railroad the public.

1 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you. Again, no
2 applause. Just thumbs up or thumbs down. Thank you.

3 MR. TAYLOR: Good evening, ladies and
4 gentlemen. My name is Jeff Taylor. I reside in the
5 Corral de Tierra area in the country, just on the
6 other side of this beautiful open space.

7 I'd like to point out that I support the
8 ongoing efforts of the legislature's -- new
9 legislature to extend the FORA effort for the next
10 six years. But I strongly encourage you to wrap this
11 up as rapidly as possible. You've spent 20 years so
12 far. You've got a good plan.

13 There is -- everything that everybody is
14 concerned about here tonight is in this plan.
15 There's lots of open space. Open space needs trail
16 development in that open space. What builds those
17 trails is the development fees, ladies and gentlemen.
18 We can't keep relying on the taxpayers and the United
19 States to keep paying through the federal government
20 to build more trails, to develop more open space,
21 develop more parklands without us doing something,
22 without us going to do something as a community. We,
23 as a community, have to take responsibility for
24 ourselves.

25 This plan that FORA has come up with is

1 build-out, for the rest of our lives, ladies and
2 gentlemen. That's it. No more build-out. We hit
3 open space. Done. Build-out goes to Salinas Valley.
4 It's definitely not going to go to Carmel Valley.
5 It's not going to go to Big Sur.

6 Where are your grand kids going to continue
7 to grow up in? I want my grand kids to grow up in
8 this area. I'd like my grand kids to have a viable
9 economic future. Open space will bring an economic
10 future, granted, but we need to develop the
11 infrastructure to make it available.

12 I am a supporter of the horse park and of
13 Monterey Downs. Strike me dead, I am a supporter of
14 Monterey Downs. And the reason I am, ladies and
15 gentlemen, is because the horse park was not
16 economically viable. I was part of the horse park
17 for a short time, and I'm still a very strong
18 supporter of the horse park portion. You know,
19 there's two different portions. And that horse park
20 is not economically viable. Monterey Downs comes in
21 and helps support that, and they help grant that.
22 They do all of the land use. They do all of the
23 work, the expensive work.

24 The veterans cemetery is not economical
25 without the housing element. Monterey Downs comes in

1 and provides that housing element. It's not the most
2 desirable thing. I understand. It is on some virgin
3 forest area, but this is area that has been planned.
4 It's Monterey -- it was Monterey County. It's
5 Seaside's property. And I believe FORA should annex
6 this to Seaside as rapidly as possible and put this
7 in the hands of Seaside to deal with this.

8 Thank you very much.

9 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Jeff.

10 Next speaker.

11 MR. WEIGLE: Bill Weigle, Seaside.

12 I just want to correct something I keep
13 hearing that we have to build trails out there.
14 Anybody who is familiar with that area knows that
15 there's an incredible trail system already there. We
16 don't need more trails. We just need access to those
17 trails.

18 And the other thing that really concerns me
19 is it's obvious to me from hearing people speak that
20 they haven't seen the land. I think they need to go
21 out and visit this land. Now, I realize since you've
22 made half the trails -- or you've made all of the
23 trails in the 3500 acres unavailable. However, as I
24 understand, the trails have been deemed safe. That's
25 obvious because nobody has been blown up and the

1 trails have been used for years.

2 I would encourage you to go back and open
3 those trails. And I know you have this liability
4 issue. Some people have right of entry, and they pay
5 insurance. FORA has -- you've got this \$93 million.
6 Why don't you buy the insurance for the public?

7 But the main thing I would say is the
8 trails are there, and too many people don't know
9 what's out there. That's why they're so eager to
10 develop it. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Bill.

12 Next speaker.

13 MR. PETERSON: Good evening. My name is
14 Eric Peterson. I'm representing Pedalia al Pede, one
15 of the oldest and most successful bicycle clubs in
16 the United States. I agree with -- very much with
17 what the previous speakers have said about this, so I
18 won't repeat too much. I don't agree with Jeff, but
19 that's okay.

20 The economic value of Fort Ord National
21 Monument is simply tremendous. Last month I spent
22 four days at Lassen National Park. There's people
23 who went hundreds of thousands of miles to get there
24 for recreation. And there's a lot of money in the
25 few communities around there because of that.

1 Fort Ord is far more accessible and, if
2 nothing else, has far better trails. If we don't
3 blow it, we can make a ton of money and regionally on
4 this. However, if we do things like putting in
5 massive horse parks and things like that, we will
6 blow it, and that'll reduce the economic value. This
7 may be a shift in what people want the jobs to be,
8 but there are a lot of jobs in national parks,
9 national monuments, places like that.

10 Just a note about the veterans cemetery. I
11 don't plan on being in the veterans cemetery myself,
12 but we definitely need a veterans cemetery. But is
13 this the right location? If nothing else, the
14 primary access is through a residential area. And
15 that's not very good. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Eric.

17 Next speaker.

18 MR. RILEY: George Riley. I wasn't going
19 to speak, but a couple of comments or a number of
20 comments bother me.

21 First of all, if you're going to reassess,
22 the word means something more than "renew" or
23 "modify." Reassess means "rethinking." Reassess
24 means "reevaluate." And I'm more and more concerned
25 that the direction that was established in the late

1 '90s, the go-go '90s, leading up to the dot-com era,
2 there were enormous positive outlooks about where the
3 economy was going for building, for population
4 growth, for the attraction of this area, financing,
5 you name it. It was the go-go '90s.

6 Fifteen years later, we're not there any
7 more. And nobody is predicting we're going to go
8 back, nobody. So you've got economic growth was
9 slow. You've got demographic projections that were
10 way over the top. The electric has changed. The
11 awareness of the -- the value of the economic values
12 that we have are better understood. The financing
13 around all projects are changed. The whole concept
14 of sustainability is gaining traction everywhere.
15 There are great interests in being outdoors, being
16 healthy, being fit. And there are lots of new
17 economies growing around those industries. It's not
18 just trails. It's not just economics. But it's good
19 health, activity, fitness, so on, long life.

20 All of those play into the future of what
21 FORA could be dealing with. And somebody earlier
22 said whether we need to make a big tweak or a little
23 tweak in the plan. Totally wrong. Tweaking is not
24 the issue. Rethinking is.

25 I think you're being asked to consider to

1 doing something that's probably the most difficult
2 thing for public officials and policy officials to
3 do, and that's a paradigm shift. How do you change
4 from what you have been depending on and counting on
5 and basing most of your career on? How do you change
6 the values that you recalled? How do you change the
7 priorities or the sense of priorities that you
8 recalled?

9 And this is the opportunity. The time is
10 now. This is the property. This is the area.
11 People aren't coming to this area -- where are all of
12 the developers? If you're so interested in
13 developing, where are they? You're dealing with the
14 only ones that show up, and they're looking for a
15 deal. And they're looking for a deal for what their
16 interests are, not what our interests are.

17 And to the extent that there's a community
18 of interest here that's broader than where the reuse
19 plan has been going. That interest is broader than
20 where the reuse plan has been going. If there's not
21 a major shift in primaries, if there's not a major
22 shift in the willingness to take the reality that you
23 know exists -- there were mistakes made. There were
24 priorities established using virgin land versus
25 taking away, getting rid of the blight. There were

1 bad decisions, bad priorities, and now we're stuck
2 with that. We're stuck with not only the desperate
3 nature that I think FORA is facing in terms of future
4 and its own financing, you're facing -- you're
5 building the cities that fight the very thing that
6 you are trying -- that the public is interested in.

7 Lowering development fees puts more burden
8 on the public. People say the public can't rescue
9 this. You think the developers can. And without a
10 paradigm shift, we're not going to go anywhere.

11 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, George.

12 Next speaker?

13 MR. MALLICK: Good evening. My name is
14 Safwat Mallick. I'm an architect, and I live in
15 Monterey County.

16 I was very impressed by our newcomer to our
17 community, Eduardo Ochoa, I believe, if I'm speaking
18 his name correctly. He is the interim president of
19 CSUMB. And his opinion dates back on Monday the
20 27th. He had a very interesting article inviting the
21 community to think about Fort Ord.

22 And one of the impressive paragraphs in his
23 editorial is he says, we can not afford to make
24 decisions regarding future uses of the former Fort
25 Ord base solely on short-term economic gains, that

1 may be close enough greater -- that they close off
2 greater long-run opportunities.

3 This really is a very, very succinct
4 sentence that we all need to pay attention to. And
5 the other things that I have been noticing,
6 unfortunately in the dark out here, I was going to
7 invite to open these shades so that you look at what
8 FORA for the past 20 years has been living in,
9 amongst blight, amongst barracks that are falling
10 apart.

11 I had the opportunity about a year ago to
12 come to FORA's office to check on something, and I
13 was really appalled to see that FORA is occupying one
14 of these buildings. What is that about? And then we
15 are looking at opening virgin land to develop. What
16 about all of that stuff that is here? Why don't we
17 get rid of this nightmare that is all around us
18 before we look somewhere else. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Safwat.

20 Next speaker.

21 MS. MORTON: Gail Morton, Fort Ord Rec
22 Users. And first I want to just make a couple of
23 points. The veterans cemetery does need to happen.
24 And in retracting whichever way retracted that FORA
25 has at the former Fort Ord, it has to be a balance

1 between open space and smart economic development. I
2 think the entire community can agree on those points.

3 But the plan that was put into place has
4 failed. The economic recovery that that plan was
5 dedicated to achieve was to happen by 2014, and
6 that's why FORA was set to sunset in 2014. To
7 continue to follow a plan that did not get realized
8 in the last 15 years seems ludicrous at this point.

9 You, the Board, hired experts to analyze
10 that plan, to analyze the current events, the current
11 economic conditions, and the current trends in our
12 community. And in that scoping report, they're
13 telling you that the basic premises of your plan are
14 no longer viable, they have been not been realized,
15 and there are changes.

16 So to follow a plan what your scoping
17 report writers, EMC, said, if you're going to follow
18 along this path, you're not even going to the achieve
19 what you set out to achieve 15 years until 20 or
20 40 years down the road. That is a long time away for
21 this community to recover. The EMC scoping report
22 needs to be read by every one of you who gets to
23 vote. And I'm sorry tonight that there are some
24 empty chairs because I know a lot of those empty
25 chairs have a vote.

1 The public, we've read that report. Yes,
2 on August 10th, there was a statement that it's
3 thousand of pages, it's complicated, it's
4 comprehensive. The report itself is not that long.
5 And I ask each of you, as our representatives, to
6 read it, to understand it, to ask questions of your
7 experts, so that you know what it is saying and how
8 it is directed. That is the most important thing
9 that you can do for us before you make any decisions.

10 The other thing that I want to say is: The
11 basic premises, the population growth did not occur,
12 the demand for commercial and housing did not occur,
13 we have a downturn in the economics that was
14 unforeseen, those are material changes that affect
15 this plan. They cannot be ignored, and they are
16 documented in your scoping report.

17 Another material change is the national
18 monument. Recreation 2010, even after the decline in
19 our economy, is accredited with \$646 billion of
20 revenue across the United States. Thank you,
21 Supervisors, Parker for sharing that at the Board of
22 Supervisors.

23 There is a tremendous amount of money to be
24 made from open-space ecotourism. We need to
25 capitalize on that, and we need to focus on that as

1 we recapture other economic development. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Gail.

3 The next speaker is Mr. Chessire with this
4 Board. If there's anybody who wants to precede him,
5 please come forward.

6 MR. CHESSIRE: Ron Chessire.

7 I'd like to thank FORA for the process as
8 that we went through as with this evening, that we
9 had five nice gripe sessions. And it was just people
10 arguing back and forth in regards to what has taken
11 place.

12 FORA has been about as useful as they could
13 be. You have had to combat economic situations. You
14 have had to combat the public. You had to combat one
15 of our newest industries in the area, the
16 environmental, no-growth attorneys who are
17 flourishing well and just making quite a few dollars
18 here.

19 I'm a veteran of this thing since 1991.
20 Yeah, FORA, recreate the economic engine in this
21 area, provide for the environment, education,
22 economic development. That was the vision. Visions
23 in planning usually don't change. What changes is
24 how you obtain that vision.

25 I'm almost 61 years old. I've seen several

1 ups and downs economically in my lifetime. I'm sure
2 I may see a few more. Just because something goes up
3 or down, doesn't mean change your vision. It may
4 mean you have to look at a way to make your vision
5 happen in a different way.

6 We've heard a lot of talk this evening
7 about the national monument. It's well received, and
8 we encourage it. One of our questions was: Just
9 exactly can anyone figure out how much economic work
10 it will bring to this area? Because we lost about a
11 half a billion to three quarters of a billion dollars
12 when Fort Ord closed. And that might equate to a
13 billion or a billion and a half now. So we've got a
14 lot of room to improve.

15 We have to do, as a community, what we have
16 to do. But what we cannot continue to do is argue
17 with one another. And as we've heard this evening in
18 such a nice sweet voice: If you don't do it our way,
19 we'll litigate. That has to stop here.

20 I want to make one last statement here. I
21 said something in the meeting the other day in
22 regards to the environment. A lot of this area used
23 to look just like Armstrong Ranch. But you know
24 what, the environment and the ecosystems were
25 destroyed. It has rows of eucalyptus trees. It has

1 rows of pine trees, which die when they're not
2 watered. And it has a lot of rows of other types of
3 trees like cypress that were not indigenous
4 specifically to here, but were planted and destroyed
5 the ecosystem. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, Ron.

7 LeVonne, you've already spoken.

8 MS. STONE: I just have one more thing to
9 say. There were a couple of people that spoke more
10 than once.

11 CHAIRMAN POTTER: No, that's not true. I
12 kept track of everybody's name here. You've spoken
13 one time here. Two seconds.

14 MS. STONE: What I want to say is that I
15 thank those people that are thinking about the people
16 who were living here, the local folks, at the time
17 that this tragically happened in our community.

18 And what I want to remind you of is the
19 fact that the plan was for those people, was for this
20 community. And now we've turned it upsidedown. And
21 people should be working with us, working with those
22 people who were impacted, working with those people
23 who put the plan together and not trying to include
24 us after the fact of years and years and years of not
25 even working with us in the community.

1 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you, LeVonne.

2 That's it.

3 MS. STONE: This thing needs to go back to
4 the way it was before.

5 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Thank you.

6 Okay. Is there anybody else who wishes to
7 speak tonight?

8 Okay. Before I go to Michael to do the
9 synopsis of what the next steps and the next piece of
10 the process are, I want to thank you all for coming.
11 We had 45 speakers. It ran just slightly over two
12 hours. You stayed within the time constraints. You
13 were professional.

14 Certainly, there's a diversity of opinions
15 in this room. But I really appreciate the
16 professionalism that was here tonight. I'm confident
17 we can continue that, but with this many public
18 opinions, this many public speakers to get through
19 and this time on the line is a very rare experience
20 and a great decision. And I know my colleagues do
21 too.

22 So, Michael, if you could just outline the
23 next steps.

24 MR. HOULEMARD: Just sort of to want to
25 remind everyone the deadline for getting written

1 comments in and if you want them to be included in
2 the report that's presented to the FORA Board on the
3 14th of September, the deadline date is
4 September 4th. And I know that has already been in
5 the advertisements that you see in the newspapers and
6 that several speakers have talked about it here
7 tonight.

8 Finally, once all of those comments are
9 listed on this scoping report, the consultants will
10 take all of those together, use those in the
11 reassessment report preparation, which will take
12 about two months. And during the month of October,
13 the reassessment report will be provided in draft for
14 folks to review, first presented at the FORA Board
15 for Board review on the 12th.

16 And then the following week, a public
17 document will be provided. Following that, the Board
18 will take actions with respect to the final
19 reassessment of the Board either in November or
20 December.

21 CHAIRMAN POTTER: Okay. Before we leave,
22 this is a workshop. So, obviously, there's no formal
23 action being taken by the Board. But if there's any
24 Board members who wanted to make a comment, that I
25 just remembered, you're certainly welcome to.

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