



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

A report providing information about the purpose of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) and reuse of land at the former Fort Ord is now available. The FORA 2012–13 Annual Report is posted on the FORA website at www.fora.org and can also be obtained by contacting the FORA office at 883-3672 or visiting the FORA offices at 920 2nd Avenue off Imjin Parkway in Marina.

The FORA 2012-13 Annual Report provides background information about reuse and highlights activities during the past year, including reports noting activities by educational institutions, governmental agencies and local non-profit organizations in addition to information about planning and implementation activities conducted by FORA related to capital improvements and habitat conservation. FORA has produced an annual report detailing economic recovery progress in the region every year since the Base Reuse Plan (BRP) was adopted in 1997.

FORA was created by the California State Legislature in 1994 to facilitate conversion of the former Fort Ord from military to civilian use. The BRP focuses on conversion and transfer of property for local/regional economic recovery, educational reuse and development, and environmental protection and conservation. It is a long-term plan for redevelopment of the former military base with full implementation anticipated to occur over an approximate 40-60 year time period. To date, approximately 22% of the reuse program envisioned in the Plan has occurred.

There are approximately 28,000 acres of land at the former Fort Ord. Nearly 70% of the former military base will remain recreational and designated open space in perpetuity, including the Fort Ord National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Fort Ord Dunes State Park along the coastal frontage of the former Fort Ord. Additionally, a number of parks and recreational areas will be included in neighborhood and city planning areas and provided in conjunction with programs operated by various nonprofit organizations.

A large portion of the remaining acres of land are dedicated to educational uses for facilities such as the California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus, the University of California Monterey Bay Environmental, Science and Technology (MBEST) center, and facilities of Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey College of Law, and Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. Approximately 6,800 acres are designated for these educational institutions, for current and future economic redevelopment and recovery to create jobs through retail and commercial business development, and to provide low, moderate and market-rate housing. The Presidio of Monterey has also retained a portion of land at the former base for current and future military housing and related services. The cities of Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, and Seaside and the County of Monterey have political and land use jurisdiction over former Fort Ord lands.

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