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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **FORA Hires Dover-Kohl & Partners to Complete Regional Urban Design Guidelines**

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Board of Directors has authorized a contract with Dover, Kohl & Partners to lead the process of completing new Regional Urban Design Guidelines (RUDG) for the former Fort Ord. The RUDG, which are called for in the 1997 Base Reuse Plan and were initiated with the 2005 Highway Design Guidelines, will focus on village and town centers, regional circulation corridors, gateways, and trails. The process will begin immediately with initial consultations with FORA staff and the RUDG Task Force. A public charrette process will be held in early 2015 to facilitate active community participation.

This RUDG process follows the 2012 region-wide Base Reuse Plan Reassessment, which identified unfinished reuse goals. The FORA Board accepted the completed Reassessment in December 2012 and initiated this RUDG process with funding in the 2013/2014 fiscal year. The Board also funded a joint CSUMB/FORA Colloquium, bringing national experts to the Monterey Bay region to highlight best practices in community development. One important note from that Colloquium - held last December - was the need to refresh/update the design and program vision for the economic recovery effort. After appointing a special RUDG Task Force early this year, the Board provided additional funding to complete this important implementation action.

“Completion of the Regional Urban Design Guidelines will further enable the quality development originally envisioned in the Base Reuse Plan to become reality” says FORA Executive Officer Michael Houlemard. “Thanks to the hard work of the RUDG Task Force and FORA staff, we were able to recruit one of the leading urban design firms in the Country to participate in our competitive proposal process. Dover, Kohl & Partners stood out for their fresh ideas and proven innovative approach to community planning. We look forward to a robust and inclusive process that brings our community together and advances the process of economic recovery here on the former Fort Ord.”

Dover, Kohl & Partners is a nationally recognized town planning firm based in Coral Gables, Florida. Applying the principles of traditional town planning, the firm’s work encompasses restoring existing urban centers and towns, reconfiguring sprawling suburbs into communities of real neighborhoods, conserving natural environments, and preserving our society’s built legacy. Dover, Kohl & Partners is best known for its collaborative, public design processes, known as charrettes, as well as for illustrative master plans and form-based codes that emphasize complete neighborhoods as the basis for sound communities. Victor Dover and Joseph Kohl are charter members of the Congress for the New Urbanism, and have worked for many public agencies, developers, and citizen groups to create appropriate methods of land development and regulation.

Current information about the RUDG process will be maintained on the FORA website ([www.fora.org](http://www.fora.org)).

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