

## FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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## FORA to Begin Building Removal at Surplus II Site in Seaside

On November 1st, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) will begin building removal on former Fort Ord lands within the City of Seaside on Gigling Road, an area known as Surplus II. Removing buildings will make way for a development team to plan and build a new mixed-use housing and urban-amenity town center between California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and the Department of Defense Center.

The Surplus II building removal will proceed in 3 stages: 1) fire-safety overgrowth trimming and weed abatement (beginning Nov 1, 2017); 2) environmental control and hazardous materials abatement (March 2018); and 3) building demolition and removal (June 2018). The project is expected to be completed by June 2019.

"We are glad to be moving ahead with this important project to clear the way for a new mixed-use development within this area of former Fort Ord land" said Michael A. Houlemard Jr., FORA Executive Officer, "This opportunity has been a longtime coming, and will move the region closer to fully realizing the original Base Reuse Plan vision and enable the City of Seaside to realize much needed economic recovery from Fort Ord closure".

"The City of Seaside has much to look forward to as we move ahead with this exciting venture", said Seaside City Manager Craig Malin. "City staff and consultants are working closely with our development partners to create a sense of place that blends with our existing communities and surroundings by establishing a Campus Town to help provide needed housing, retail and commercial activity, jobs, and recreational opportunities."

FORA's Construction Management Team will work closely with City of Seaside officials to closely monitor building removal activities and minimize impacts in nearby areas. The community can expect to have access to businesses and residences, advanced notice for temporary parking restrictions or utility disruptions, and detours along Colonel Durham Road, Malmady Road and 7th Avenue. Construction hours will be between 7:00am and 7:00pm Monday through Saturday.

More information and project updates will be available online at <a href="www.FORA.org/CIP">www.FORA.org/CIP</a> or by calling FORA at (831) 883-3672.

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) is responsible for reuse planning and oversight of regional economic recovery due to closure of the former Fort Ord military base. The former Fort Ord area consists of 45 square miles/28,000 acres.