

Resolution 12-02

Resolution of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority)
Board of Directors In Support of the)
Designation of Public Lands Managed by)
the Bureau of Land Management on)
the Former Fort Ord as a National Monument)

THIS RESOLUTION is adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (“FORA”), at a regular meeting duly called and held on March 9, 2012 with reference to the following facts and circumstances:

WHEREAS, from the end of World War I until 1994, Fort Ord served as one of the Army’s most significant training bases. As the Army moved this mission from Fort Ord, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) was selected to manage public lands of approximately 14,658 acres of the former installation’s 27,827-acre footprint.

WHEREAS, the 14,658 acres of Fort Ord Public Lands transferred and scheduled for transfer to the Bureau of Land Management are preserved as open space and management of open space under terms and conditions of the Installation Wide Multi-Species Habitat Management Plan, which is not altered by the proposed National Monument designation.

WHEREAS, the Fort Ord Public Lands support a beautiful and diverse group of plant and animal communities, including 35 species of rare plants and animals. Former Fort Ord represents 50 to 90 percent of the worldwide habitat for many of these rare plants. The lush landscapes are home to a range of wildlife, which includes mountain lion, black-tailed deer, bobcats, coyotes, badger, turkeys, golden eagles, red tailed hawks, California quail, coast horned lizards, and gopher snakes.

WHEREAS, the Fort Ord Public Lands offer 86 miles of trails, open each day from dawn to dusk, for hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, wildlife/wildflower photographers, and nature enthusiasts. Fort Ord’s single track trails, grassland hills, and oak woodlands offer some of the most remarkable open space in the Monterey Bay area.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority has supported a National Monument designation for these Lands since 2009.

WHEREAS, the National Monument designation of BLM Lands will not affect adjacent property owners’ land use designations.

WHEREAS, designation as a National Monument would ensure an increased level of protection for this distinctive habitat and provide for appropriate recreational use by local residents and visitors to our area.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved:

1. The National Monument designation of BLM's Public Lands on the former Fort Ord will, considering all its aspects, further the objectives and policies of the Final Base Reuse Plan.
2. The National Monument designation of BLM's Public Lands will not affect adjacent property owners' land use designations.
3. The National Monument designation of BLM's Public Lands will foster and sustain the Monterey Bay Region's eco-tourism industry through ensuring 86 miles of trails access for hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, wildlife/wildflower photographers, and nature enthusiasts.
4. The FORA Board of Directors heartily supports the designation of BLM's Public Lands on the former Fort Ord as a National Monument.

Upon motion by Supervisor Parker, seconded by Councilmember Oglesby, the foregoing resolution was passed on this 9th day of March, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Bachofner, Brown, Donahue, Edelen, Kampe, McCloud, O'Connell, Parker, Pendergrass, Potter, Selfridge, Oglesby

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Calcagno

I, Supervisor Potter, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of the said Board of Directors duly made and entered under Item 6c, page 4, of the Board meeting minutes of March 9, 2012 thereof, which are kept in the Minute Book resident in the offices of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

DATED April 13, 2012

BY Dave Potter
Dave Potter
Chair, Board of Directors
Fort Ord Reuse Authority