



# Fort Ord Reuse Authority

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## VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

3:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013

920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933 (FORA Conference Room)

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

VIAC Members:

Edith Johnsen, Veterans' Families  
Wes Morrill, Military & Veterans Affairs  
Sid Williams, Military/Vets Advisory Comm.  
Greg Nakanishi, CCVC Foundation  
Jack Stewart, CAC  
CSM Andrew Wynn, POM USAG  
James Bogan, UVC  
Ian Oglesby, FORA Board  
Jerry Edelen, FORA Board

FORA Staff:

Michael Houlemard  
Robert Norris  
Crissy Maras

Others:

John Elliott, POM USAG  
Candace Ingram, CCVCF

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Edelen asked Edith Johnsen to lead the pledge of allegiance.

#### 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### a. **Fort Ord Veteran's Cemetery Citizen's Advisory Committee Endorsement of Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Phasing**

Minutes from the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting when the endorsement of cemetery phasing was approved were distributed.

##### b. **Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation Donation Letter**

The State of California has requested a donation from the Foundation toward the cemetery endowment. Discussions with the State, including an agreement in principle, will take place June 3<sup>rd</sup>. James Bogan suggested that the scope of the letter be broadened to include every city in the Central Coast Region, rather than only focusing on Monterey County cities.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

#### 5. APPROVE VIAC MEETING MINUTES: April 25, 2013

On a motion by Sid Williams, seconded by Ms. Johnsen, the minutes were approved as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. **Receive Report on Fort Ord Reuse Authority meetings with California Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of General Services**

Senator Monning's office has coordinated meetings with several Federal and State departments with land transfer responsibilities in an effort to stay on schedule. Upcoming FORA meetings will focus on funding requirements. It is currently estimated that a local match will be in the \$1.7M range and includes 10% local match, 20% contingency on the match, and approximately \$350K required O&M costs.

Greg Nakanishi asked that FORA staff convey the Foundation's request for reimbursement (if excess revenues are realized over time) for use in ancillary costs.

**b. Water Resources for Mission Related Military Briefing for US Army**

Committee Members received a PowerPoint presentation outlining the US Army mission related items for water resources: the veterans cemetery and the DoD/VA Clinic. FORA will request the release of approximately 50 acre-feet per-year of water from the US Army retention in meetings being held during the legislative mission to Washington D.C.

**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

None.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. in honor of Herschel Pierce, a United States veteran committed to veteran's services through his volunteer work.

*Minutes Prepared by:*

*Crissy Maras, Grants and Contracts/Records Coordinator*