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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (VIAC)

May 30, 2013 at 3:00 PM

920 2nd Avenue, Suite A

Marina, CA 93933

(FORA Conference Room)

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **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 INFORMATION
 - b. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation Donation Letter INFORMATION
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Members of the audience wishing to address the VIAC on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment Period. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes. Public comments on specific agenda items will be heard at the time the matter is under consideration.
5. **APPROVE VIAC MEETING MINUTES: April 25, 2013**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Receive report on Fort Ord Reuse Authority meetings with California Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of General Services INFORMATION
 - b. Water resources for mission related military briefing for U.S. Army INFORMATION
7. **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Due to a scheduling conflict, Chair Edelen was not in attendance. Acting Chair Greg Nakanishi called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. A quorum was declared by roll call.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Edith Johnsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Legislative Letters in Support of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery
The Committee received letters sent by Congressman Farr, Senator Monning and Assembly Member Stone to the FORA Board supporting the transfer of the veterans cemetery parcel to the State of California. FORA Principal Analyst Robert Norris announced that the \$30K land transfer processing fee and all other required land transfer documents had been transmitted to the State. A Record of Survey is being prepared and will be sent to the State separately.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

5. APPROVE VIAC MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 28, 2013

Chair Nakanishi suggested deleting the last sentence of the last paragraph under item 4b: "The Cemetery Foundation may be asked to pay the fee, which might be reimbursable as a project cost." Sonya Arndt confirmed that Congressman Farr was researching the eligibility of reimbursement, but that it was highly unlikely.

MOTION: Ms. Johnsen moved, seconded by James Bogan, to approve the minutes as corrected.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of Amended Committee Charge

The Committee received the Committee Charge, which had been slightly amended at the previous VIAC meeting. The FORA Executive Committee reviewed and concurred in the amended charge at their meeting held April 12th.

b. Receive Report on FORA Meetings with California Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of General Services

Mr. Norris reported that FORA staff is scheduling meetings in Sacramento with the State agencies involved in the land transfer process and that the State has received the documents

required to begin staff-level work. Ms. Arndt reported that although the schedule is aggressive, currently all work remains on track.

c. **Status of Cemetery Water briefing for U.S. Army**

Committee Members reviewed a draft Power Point Presentation proposed for briefing the US Army on the status of cemetery water. Mr. Norris requested feedback on the information presented. The draft presentation will be sent to Committee Members and members of the public, as requested, electronically.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Norris noted that the VIAC must meet the requirements of the Brown Act, which states that items being discussed by the Committee must be posted within 72 hours of the meeting. He requested Committee Members send any items they want included on the agenda at least four days prior to the next scheduled meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

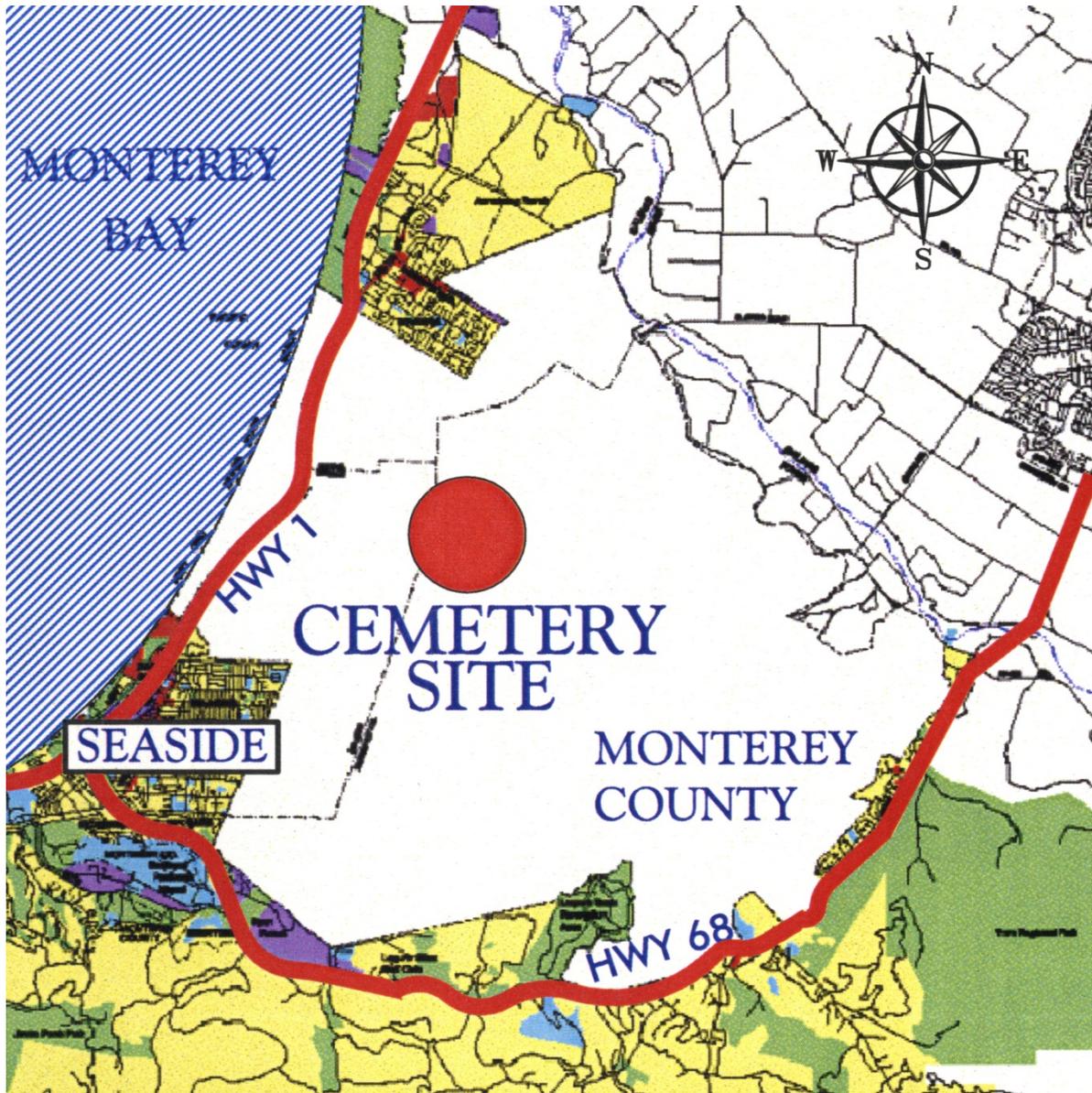
Acting Chair Nakanishi adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.



Request for Army Retained Water Resources to Support VA/DoD Mission on the former Fort Ord

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setting



- Located on a 78.6 acre site at the intersection of Normandy and Parker Flats Road on Fort Ord, the cemetery will serve the burial needs of area veterans for the next 200 years.



1- Preliminary Design: Complete

Master plan the cemetery with input from local veterans through the Veterans Cemetery Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

2- Endowment Fund: In Process

Private and Foundation fundraising along with the sale of an endowment parcel to cover full costs of cemetery.

3- Clean Up and Environmental Review:

Fort Ord Reuse Authority cleaned the site prior to transfer to State CDVA. Consultants completed the environmental review process and determined any required mitigation factors.

4- Building the Cemetery:

Federal grant program provides funds to build both initial phases and future phases.

5- Maintaining the Cemetery:

The State of California will be responsible for maintaining the cemetery- using the endowment fund.



physical conditions





goals & objectives

Goal 1:

Provide dignified, environmentally site-sensitive burial accommodations and infrastructure to support cemetery activities that honor and respect veterans.

Objective 1.a:

Serve the interment needs of approximately 100,000 veterans living within a 75-mile radius of the four target Central Coast counties, including Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and the southern half of Santa Clara, for the next 20 years with 11,500 interment sites.

Objective 1.b:

Provide a Master Plan for 100 years of future burials, required for consideration in grant awards.

Objective 1.c:

Offer efficient and cost-effective cemetery designs.

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Goal 2:

Develop additional functions for the property, ancillary to burial, that honor and respect veterans and veterans' activities.

Goal 3:

Find a manner that is appropriate to the purpose and spirit of the cemetery, in which to create and maintain an endowment fund.

Objective 3.a:

Propose development that is compatible with the policies and work of participating jurisdictional and governmental agencies and entities.





- endowment fund parcel- 32.4 acres

- support facilities- veterans hall and chapel- 2.2 acres

- habitat conservation area- 46.4 acres



- Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord – 77.1 acres.

- support facility- amphitheater and parking- 2.0 acres

site master plan



cemetery master plan



▪ formal gateway



▪ service seals



▪ commital service shelter

features

▪ flagpole plaza



▪ flag-lined drive



▪ memorial plaza for assemblies



▪ memorial w/ donor wall

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Long term water demand for the Veterans Cemetery and VA/DoD Clinic is estimated to be 5 acre feet/year (afy) and is part of the mission related activity of the Army.

Of this, the combined potable water demand for the proposed cemetery facilities (office and maintenance yard) and ancillary facilities (chapel and veterans hall) is anticipated to be 0.2 afy.

The irrigation demand for the plant establishment period (the first 2 to 3 years after construction) is estimated to be 7 afy. Since this is only a temporary demand, this may only be a temporary allocation and not a long term allocation. Through the use of local, drought-tolerant vegetation, long term water demand of 3 to 5 afy for landscape, general cemetery maintenance and clinic requirements may be achieved after the initial establishment period.

WATER DATA:

TOTAL FORA ALLOCATIONS/USAGE **4,674.5 afy**

TOTAL REMAINING JURISDICTIONAL AVAILABILITY
(Not Assigned or Being Used) **1,283 afy**

ARMY RETENTION **1,577 afy**

Central Coast Veterans Cemetery
and VA/DoD Clinic Needs **7 afy - 3 years**
3-5 afy long term



▪ columbaria (2,760)



walls



terraces

11,500 burials for Phase 1

▪ in-ground cremains (4,140)



▪ crypts (4,370)
▪ full casket (230)

Phase 1 types of burial



how you can help:

- Donations:

Central Coast Veterans Foundation