

# Memorandum

**Date:** April 25, 1995

**To:** Joseph Joyce                      MCAS El Toro

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Pete Ciesla	BRAC MCAS El Toro

**From:** Stacie Wissler

**Subject:** April 14, 1995 Meeting Minutes

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**Purpose and Objectives:**

The purpose of the meeting was to encourage early participation and coordination with all regulatory agencies, Orange County, MCAS El Toro and contractor personnel. The concerns involved the proposed Alton Parkway extension and the RI/FS Site 2 and the impacts to wildlife that may occur. The objective of the meeting was to identify the issues and concerns regarding sensitive habitat around Site 2 and the proposed Alton Parkway extension route.

**Introduction and Minutes:**

The meeting was held at MCAS El Toro in the Building 368 Conference room commencing at 10:15 am.

Joseph Joyce of MCAS El Toro called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting. Juan Jimenez provided background information and encouraged everyone to participate. Introductions of all the attendees were performed around the room.

Roger Hohnbaum of Orange County Environmental Management Agency (O.C.EMA) gave a presentation on the proposed Alton Parkway extension route which would pass through MCAS El Toro. He stated that Orange County has funding in place for this project.

Barbara Wilson, a Natural Cultural Resources Program manager representing MCAS El Toro, then gave a brief presentation on the threatened and endangered species of concern existing in the pathway of the proposed Alton Parkway extension. She also extended her interest in the mitigation of the oak trees along the proposed Alton Parkway extension route.

Jason Ashman of SWDIV followed with a brief on the Draft RI/FS Workplan for Site 2 and the special contract to support the Alton Parkway extension project.

After the morning presentations, the 14 April meeting included a site walk of the proposed area for the Alton Parkway extension and Site 2 which occurred mid-afternoon. Upon return from the site walk, the group returned to discuss further the concerns and issues involving sensitive species and the impacts that may occur from the activities at Site 2 and the proposed Alton Parkway extension. A list of action items and concerns were recorded during this discussion session.

Action Items:

1. Roger Hohnbaum send biological assessment report to Bonnie Arthur, Cheryl Heffley, Juan Jimenez, Joseph Joyce, and Richard Blanchet.
2. Comment review - 30 days for Conservation Management Plan.
3. Roger Hohnbaum send schedule of Orange County Alton Parkway to Joseph Joyce (1 week).
4. Barbara Wilson to provide POCs on ST-04 to Tim Neely, director of zone planning (O.C. EMA) and to Gale Kobetich of U.S. Fish and Wildlife.
5. Pete Ciesla and Ann Dotson are to identify FOSL/FOST requirements and to determine the process on how to make the parcel available.
6. set up a meeting to discuss the possible stream channel options.
7. Orange County to confirm that funding is in place.
8. Orange County to provide information regarding habitat assessment of areas where mitigation for ecological damages will occur.
9. Orange County to confirm that funding is available for investigation of Site 2 to delineate landfill.

Concerns:

1. appropriate ecological permits required by the State - CH
2. California gnat catcher and the cactus wren - threatened and endangered species - BW
3. noise level in excess of 65 Dba - CH
4. site security - BW
5. appropriate permits (ecological) - CH
6. site revegetation (Tick Hill) - CH and BW
7. mitigation involving oak trees - CH (SWDIV and OC coordination)
8. comments on Consultation report - RH
9. SWDIV project - CTO 78 (on hold)
10. transfer process/ license to use - RH
11. focus survey of Least Bell's vireo
12. fieldwork impact on nesting and breeding - BH and CH
13. Metropolitan Water District coordination - BW
14. 2 water lines (pipes) - BW

15. 2 streams - BW and CH
16. lighting of roadway impacts - CH
17. requirement of earthen bottom for channels - JA and LV
18. habitat on Site 2 (Section 7) - BW
19. EA not happening - JF

#### Discussion Points

- Cheryl Heffley of California Dept. of Fish and Game addressed the issue of permit the County needs to apply for. The County agreed to apply for permit with the Dept. of Fish and Game. The federal agencies will do an assessment from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Section 7.
- Cheryl Heffley requested that possible sites for revegetation are selected, primarily in the area south of Tick Hill.
- Barbara Wilson questioned the issue of site security. Additional security will be required by securing some of the existing fences (repair holes in fences...) to prevent trespassers.
- Cheryl Heffley inquired about how the property would be maintained in perpetuity. Pete Cieslo, representative for the BRAC MCAS El Toro, stated that the Dept. of Interior would like the 1100 acres which they may eventually turn over to the county.
- Cheryl Heffley expressed concern regarding the impacts of noise (relative to 65 DBa) on wildlife communication rituals especially during mating seasons.
- The Dept. of Interior proposed lands may be placed into the U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Community Conservation Planning program (NCCP).
- The Fire Management Plan has been completed.
- The oak trees along the proposed Alton Parkway extension route used by predators (i.e. raptors) and other wildlife in the area are to be re-located along the proposed route or new oak trees planted to replace the existing oak trees. SWDIV and Orange County will coordinate and handle mitigation regarding the oak trees.
- Orange County requested comments on the Consultation report/ Conservation Management Plan within 30 days.
- Orange County expressed interest in "fast-tracking" the proposed project. The Navy will consider placing one person in charge of handling the Alton Parkway and Site 2 projects including:
  - CTO 78 limits of the site (JA)
  - mitigation and negotiations
  - schedule
  - development of a project to transfer property (lease or easement?)
- The Navy, MCAS El Toro real estate, EPA will investigate options on how to make the parcel available.
- A limitation on sampling within primary habitat areas during mating season was proposed. Known mating seasons are:
  - mid-March to mid-July    Least Tern
  - mid-February to mid-July    other birds, bugs and bunnies

- Orange County expressed concern involving the channel being re-visited by the Metropolitan Water District which may have an impact on the roadway design-Working on an EIR. Barbara Wilson will provide Jason Ashman with the Metropolitan Water District contacts.

Cheryl Heffley requested that the stream running through Site 2 not be concrete or channel-lined but rather an earthen bottom.

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