

County's Habitat Resource Management Plan

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Today's Presentation

- Provide an update on the County's Habitat Resource Management Plan;
- Receive direction on the land use designations for Borderland Parcels;
- Receive authorization to utilize HCD funds to cover costs associated with completing biological survey work on property owned by MPC; and
- Receive any further direction.

RMP'S Purpose

- Requirements identified in the Installation-Wide Multispecies Habitat Management Plan (HMP) for Former Fort Ord (April 1997);
- Quitclaim deeds for the subject properties; and
- The Biological Opinions issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Goals

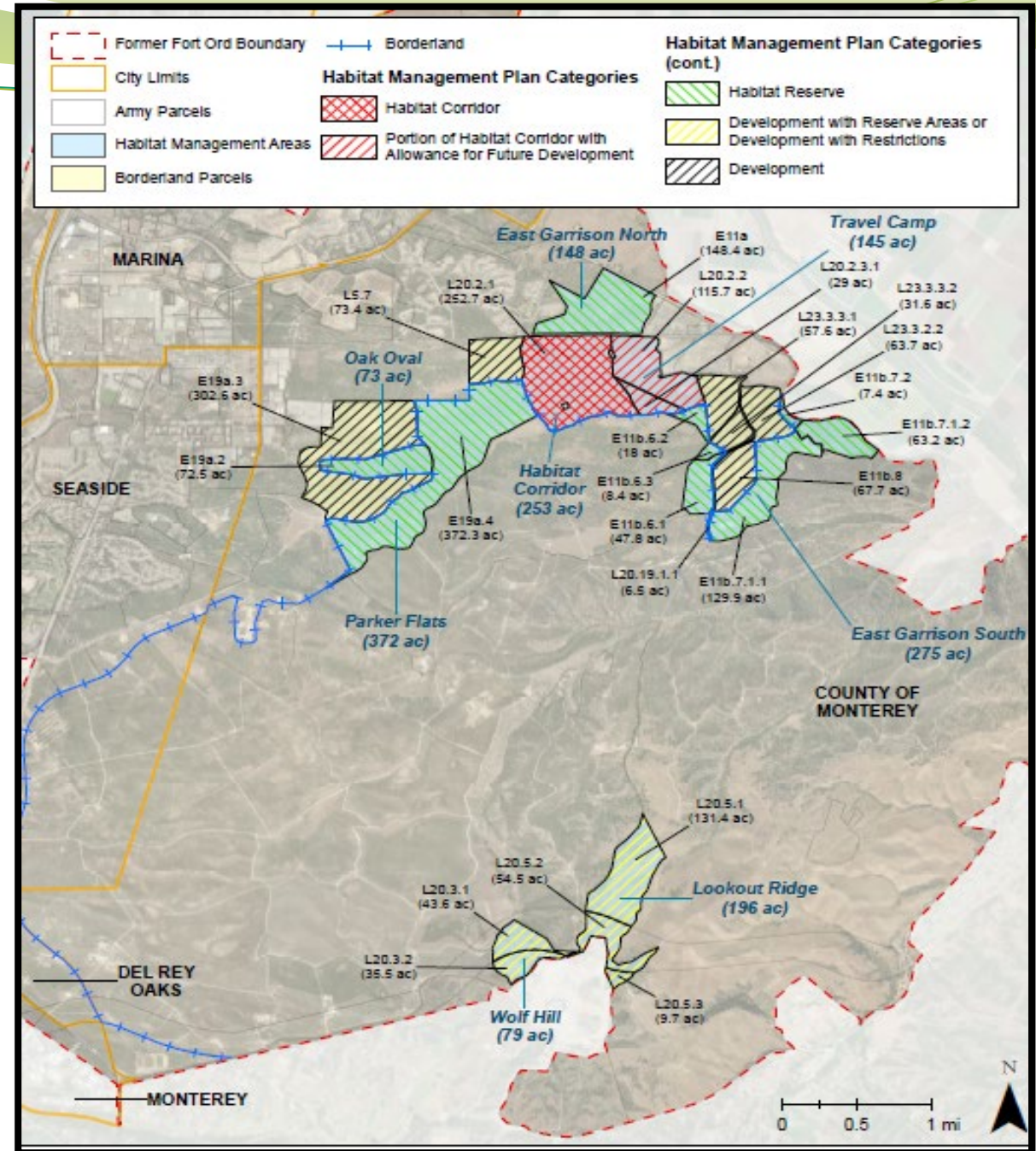
- Installation-Wide Multispecies Habitat Management Plan:
 - Promote preservation, enhancement, and restoration of habitat and populations of specific species while allowing development on selected properties
 - Provide for, at a minimum, no net loss of populations or important habitat for any of the specific species
- Resource Management Plan (specific per subject properties):
 - Carryout the goals of the Habitat Management Plan, quitclaim deeds and the Biological Opinion
 - Preserve, protect, and enhance populations and habitat; avoiding impacts, conserving and promoting their habitat areas; managing reserve and borderland areas

County's Habitat Resource Management Plan

- Since October 5th BOS Meeting:
 - Staff met with USFWS, MPC and BLM to discuss overall RMP approach
 - Consultant has completed site surveys, prepared draft baseline maps, narratives and finalized the Public Participation Plan
- Today:
 - Feedback for Borderland parcels
 - Requesting authorization for HCD funding to be utilized for MPC surveys
- Next steps: Community workshops and stakeholder meetings to complete an administrative draft RMP

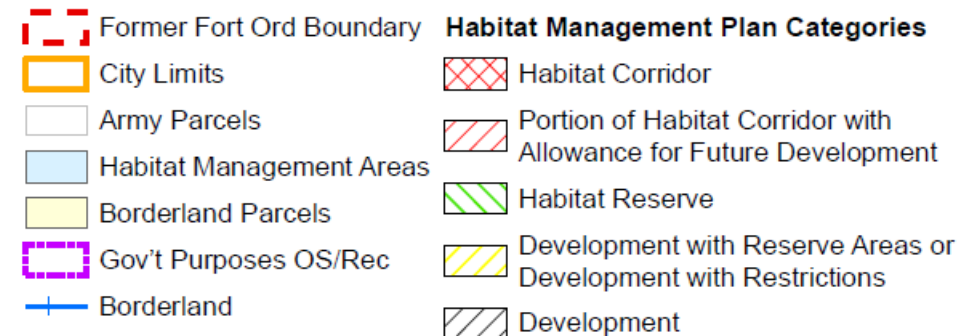
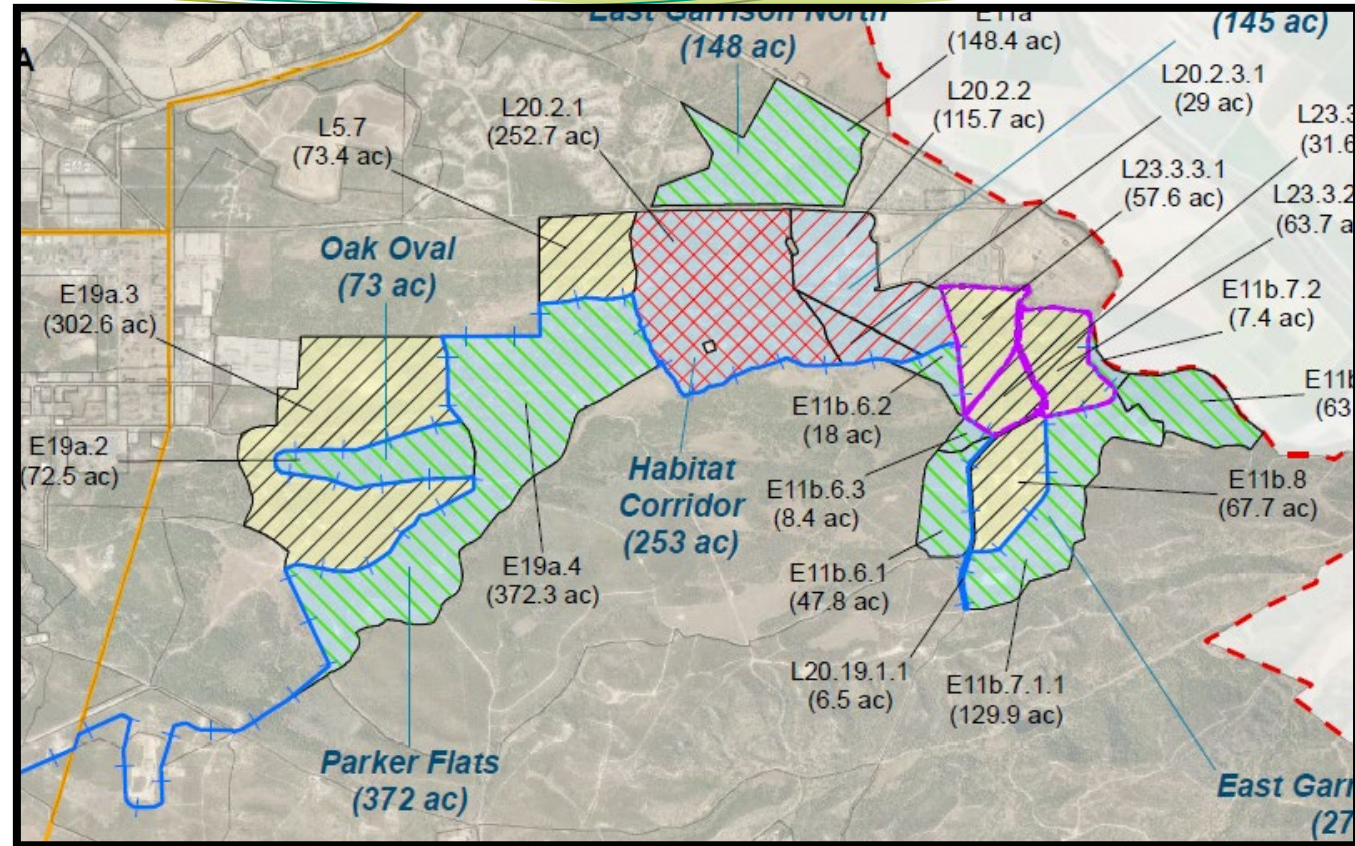
County Habitat Management Areas and Borderland Parcels

- County owned: 2,600 acres
- Subject to HMP: 2,077 acres
- County's RMP:
 - Habitat Management Areas: 1,540 acres
 - Borderland Parcels: 537 acres



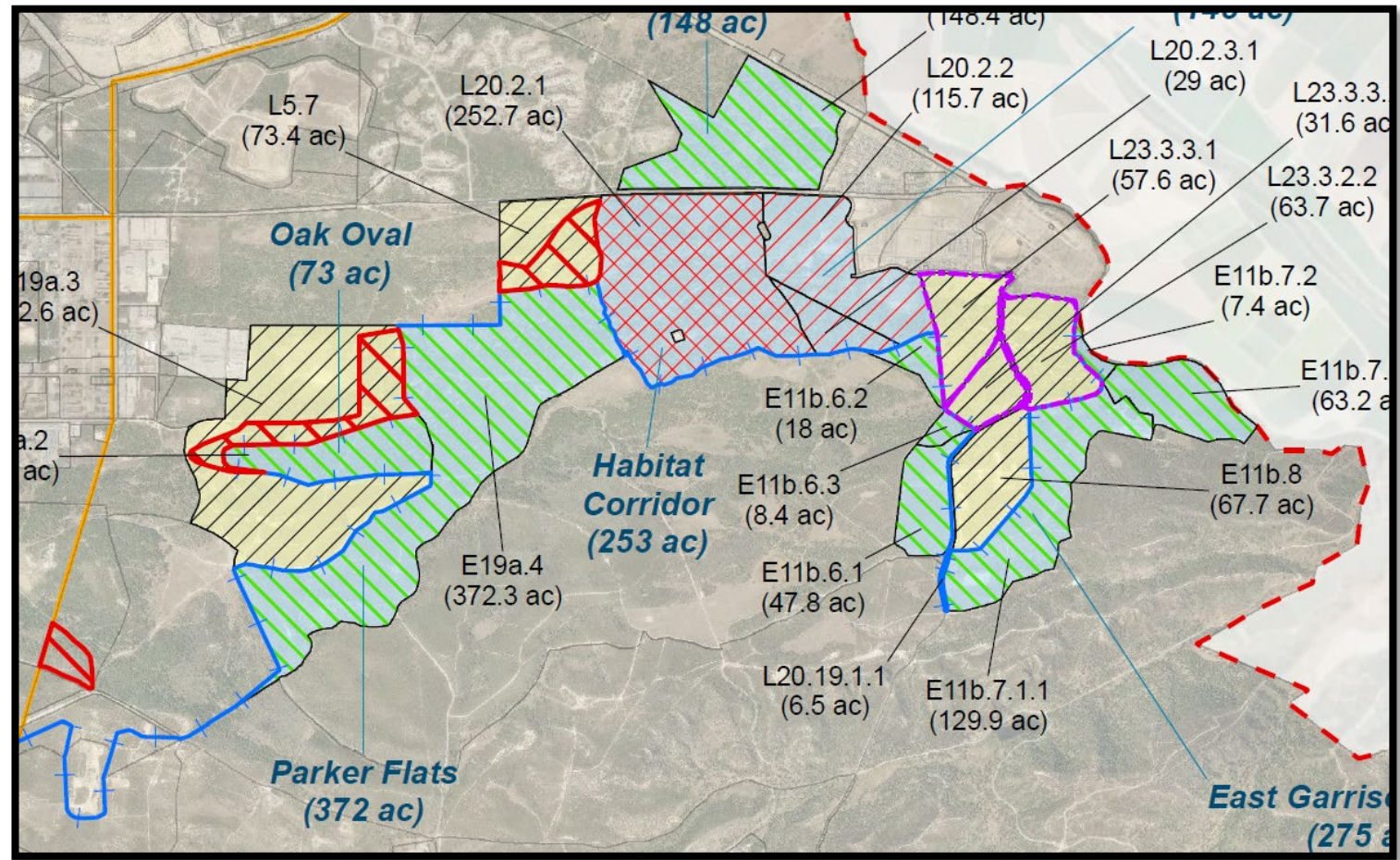
East Garrison II Parcels

- 2015: California Department of Finance approved LRPMP
- 2016: County accepted ownership of these parcels, Governmental Purposes Open Space/Recreation Parcels
- Current: retain for governmental uses and cannot be used for development.
- RMP: Substitute development restriction for interim habitat management requirements



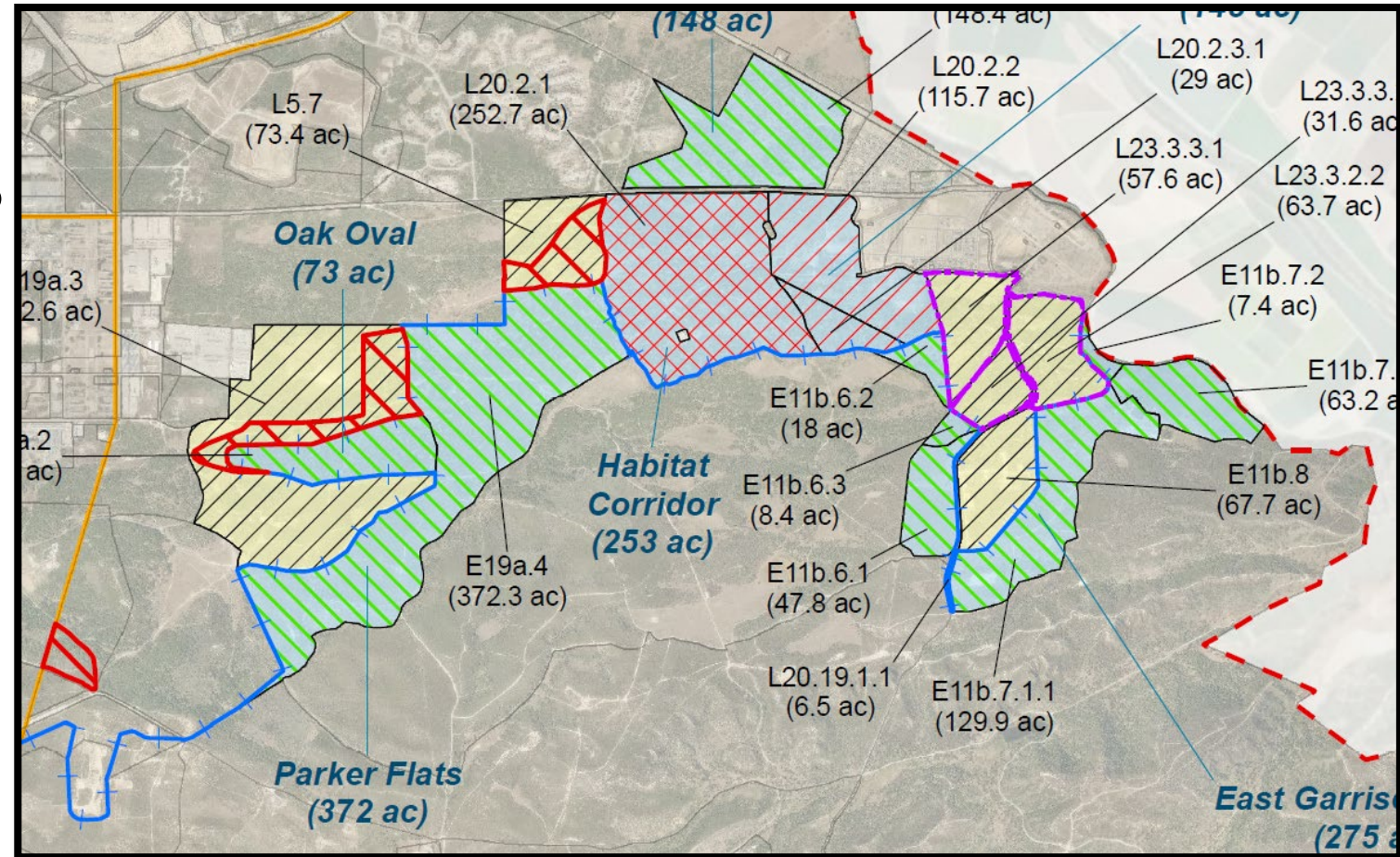
Proposed Future Oak Woodland Conservation Area

- 2017: City of Seaside and the County began collaboration through FORA
- 2020: FORA dissolved, and the County assumed the funding and agreement
- FY 2022-23: 5-Year Long Range Planning Work Program
- RMP: Substitute development restriction for interim habitat management requirements



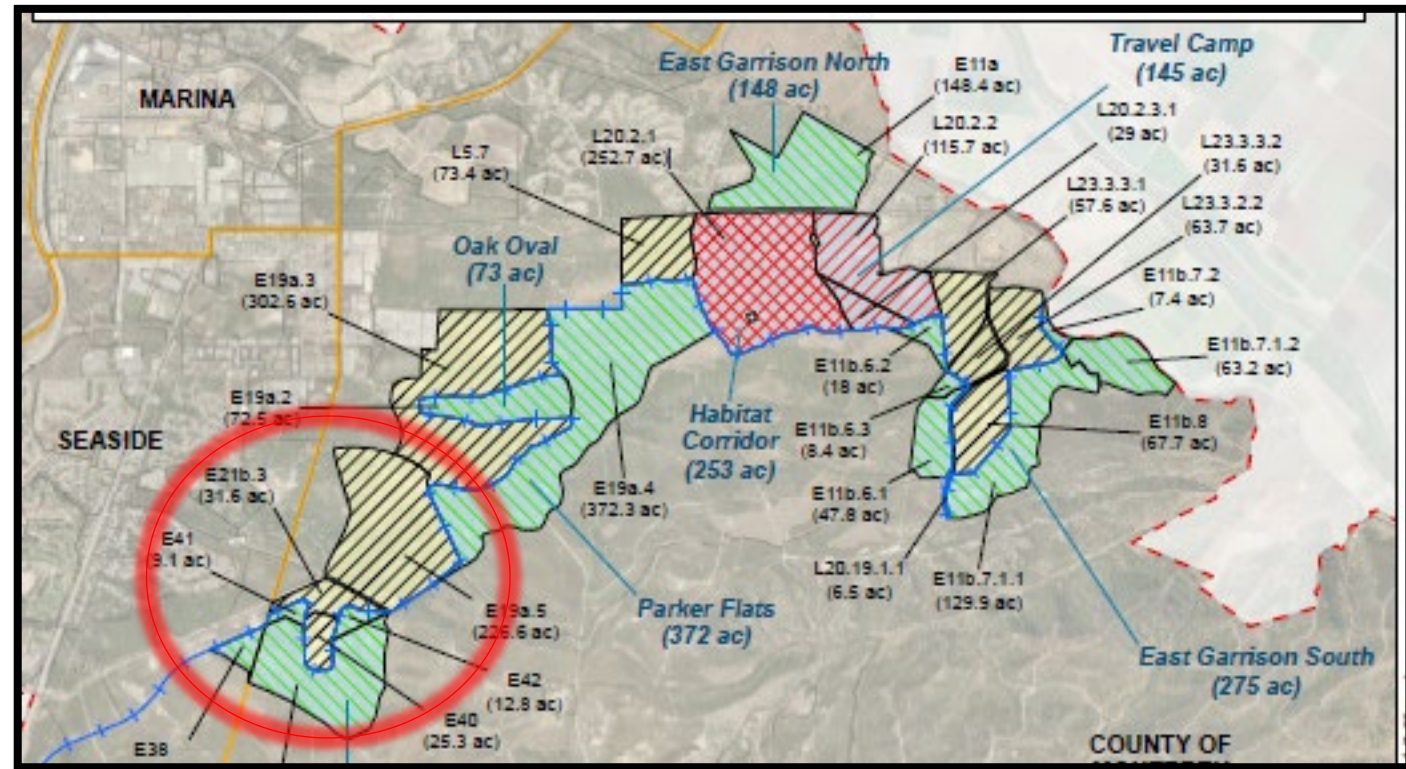
Borderland Parcels

- Remaining borderland parcels are designated as developable:
 - Option 1 – Maintain status quo by providing interim habitat management
 - Option 2 – Negotiate a term that in the future should any parcels be formally designated for open space/conservation, interim habitat management and costs would cease
 - Option 3 – Formally designate the remaining Borderland parcels for open space/conservation, remove any requirements and costs



Monterey Peninsula College Land and Funding

- Several meetings were held with MPC in late 2021 and early 2022
- MPC obtained consultant to complete surveys
- MPC has provided a draft MOU
- Costs for MPC: \$70k for RMP and \$30k for environmental review
- Recommend to use HCD funding to cover remaining surveys



Recommendation

- Receive an update on the County Habitat Resource Management Plan related to the former Fort Ord properties owned by the County of Monterey and Monterey Peninsula College;
- Provide direction to staff regarding the land use designations for borderland parcels;
- Authorize the Housing and Community Development Department to utilize the County Habitat Management Funds, Fund 029, to proceed to fund biological surveys for properties owned by the Monterey Peninsula College; and
- Provide direction to staff.