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### **U.S. Army Announces the Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Future Development at the Presidio of Monterey**

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Real Property Master Plan at the Presidio of Monterey (POM), California.

The document analyzes and evaluates potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts that could occur upon implementation of proposed construction and renovation projects for future development at the installation. The area includes the POM and the Ord Military Community – a portion of the former Fort Ord military base – collectively referred to as the Presidio of Monterey installation.

The Master Plan identifies facility improvements and phased construction to sustain and enhance the professional standards established by the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. Facilities, construction, improvements, renovations, replacements, and upgrades will ensure students, faculty, staff, military service members, and their families would have modern facilities consistent with Army standards well into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The overall goal is to improve the learning environment and quality of life at the POM installation.

In the development of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, three alternatives were carried forward for analysis. Under Alternative 1, the majority of new construction and development would occur within the developed areas within the Presidio. This is the Army's Preferred Alternative. Under Alternative 2, new construction is proposed at both the Presidio of Monterey and Ord Military Community. Under the No-Action Alternative, development and management of the POM would continue based on the current and outdated 1983 Presidio of Monterey Master Plan. This alternative provides

the environmental baseline conditions for comparing the impacts associated with the other two alternatives.

This Final Environmental Impact Statement addresses potential impacts from three development alternatives at the POM Installation. Potential impacts to 16 resource areas range from beneficial to significant. Only the cultural resource area is impacted significantly. All other potential impacts are reduced to less-than-significant or no effect through environmental mitigation as proposed in the NEPA document.

The waiting period for the Final Environmental Impact Statement will end 30 days after publication of the Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register* by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. After the waiting period, the Department of the Army plans to issue a Record of Decision announcing its decision and the selected alternative.

Copies are available at public libraries in the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove and Seaside, the Chamberlain Library on the OMC and on the POM website [www.monterey.army.mil/DPW/env\\_assessment.html](http://www.monterey.army.mil/DPW/env_assessment.html). Contact Mr. Robert Guidi at [robert.g.guidi.civ@mail.mil](mailto:robert.g.guidi.civ@mail.mil) or call (831) 242-7928 for further information. Media should contact the Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office at 831-242-5555.

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