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DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Beale MMRP Munitions Response Site FR970 NTCRA and 7 MRS Remedial

Action; Initial Study

Project Location: 13095 Bottle Rock Road, Cobb, California

APN No.: 011-039-37 and 011-039-38 as one legal lot of record

Project Description:

The United States Air Force (USAF) is undertaking a non-time-critical removal action (NTCRA) to expedite the removal of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) at the Rocket Range (FR970) site (Figure 1). The FR970 site spans portions of the Coyote Run Golf Course, a recently closed public golf course with unrestricted access for surface activities by recreational users and maintenance workers. The remainder of the site is in use for seasonal cattle grazing with access by cattle ranchers. While barbed wire fencing is present for cattle management, there is no fencing nor are there natural barriers to prevent on-Base personnel from accessing the site. The NTCRA is primarily focused on removing MEC to reduce the potential for on-site exposure to potential human receptors.

It is anticipated that field activities at FR970 will occur concurrently with a remedial action to remove MEC from an additional seven munitions response sites (7 MRS) located to the north, northeast, and east of FR970 (Figure 2). Although the NTCRA to be implemented for FR970 and the remedial action to be implemented for the 7 MRS have followed separate tracks, the removal/remedial actions that were selected for implementation have similar objectives, are similar in nature, are within the boundary of Beale AFB, and will be performed during a similar time frame. Consequently, the activities are discussed together in this Initial Study to ensure that there are no potentially significant cumulative effects.

The objective for the FR970 site and the 7 MRS is to provide protection of public health, welfare, and the environment from actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants from the site/MRS, which may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or welfare. The remedies were therefore selected to address MEC explosive hazards and MC risk.

The public review period for the respective proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration based on Initial Study will begin on April 22, 2021, and end on May 24, 2021. You are encouraged to submit written comments regarding the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. You may do so by submitting written comments to the Planning Division prior to the end of the review period. Copies of the application, environmental documents, and all reference documents associated with the project are available for review through the EnviroStor website at https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/final_documents2? global_id=58940001&enforcement_id=60493316. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Division or via email at kimiye.touchi@dtsc.ca.gov.

