

RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM{PRIVATE }
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 4 APRIL 1998
TAG REVIEW DATE: 30 JULY 1998

1. **SITE NAME:** Ramona Bombing Target
and Emergency Landing Field

SITE NUMBER: J09CA106901

LOCATION:

City: Ramona
County: San Diego County
State: California

PROJECT NUMBER: J09CA106901

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 2, reduced to 4

ASR RAC: 3

TAG RAC: 3

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

Ramona Bombing Target and Emergency Landing Field consisted of 404.74 acres in San Diego County, approximately twenty-five miles northeast of Ramona, California. Prior to the Eleventh

Naval District's acquisition of this property, land usage entailed livestock grazing and agriculture.

4. SITE HISTORY:

On 15 October 1943, the Eleventh Naval District leased 155.7 acres to establish the Ramona Bombing Target for use by the Naval Air Center (NAC) San Diego. The Interdepartmental Air Traffic Control Board (IATCB) approved of the use of the site on 16 December that year. Presumably, the Eleventh Naval District began using the Ramona Bombing Target shortly thereafter. Although the target was assigned to NAC San Diego, it could "permit another unit to use such target." Therefore it is possible that other Naval or Marine Corps aviation facilities in the Eleventh Naval District used the site.

Eleventh Naval District fighter-bombers used the Ramona Bombing Target for dive bombing training. The site was set up as a practice bomb target with concentric circles simulating a destroyer deck. The target's center had coordinates of 33⁰ 02' 00" Latitude and 116⁰ 54' 48" Longitude.

The IATCB rescinded the Danger Area for the Dive Bombing Target at Ramona on 6 September 1944, in order for the Navy to construct a landing strip at that location.

After acquiring the required additional property, the Navy built one aircraft runway and a hangar building and the airstrip became the Ramona Emergency Landing Field. On 26 February 1947, San Diego County took possession of the airstrip and its facilities under lease NOy(R)-43693 with the Navy. When the lease expired, the county received a Revocable Permit on 27 February 1952. On 14 August 1956, the field was reported as excess to the General Services Administration. San Diego County received the property by Quitclaim Deed dated 28 December 1956, recording it on 9 May 1957. The property continues to operate as a civilian airport.

The Eleventh Naval District designated practice bombs for use at the Ramona Bombing Target, though the archive search found no information specifying specific types.

The Archives Search Report (ASR) site inspection team identified a fair amount of sheet metal debris, apparently from MK VII or MK XV 100 pound practice bombs. They also found a single cast iron, 3 pound miniature practice bomb (i.e. AN-MK 23). They did not find evidence of high explosives (HE) ordnance or of the 25 pound practice bombs described as recovered by law enforcement agencies during the INPR investigation. Furthermore, the archive search uncovered no documentation concerning ordnance

usage or storage during the site's tenure as a emergency landing field.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:	Size, Acres:	Approximately 40
	Former Use:	Bombing target
	Present Use:	Livestock grazing
	Future Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	MK 15, AN-MK 5, AN-MK 23 Practice Bombs

Area B:	Size Acres:	364.74
	Former Use:	Emergency Landing Strip
	Present Use:	Ramona Airport
	Future Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	None

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The ASR for Ramona Bombing Target and Emergency Landing Field was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in May 1998.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A:	EE/CA
Area B:	NOFA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group (TAG) met and discussed this ASR on 30 July 1998 and determined an EE/CA in Area A since there was confirmed debris from practice bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of the former target. The TAG determined NOFA for all other lands.

Based on the investigation of historical records reviewed, the results of the site survey and interviews, there is no evidence that HE or CWM ever being stored, used or disposed of at this FUDS.

There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** EE/CA

10. **FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only