

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tierrasanta was the first ordnance removal project completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Consequently, this was the first project where Long Term Monitoring (LTM) was performed. The policy document governing LTM was developed simultaneously with the project execution. The draft policy document was staffed with USACE Headquarters, the applicable regulators, and the community to ensure that everybody's concerns were addressed. The Project Manager and several team members traveled to San Diego the week before the field operations to explain to the Tierrasanta Community Council about the project. The council was asked to identify individuals that should be contacted for information pertinent to the LTM effort. The council was very happy that the Corps was verifying the protectiveness of the clearance action.

The project team spent the week of 22 through 26 February conducting field operations. Part of the team surveyed the canyons looking for evidence of erosion, new construction, recreational or other activities, storm damage, or anything else that might expose the public to any ordnance left over from the clearance. After three days of inspecting various areas it was concluded that the clearance conducted by the Corps of Engineers remains protective of the public.

The team contacted various agencies to determine if the institutional controls currently in place were still effective. The team determined that for the most part these controls were still effective. The warning signs erected by the city of San Diego were well maintained. The Tierrasanta Public Library was missing some documents concerning the Former Camp Elliott. The Corps of Engineers will replace these documents. Public education about the potential ordnance danger in the canyons needs to be enhanced in the public school system.

Several meetings between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of California, the city of San Diego, and the community of Tierrasanta were held to formulate an action plan and responsibility matrix to ensure that institutional controls remain in place and effective. The city of San Diego and the community of Tierrasanta were very supportive of the project and continue to spearhead the effort to ensure protectiveness of their citizens.