

The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)

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Presentation to

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What is FORTAG?

"The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) is proposed as a 30-mile regional network of paved recreational trails and greenways connecting communities to open space."

FORTAG Values

- Connect people to open space
- Be a pleasant experience
- Be useable by anyone
- Have room for everyone
- Be complementary to the built environment
- Have loops, of different sizes
- Be 100% connected all the way around each loop
- Have no 'red flags' from land owners and/or jurisdictions
- Function as a habitat corridor for dispersal of native plants and movement of wildlife (with the exception of certain constrained segments where this is impractical)





What will FORTAG look like?

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Who are we? And with whom are we?

- At the podium today, we are two of the "FORTAG Proponents"
 - Fred Watson Ph.D.
 - Scott Waltz Ph.D.
- We conceived FORTAG, building from a germination involving others including: Margaret Davis, Gail Morton, and Bruce Delgado
- We also happen to be CSUMB Professors, and there's some overlap between FORTAG and our day jobs
- The "we" of FORTAG also includes TAMC:
 - TAMC is leading the formal implementation of FORTAG design and environmental review
 - We have worked closely with TAMC staff for a couple of years.
 - TAMC secured \$20M for FORTAG (out of \$40M needed), through Measure X, in 2016.
 - TAMC recently allocated an additional \$1M of state funds to FORTAG
- We are also actively meeting and working with over 70 organizations, through over 250 meetings to date, as well as 19 public presentations and 7 public tours. The FORTAG web site includes over 100 maps.

Where is FORTAG proposed to go in Del Rey Oaks?















































Some relevant Pre-FORTAG history in DRO

- 1996/1997 Fort Ord Reuse Plan
 - New lands for DRO
 - Includes proposed system of paved local and regional bikeways, including approx. 1 mile of paved trail within new DRO lands
- 1998 December Regional Park District asks FORA for a tunnel under Gen Jim Moore Blvd, to connect the two Frog Pond parcels together (as part of FORA's project to upgrade GJMB)
- 1999 Agreement between DRO, Monterey, FORA, and Regional Park District
 - Frog Pond expansion designated east of Gen Jim Moore Blvd, for visitor-serving open-space use
 - Trailhead & parking designated in DRO land beyond east edge of Frog Pond expansion

History of DRO involvement with FORTAG

- Individual meetings with DRO staff & electeds
 - 9-Oct-14, 10-Apr-15, 19-Feb-16, 17-Apr-17, 29-Sep-17, 14-Dec-17, 8-Jan-18, 16-Jan-18, 19-Jan-18, 8-Feb-18, 12-Mar-18
- Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)
 DRO is a voting member
 - Inclusion in Measure X. \$20M for FORTAG. Approvals: 2-Dec-15, 24-Feb-16, 23-Mar-16
 - County voters support Measure X. Certified 30-Nov-16
 - Lead Agency for FORTAG under CEQA. Approved 27-Sep-17
 - Allocation of additional \$1M in state funding for FORTAG. 28-Feb-18
- Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)
 DRO is a voting member
 - "Draft Trails Concept". Approved 11-Mar-16
 - FORTAG in Draft Habitat Conservation Plan (not yet before the FORA Board) 2-Mar-15
- DRO Council
 - Designated TAMC as FORTAG Lead Agency under CEQA. 11-Oct-17
- Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
 - Resolution in support of FORTAG paved route through the Frog Pond parcels, and under Gen. Jim Moore Blvd. 11-Oct-17



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