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STATION ORDER 11011.1A

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1. Purpose. To establish guidelines and responsibilities for early identification and control of encroachment on real property and operations at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Yuma, Arizona and the Yuma Training Range Complex (YTRC).
2. Cancellation. StaO 11011.1.
3. Action. Addressees shall implement the Station Encroachment Control Program in accordance with this Order.
4. Definition. Encroachment is any action, planned or executed, that possesses the potential to affect Marine Corps interest. Although physical development in conflict with military operations is the most often cited source of encroachment, the actions of more removed entities such as counties, states, and other Federal agencies that determine land use and occupancy are also potential encroachment sources.
5. Background. With urbanization, regional population shifts, and environmental/natural resources restrictions, MCAS Yuma, the YTRC and neighboring military installations are experiencing ever-increasing encroachment. At the same time, the mission of MCAS Yuma continues to be the provision of aviation ranges, support facilities and services that enhance the combat capability of Marine Corps and other military forces to defend the nation's interests. MCAS Yuma functions as the resource manager and/or scheduling authority for assigned ranges and it fulfills its responsibility for civilian and military aviation as the certificate holder for the joint use airfield. These crucial tasks require proper training facilities, adequate billeting, and a healthy environment for all personnel. The combination of Yuma's population growth, environmental/natural resource restrictions, and the Marine Corps' mission has often placed MCAS Yuma at cross-purposes with our surrounding civilian neighbors. In order to maintain mission readiness and operational capability, an active program designed to identify, prevent, or control encroachment threats is warranted.
6. Discussion. Encroachment problems vary in both nature and magnitude. The growth of the Yuma community surrounding MCAS Yuma and the western edge of the Barry M. Goldwater Range has generated pressures for increased commercial and residential development and the expansion of surface and air transportation capacity. This continuing expansion has

the ominous potential to interfere with the successful execution of this activity's mission. Unabated encroachment from residential, commercial, industrial, transportation, or public development could cause curtailment of training and communications operations, ordnance storage capability or use of the designated ranges. These developments frequently act as magnets which attract further development in adjacent areas. Finally, rising environmental concerns have resulted in a myriad of new and expanded environmental and natural resource conservation regulations. These laws are either prohibitive in nature or mandate certain requirements to protect the environment or a natural resource. Because of the preceding issues, early recognition of potential encroachment and careful assessment of likely impacts are essential. Systematic, routine monitoring of community and regulatory trends provides a basic means for early detection of potential encroachment.

7. Responsibilities

a. The Community Planning and Liaison Office (CP&L) shall:

(1) Have the responsibility for encroachment source monitoring which includes the screening of local and regional media and the tracking of local, regional, and state government legislative action and public hearings. Maximum use should be made of contacts in the civilian community.

(2) Ensure ongoing, open dialogue with appropriate local officials concerning on-base and off-base actions which may affect MCAS Yuma's facilities and operations.

(3) Ensure continuing dialogue among the staff to identify and assess potential encroachment threats.

(4) Ensure maintenance of a directory of the key agencies and individuals that plan, review, and approve projects in the area.

(5) Have the installation placed on local agencies' mailing lists for notice of relevant meetings and hearings.

(6) Provide representation, as appropriate, at meetings or hearings and provide input on topics of Marine Corps interest.

b. The Range Management Officer shall:

(1) Have the responsibility for YTRC encroachment source monitoring which includes the screening of local and regional media and the tracking of local, regional and state government legislative action and public hearings. Maximum use should be made of contacts in the civilian community, Bureau of Land Management and the CP&L Office as necessary.

(2) Ensure ongoing, open dialogue with appropriate local officials concerning actions which may affect YTRC operations.

(3) Ensure continuing dialogue among the staff to identify and assess potential encroachment threats.

(4) Ensure maintenance of a directory of the key agencies and individuals that plan, review and approve projects in the area.

(5) Have the Range Management Officer placed on local agencies' mailing lists for notice of relevant meeting and hearings.

(6) Provide representation, as appropriate, at meetings or hearings and provide input on topics of range interest.

(7) Ensure tenant organizations are kept aware of local range encroachment problems and receive appropriate guidance to avoid unduly aggravating any such problem areas.

(8) Be prepared to host local officials and concerned citizens and present a briefing on YTRC issues within the local community while stressing the beneficial relationship between the Air Station and the surrounding area.

c. The Staff Judge Advocate shall provide legal guidance on encroachment issues affecting MCAS Yuma and the YTRC.

d. The Public Affairs Officer shall utilize every opportunity afforded to keep the public informed of issues affecting the continued presence of MCAS Yuma and the YTRC within the local community while stressing the beneficial relationship between the Air Station and the surrounding area.

8. Summary of Revision. This Order has been revised and contains numerous changes and should be completely revised.


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