

1 [Separating Sharp Park Golf Course Plan from the Natural Area Plan]

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3 **Resolution to remove all management proposals and activities derived from the Sharp**  
4 **Park Conceptual Restoration Alternatives Report’s Alternative A18 from the**  
5 **Environmental Impact Report for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department’s**  
6 **Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan, and to consider proposals and**  
7 **alternatives for the future of Sharp Park Golf Course through a separate and complete**  
8 **California Environmental Quality Act review process.**

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10 WHEREAS, The two-fold mission of the Recreation and Park Department’s Natural  
11 Areas Program (NAP) is to “preserve, restore, and enhance remnant Natural Areas, and to  
12 develop and support community-based site stewardship of these areas”; and

13 WHEREAS, The Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan (SNRAMP) is  
14 intended to guide management activities and site improvements in designated Significant  
15 Natural Resource Areas (Natural Areas) in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties by the  
16 Recreation and Park Department for the next 20 years; and

17 WHEREAS, The objectives of the SNRAMP are to inventory biological resources in  
18 Natural Areas, identify issues and impacts adversely affecting ecosystem functions and  
19 biological diversity, prioritize management actions to promote functioning of native  
20 ecosystems, provide guidelines for educational and stewardship programs and for “passive  
21 recreational uses compatible with the City’s natural resources”; and

22 WHEREAS, Sharp Park is located in San Mateo County, miles from the San Francisco  
23 County line and the nearest San Francisco-based Natural Area, and has significantly different  
24 ecological and administrative issues than other Natural Areas; and

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1           WHEREAS, Sharp Park contains breeding and feeding grounds for the Endangered  
2 San Francisco garter snake and the Threatened California red-legged frog, which are not  
3 found in any of the City’s other Natural Areas; and

4           WHEREAS, The planning process for the SNRAMP began in 1995, and has involved  
5 the input of multiple stakeholders, including a Citizens Task Force and Green Ribbon Panel  
6 convened for the NAP in 2002, a 2003 NAP Citizens Advisory Committee, an ad hoc working  
7 group in 2004, a public comment period on the 2005 public draft of the SNRAMP and three  
8 independent scientific peer-reviews of the 2005 public draft of the SNRAMP; and

9           WHEREAS, The SNRAMP Final Draft Plan was approved for environmental review in  
10 2006, and has completed several steps in the environmental review process since, including  
11 the publication of a Notice of Preparation in April 2009; the completion and distribution of an  
12 Initial Study to Responsible Agencies in April 2009; and the conclusion of public scoping and  
13 comment periods in the summer of 2009; and

14           WHEREAS, In November 2009, Alternative A18 for Sharp Park Golf Course—a project  
15 wholly separate from the SNRAMP—was proposed in the Sharp Park Conceptual Restoration  
16 Alternatives Report. Alternative A18 calls for extensive dredging of Sharp Park’s wetlands,  
17 raising the elevation of four golf links, and redesigning three other golf links in an attempt to  
18 reduce chronic flooding and drainage issues at the golf course; and

19           WHEREAS, The golf course project in Alternative A18 has not been subjected to  
20 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) procedural and substantive requirements, such  
21 as a discussion of the golf course project in a Notice of Preparation and Initial Study; review  
22 by or consultation with Responsible Agencies about the golf course project; and formal public  
23 comment and review of draft and final golf course project designs; and

1           WHEREAS, By the time the Sharp Park Conceptual Restoration Alternatives Report  
2 was released, the SNRAMP had already undergone more than three years of public scrutiny  
3 and programmatic environmental review; and

4           WHEREAS, Alternative A18 was nonetheless inserted into the long-standing SNRAMP  
5 CEQA review process as a new, additional SNRAMP project before the SNRAMP DEIR was  
6 released in August 2011; and

7           WHEREAS, All feasible alternative golf course design and restoration configurations for  
8 Sharp Park Golf Course were excluded from consideration in the DEIR with the exception of  
9 Alternative A18; and

10          WHEREAS, Sharp Park Golf Course is further characterized as a historic resource for  
11 purposes of CEQA in the DEIR, even though on September 21, 2011, San Francisco's  
12 Historic Advisory Commission voted that they did not concur with the DEIR's conclusion that  
13 Sharp Park Golf Course is an historic resource, and subsequently sent a letter on September  
14 26, 2011 to the Recreation and Park Department explaining that they could not reach  
15 consensus on the historic integrity of Sharp Park Golf Course; and

16          WHEREAS, The management of this property is currently in litigation due to alleged  
17 violations of the federal Endangered Species Act; and

18          WHEREAS, Alternative A18 should be subject to a separate and complete  
19 environmental evaluation; now, therefore, be it

20          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
21 directs that all Sharp Park Golf Course projects and management proposals derived from  
22 Alternative A18 be excised from the SNRAMP EIR and considered in a separate, complete  
23 and public CEQA review process.