

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.