

1 [Motion Urging the Board of Supervisors to Remove Sharp Park Golf Course Redevelopment Project  
2 from the Natural Resource Areas Management Plan Environmental Impact Report]

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4 The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the removal of the Sharp Park Golf Course  
5 redevelopment project from the Natural Resource Areas Management Plan Environmental Impact  
6 Report (EIR). The Sharp Park Golf Course is a liability for San Francisco taxpayers and the General  
7 Fund and deserves closer scrutiny by the public and the Board of Supervisors. The San Francisco  
8 Recreation and Park Department (RPD) previously indicated the need for a separate review.  
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11 In 2009, in response to public scoping comments on the EIR, the RPD stated:

12 “Because redesigning or eliminating the Sharp Park Golf Course is a separate proposal being  
13 studied by SFRPD, it will not be included or evaluated as part of the proposed SNRAMP  
14 project analyzed in the EIR. Should changes to the Sharp Park Golf Course be proposed, they  
15 would undergo a separate regulatory review, including CEQA environmental review.”  
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17 We are concerned about the inclusion of a Pacifica-based Sharp Park Golf Course redevelopment  
18 project within the San Francisco “natural areas plan.” The golf course has lost more than \$1.75 million  
19 in the last 11 years, drawing scarce resources away that could instead be invested within San  
20 Francisco in neighborhood parks and recreation programs.  
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22 However, the draft EIR includes a golf course redevelopment project. This redevelopment is estimated  
23 to cost the City \$11 million, and is expected to lead to future sea wall upgrades, potentially costing  
24 millions more.  
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Scientists from institutions such as the University of California and San Francisco State University have criticized the Sharp Park Golf Course redevelopment project, stating that it harms endangered species and damages the wetlands. The golf course was built upon wetlands, and the RPD pumps freshwater from the natural areas into the ocean, wasting more than 100 million gallons of fresh water each year.

The Sharp Park Golf Course, which is located outside San Francisco, indicates the need to realign our scarce funds towards those facilities, programs, and services relied upon by young people and residents of our neighborhoods. We urge the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to ensure the golf course redevelopment is subject to further review by removing the Sharp Park Golf Course Redevelopment from the EIR.



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