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eties, regulated by a group of neighboring communities, that the course would imperil the spe- cies knew its operations at the time were illegal because the city had contend the multiple authoriza- tions for the transfers.

In contrast, Sharp Park pro- ponents such as San Francisco Supervisor Lisa Swenty said her agency pre- ferred to keep the course as it is, claiming that for years it has failed to devise adequate conservation plans for the frog and the few dozen re- maining snakes biologists esti- mate live in the Sharp Park area.

Federal intervention

Federal regulators are also growing concerned. Fish and Wild- life officials said they will not authorize any further moving of the frog eggs at Sharp Park in any other year. To deal with stranded egg sacs in the future, the city must apply for a permit that may technically allow the killing of a certain number of protected animals in the course of operations — with the idea that they would take some steps to offset those losses. Otherwise, the wildlife service’s police force may order the city to stop draining the course.

There will be no more emer- gency removals,” said Barbara Swenicki, spokeswoman for the agency in San Francisco. “If reg- ulators learn of additional stranded egg sacs, “it becomes a law enforcement issue.”

Swenicki said her agency pre- ferred to hammer out a long-term plan for Sharp Park with the city. Last year, officials met with San Francisco about the en- dangered species problem at Sharp Park. Nevertheless, the agency has yet to receive a formal proposal for biological conservation plan from the city, Swenicki said. San Francisco planning offi- cials say they are working on a plan. Once completed later this year, the city hopes to begin work on a $6 million to mil- lion effort to reconfigure Sharp Park, including moving some holes, improving drainage and linking up two ponds key to the red-legged frog habitat — Horse Stable Pond and Laguna Salada.

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