

SCOPING REPORT

for

**San Francisco Natural Areas Management Plan
Environmental Analysis Services**

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- The deed transferring Sharp Park to San Francisco will be voided if the golf course is destroyed to create wetlands habitat. Any court reviewing those documents would find the proposed property change in violation of the transfer documents, and therefore Sharp Park would revert to the State of California. (Suzanne Valente)
- Recommend that measures around the most environmentally sensitive Sharp Park Golf Course areas (holes 12-15) consider creating native plant/no-golf areas surrounding “island” greens, relocating portions of the holes, incorporating raised causeways, restricting golf cart use, raising fairways, and temporarily closing fairways. (San Francisco Public Golf Alliance)

EIR Recommendations

Because redesigning or eliminating the Sharp Park Golf Course is a separate proposal being studied by SFRPD, it will not be included or evaluated as part of the proposed SNRAMP project analyzed in the EIR. Should changes to the Sharp Park Golf Course be proposed, they would undergo a separate regulatory review, including CEQA environmental review.

2.2 GENERAL PROJECT

Comments

- New areas should not be opened up for trail use; existing trails should be improved or closed. (Nature in the City)
- The plan should be revised to change the beginning of the nesting season from April 1 to February 15 (through July 15). The plan’s practices for nesting birds should be applied to the February 15 to July 15 nesting season. Vegetation removal between January 1 and February 15 or July 15 to September 1 should be preceded by surveys for nests and nesting activity. (Golden Gate Audubon Society)
- Regarding GR-6b and c, nest boxes for cavity-nesting birds may be appropriate for woodlands with large trees, but would not be for other Natural Areas. Nest boxes should not be used to enhance nesting for nonnative species. (Golden Gate Audubon Society)
- Tree removal as described under GR-15c is not consistent with the leaving of snags and dead branches under GR-6a. This should be resolved and alternatives to guide the treatment of snags and standing dead trees should be addressed in the EIR. (Golden Gate Audubon Society)
- Regarding A5.15, India Basin Shoreline supports a large and multispecies collection of waterfowl from fall through spring. (Golden Gate Audubon Society)
- Regarding A5.18, Great Blue Herons should also be mentioned in this section. (Golden Gate Audubon Society)
- Regarding PL-2a, this measure should apply to all Natural Areas and include great horned owl, Western screech owl, and barn owl nests. (Golden Gate Audubon Society)
- The Natural Areas Management Plan and the EIR should acknowledge and be consistent with all approved San Francisco resolutions related to this project, including Resolution Number 0608-012 (and the two amendments addressing MA-3 areas and feral cats) and Resolution Number 0608-013. (Nancy Wuerfel)