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Mayor Ed Lee's Sharp Park veto stands

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The Board of Supervisors today could not muster enough votes to override Mayor Ed Lee's veto of legislation that would have compelled the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to transfer management of Sharp Park to the federal government, if an agreement could be brokered.



The override vote was 6-5 – the same vote it passed by last month – and fell two short of the minimum needed to buck the mayor. Supervisor **Christina Olague**, whom Lee appointed to a vacant seat on the board Monday, voted in favor of the override. Her position in supporting the transfer mirror's that of Ross Mirkarimi, the supervisor she replaced.

Joining her were Supervisors John Avalos, David Campos, David Chiu, Jane Kim and Eric Mar. Opposed were Supervisors Carmen Chu, Malia Cohen, Sean Elsbernd, Mark Farrell and Scott

Wiener.

The parkland property – owned by San Francisco – is located on the Pacifica coast and used for a public golf course. The goal of the legislation is to restore the land to its natural habitat for inclusion in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area that's under National Park Service jurisdiction.

Environmentalists have been pushing for the change. The land is home to the endangered San Francisco garter snake and the threatened California red-legged frog and also have taken their fight to court.

"The real thrust of this ordinance is to really protect endangered species in the Pacifica area," Avalos said before the vote. He also voiced concern that operation of the golf course is draining rec and park funding that could be better used within the city.

Meanwhile, San Francisco park officials are trying to work out a deal to turn management of the land over to San Mateo County, which would retain the golf course. Details are being negotiated and are expected to be shored up by month's end. One of the sticking points: Who would pay for implementation of a plan to reconfigure the greens to protect the most vulnerable habitat and restore some wetlands?

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NORAHG Responds to the SIEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR Against Sharp Park Golf Course, San Francisco, California.

MEDIA RELEASE

The Mayor of San Francisco, Hon. Ed Lee, must be CONGRATULATED for SAVING Sharp Park Golf Course on December 19th, 2011.

The Five San Francisco Supervisors (i.e. City Councillors) who supported the Mayor must also be CONGRATULATED.

And the Mayor and Supervisors of San Mateo County have also EARNED OUR THANKS.

This golf facility has been under a SIEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR under the PRETEXT of somehow protecting obscure and insignificant species.

In fact, Sharp Park Golf Course is NOT harming ANY animal species.

Not surprisingly, Enviro-Lunatics DESPISE the Game of Golf.

Anti-Golf Organizations have TERRORIZED the City of San Francisco for years over the future of Sharp Park Golf Course.

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"Golf courses use an obscene amount of water, pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers."

Absolutely correct.

And the water that golf courses use is FRESH water.

That's why the threatened red-legged frog and the threatened SF garter snake are on the golf course in question. Because they thrive in freshwater environments.

Return that golf course to its primeval state of being a brackish saltwater lagoon, and kiss the frogs and snakes goodbye forever. It's not that they won't live in a salt environment. It's that they can't live in such an environment. They'll die off. Marine species will move in to replace them.

This is one of those rare cases where playing God and playing golf actually line up neatly with one another.

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Golf courses use an obscene amount of water, pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers. Add to that the maintenance it requires, golf courses do not generally co-exist with nature. It is a statement about our conquest over nature.

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