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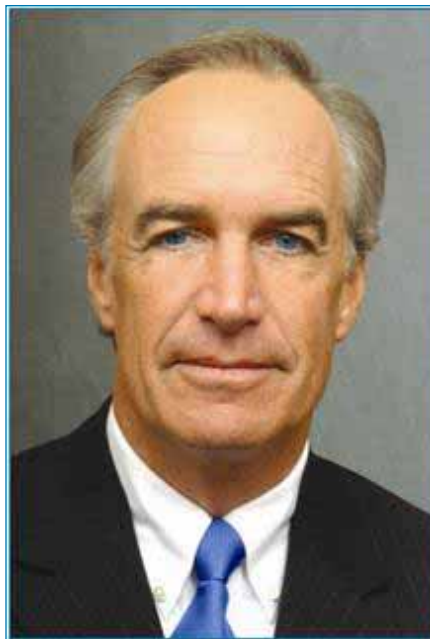
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President's budget includes \$7 million to study Hetch Hetchy's restoration

In an early February news conference, Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced that the President's budget includes \$7 million to study the restoration of Yosemite National Park's Hetch Hetchy Valley. The Secretary stated that the federal study would allow "discussions with the state of California" to continue.

Responding to a request from Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis), in July 2006, the Schwarzenegger Administration announced the results of its year-long study of Hetch Hetchy's restoration, which found it is "technically feasible" to restore the Valley and there are "no fatal flaws" in the restoration concept. The state's study suggested that, in order for a more



Interior Secretary
Dirk Kempthorne

definitive analysis of restoration options to occur, an additional \$7 million should be spent in cooperation with the federal government.

Restore Hetch Hetchy is extremely pleased that the federal government has seen

fit to become a full partner with California in the Hetch Hetchy restoration study process. Both Democratic and Republican elected officials have supported serious study of Hetch Hetchy's restoration, and now we have both the state and federal governments cooperating in the process.

The *Sacramento Bee* editorialized that for "Yosemite National Park, there was a special and surprising valentine: \$7 million for advancing a state effort to definitively identify costs and benefits of restoring the smaller twin of Yosemite Valley, known as Hetch Hetchy." Suggesting that the President is "looking to broaden his legacy," the *Bee* concluded that the

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“proposal to invest in the national park system . . . is an affordable and lasting way to preserve extraordinary landscapes . . . The idea of investing in our national parks isn’t going away. It is coming of age.”



Lt. Gov. John Garamendi

Newly elected Democratic Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi is a strong supporter of Hetch Hetchy’s restoration, and it is expected that he will continue his leadership role at the state level. As he stated in our Winter 2005 newsletter: “As Californians, we now have the opportunity to do something truly great for our state, our children and for generations to come. We can, and should, restore the magnificence of the Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park. Today, there is great momentum to support this effort. It is a window of

opportunity that may not come again. Therefore, we must act now.”

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Please help support the President’s proposal to include \$7 million in the federal budget to study Hetch Hetchy’s restoration. Because the budget will first be considered in the U.S. House of Representatives, please contact your House member and encourage support for studying Hetch Hetchy’s restoration in the federal budget process. To find out who your House member is, go to www.house.gov/ and enter your nine-digit zip code in the “Find Your Representative” boxes.

Here’s how to contact your House member: 1) Address your letter to The Honorable _____, U.S House of Representatives, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; 2) e-mail your message by going to that House member’s website and look for “contact us;” 3) call your House member by going through the main switchboard: (202) 224-3121

THANKS for supporting Yosemite National Park’s Hetch Hetchy Valley.

OUTINGS TO HETCH HETCHY – Week of June 4th – 8th

Restore Hetch Hetchy is pleased to announce that it is cooperating with the outdoor guide company, Y-explore, to encourage people to enjoy Hetch Hetchy Valley.

During the week of June 4 – 8, Y-explore will conduct outings to Hetch Hetchy with an experienced naturalist, artist, and photographer. Outings participants will have options to go on a naturalist-led walk to learn about Hetch Hetchy's natural history (Tuolumne River, glaciers, geology, wildflowers), to participate in a plein air art class, and to take a photography class – all with Hetch Hetchy Valley's great granite walls and booming waterfalls as a backdrop.

Naturalist/artist/photographer James McGrew will be one of the trip leaders. His works are featured on our website,

www.hetchhetchy.org, and on our membership brochure. Please visit his website: www.JamesMcGrewFineArt.com to see examples of his excellent work.

A photographer and other staff people from Y-explore will also participate in the outings.

For more information about these exciting opportunities, and to register for the outings, please contact Y-explore at: <http://yexplore.com/hetchhetchy.htm>, or call toll-free (800) 886-8009, or e-mail tours@yexplore.com

The Evergreen Lodge is also cooperating with us by hosting evening slide shows for trip participants and their guests. Please visit their website www.evergreenlodge.com/ to make overnight reservations. Other guest accommodations near Hetch Hetchy are listed on the Y-explore website.



Hetch Hetchy Waterfalls and Wildflowers
photo by James McGrew

JONATHAN MARSHALL FUHRER

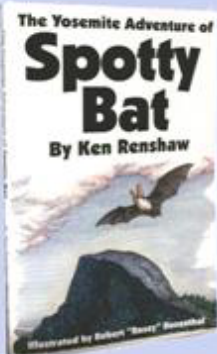
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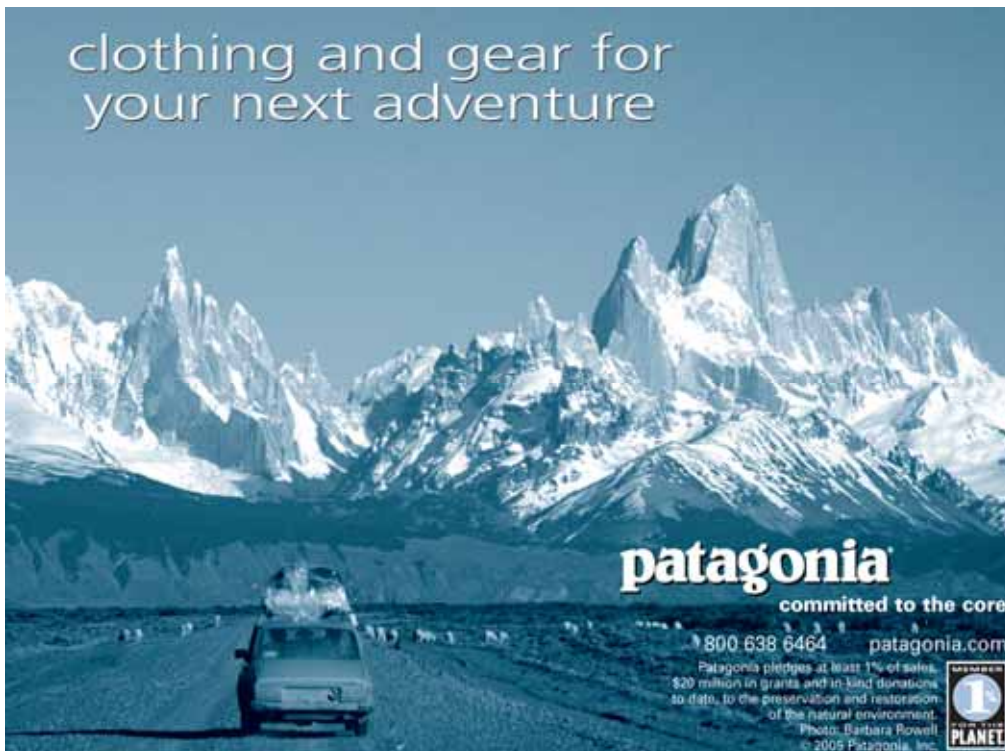
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was created in 1998 by environmentalist web designer Robert Brower in partnership with his father, conservationist David Brower. The website promotes the principles of conservation, preservation, and restoration of the Earth's natural resources. It is also a tribute to the late David and Robert Brower. Both David Brower and Robert Brower were avid supporters of the Restore Hetch Hetchy movement and were members of the Board of Directors.


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Please use order form on page 7.

MEET OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE – David Mihalic, former Superintendent of Yosemite National Park

I believe the restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley would mean the creation of another Yosemite Valley. People would have the chance to watch the rebirth and natural regeneration of this once-wild place over time. The return of Hetch Hetchy to what the valley used to be can mean nothing less than the return of the soul of Yosemite.

I was drawn early on to conservation, spent time in everything from woodlots to wild places, and even committed to a profession in conservation by studying in college the biological, social and economic factors about why we choose to "use" one place and "save another." I am not a member of most "environmental" groups because I may not agree with where they choose to place their energies. I'd rather choose where to use my energy. High on my list is reversing the travesty of Hetch Hetchy's environmental desecration. Even if it was once a legitimate "need," it has been legitimately shown the need no longer exists. If anything, the Hetch Hetchy story is an example of the politics of local interests who are able to siphon off the values that belong to all our nation's citizens -- indeed to all humankind, because of Yosemite's status as a World Heritage Site.

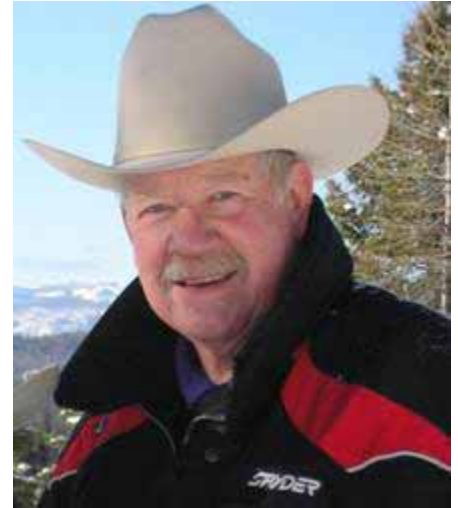
Few people realize the importance of Yosemite as a World Heritage Site. This designation says Yosemite is special to all the people in the world, not just to us. And, it says to the world that we in the United States will take extra care in its management.

If the citizens of San Francisco really are the proud environmentalists they proclaim to be, then we must help them realize each time

they turn on their tap, they degrade Yosemite and they drink the values robbed from all who have never seen a truly "wild" Hetch Hetchy. Yet, with their support for its restoration, they could still have their water and a wild Yosemite too! Is it feasible to take a drink of water, yet drink in the view that painters like Albert Bierstadt, Brooks Anderson, and James McGrew have shown us could be? Yes -- because of RHH's efforts, what was thought of as impossible has now been shown to be a real possibility. The next step is before us, and with the help of all who want to see a truly wild Yosemite -- it's just beneath the surface!

As a teen, I was an active Boy Scout, an avid hunter, and enjoyed the out-of-doors. I entered Southern Illinois University in 1964, studying forestry and recreation administration, and later went to graduate school at Michigan State University's School of Natural Resources where I studied park management and resource law. I spent two summers at Glacier National Park, Montana, which was my first, and actually best, career assignment -- as the park ranger at the head of Lake McDonald.

In 1976, I went to Yellowstone where I was in charge of the North Entrance. I've always had a soft spot for those Rangers who first greet the public -- that first impression is critical. I later became the first Superintendent of Alaska's Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, and then went to the Great Smokies as deputy superintendent, Chief of Policy and Assistant to the Director in Washing-



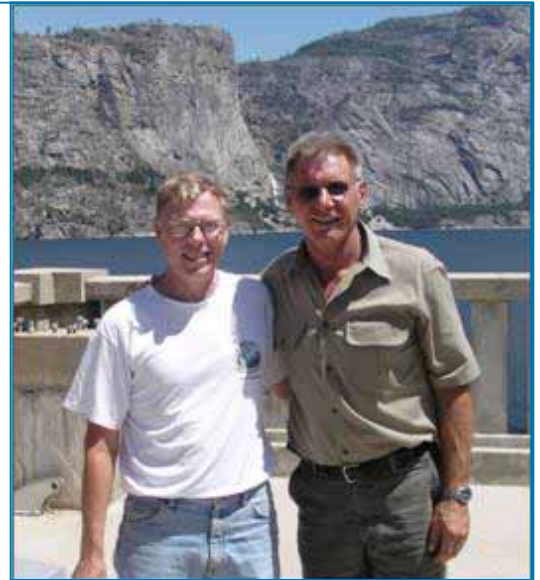
David Mihalic, Member of RHH Advisory Committee

ton, D.C., and Superintendent of Mammoth Cave, Glacier, and Yosemite. I am fortunate to have been Superintendent of four World Heritage Sites and a district ranger in a fifth.

I am now a management consultant in leadership development and natural resource management, especially World Heritage Sites. I painted as a hobby throughout my career and now have a studio in Missoula, Montana. I paint landscapes, wildlife and national park subjects in oils and watercolor. When people buy my work, I continue to instill national park values.

My wife Jeri works for the National Park Service and coordinates the national facility management training program. My daughter, Emily, is 17 and a junior, and son Nicholas is 15 and a sophomore at Loyola Sacred Heart High School.

Actor Harrison Ford (right) and RHH Executive Director Ron Good (left) met at Hetch Hetchy during the filming last summer of Environmental Defense's documentary, *Discover Hetch Hetchy with Harrison Ford*. In addition to narration and appearances by Mr. Ford, the film features interviews with President Reagan's Interior Secretary Donald Hodel (member of our Advisory Committee), Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis), Pulitzer Prize winning editor Tom Philp of the *Sacramento Bee*, staff from Environmental Defense, and Ron Good. The film premiered at the Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Nevada City on January 13, 2007. "It's exciting that Mr. Ford would offer his time and support to the restoration cause," said Jennifer Witherspoon of Environmental Defense. "With this kind of momentum we're sure to see a second Yosemite in our lifetimes."



RHH Highway Signs Popping Up Like Wildflowers

It all started in mid-2005 when RHH Executive Director Ron Good and board member Jerry Cadagan were driving back from Sacramento to Sonoma after yet another productive strategy meeting at the Capitol. They noticed all the available CalTrans Adopt-a Hwy signs and one said to the other, "We need some Restore Hetch Hetchy highway signs near Hetch Hetchy." Within weeks they had arranged for two signs on Highway 120 just west of the Evergreen Road turnoff to Hetch Hetchy. Because that stretch of highway is far from fast food restaurants, they found that a few volunteers could easily do the required litter pick up six times a year along the two mile stretch between the signs.



Glenn Ovitt

The Winter 2005 RHH Newsletter included a picture of one of our new signs and that caught the attention of Advisory Committee member George Miller of San Francisco (not the Congressman). Miller asked how more signs could be arranged in more heavily traveled areas. We learned that where litter is too heavy for volunteers, a commercial company can be retained to do the clean ups. George generously offered to underwrite the clean up costs for two signs on Highway 108 (near the Yosemite junction) and two more on Highway 140 not far from the Park boundary. Those signs went up in mid-2006.



George Miller

Not to be outdone, Grass Valley based member Sylvia Seymour contacted the CalTrans office in her area, recruited a group of volunteers, and now there are two more Restore Hetch Hetchy signs in California, these on Highway 49 south of Grass Valley. See the picture on this page. Now we have eight signs in strategic locations throughout the State and, according to CalTrans statistics, well over 10 million cars per year pass by these signs.

You can do your part. Contact Ron Good (ron@hetchhetchy.org – 209-533-4481) or Jerry Cadagan (socialchr@aol.com – 209-536-9278) to learn how to get started sponsoring your own Restore Hetch Hetchy signs in your part of the State.



Ethan Jordan (left) and Andrew Jordan (right) with mom, Sylvia Seymour (center)

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The New Christy Minstrels

Under the Direction of
Randy Sparks



Restore Hetch Hetchy Benefit Concert Wednesday, May 9, 2007 • San Francisco, California Palace of Fine Arts - 7:30pm

The legendary folk group, the New Christy Minstrels, will perform on May 9 at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco in a benefit concert for Restore Hetch Hetchy. Restore Hetch Hetchy is fortunate that the New Christy Minstrels have agreed to do this benefit shortly before embarking in June on a year long world tour. Tickets for this one time show can be purchased for \$35 (including all handling fees, etc.) online at Restore Hetch Hetchy's site – hetchhetchy.org – or the New Christy Minstrels site – thenewchristyminstrels.com.

The New Christy Minstrels re-launched about two years ago, under the leadership of founder Randy Sparks, when they started performing throughout the West to sold out audiences made up of adoring former fans and those who simply enjoy their enduring, refreshing pop-folk style. It was more than 40 years ago that a group of talented young folk musicians made their national TV debut on the Andy Williams show in 1962. That was followed by a trip to the top of the pop charts in 1963 with "Green, Green", co-written and featuring the booming voice of Barry McGuire. McGuire is best known to some for his later huge solo hit, "Eve of Destruction". Both Randy Sparks and Barry McGuire will appear at the San Francisco concert, as will original players Clarence Treat, Jackie Miller Davidson, Art Podell and Dolan Ellis.

The San Francisco benefit for Restore Hetch Hetchy will likely be the New Christy Minstrel's only 2007 Bay Area performance. A sell out can be expected, so order your tickets now and join hundreds of other Minstrel fans and Hetch Hetchy Valley restoration supporters for a couple of hours of wholesome folk music and fun.

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