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**FORMER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR DONALD HODEL JOINS  
ADVISORY PANEL TO RESTORE HETCH HETCHY**

*Sonora – Aug. 30, 2006* -- The organization Restore Hetch Hetchy today announced that Donald Hodel has been appointed to the organization's Advisory Committee by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Hodel held two cabinet level positions in President Reagan's Administration; Secretary of Interior (1985 - 1989) and Secretary of Energy (1982 - 1985). Earlier he had served as Undersecretary of Interior (1981 - 1982). Previously he had been both Deputy Administrator (1969 - 1972) and Administrator (1972 - 1978) of the Bonneville Power Administration. At the end of President Reagan's term in office, he and his wife Barbara moved to Colorado where they run an energy consulting firm. He also sits on a number of religious, charitable and corporate boards. To Hetch Hetchy restoration advocates, Hodel is known as the person who, in 1987, listened to the suggestion of fellow Advisory Committee member Ike Livermore and first publicly suggested that Hetch Hetchy Valley could be restored with no harm to the San Francisco Bay Area. Livermore had been Resources Secretary to Governor Reagan.

"I'm honored to join such a knowledgeable and diverse group of advisors committed to the cause of restoring Hetch Hetchy Valley to Yosemite National Park," commented Hodel. "We know now that restoration is physically feasible. That, together with the dedication and competence of the Restore Hetch Hetchy professional staff, makes me believe it will begin much sooner than some might have thought."

"Restore Hetch Hetchy is indeed fortunate to have Don join our Advisory Committee, where he will be joining two former California Resources Secretaries - one a Democrat and one a Republican - and two former Sierra Club Presidents, one being Don's former college classmate Mike McCloskey", said Restore Hetch Hetchy Executive Director Ron Good.

"Don's vast experience in water and power issues and his first hand insights into the workings of the nation's capitol will be of invaluable assistance to our Board and staff", added Jerry Cadagan, Board Chair of Restore Hetch Hetchy.

A complete listing of Advisory Committee members is at [http://hetchhetchy.org/organization/board\\_members.html](http://hetchhetchy.org/organization/board_members.html)