

Restore Hetch Hetchy

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IMPORTANT FACT

The Earth is in the midst of the sixth mass extinction of both plants and animals, with nearly 50 percent of all species disappearing, scientists say.

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RHH Board of Directors

**Chair: Mark Cederborg
Vice-Chair: Bill Resneck
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The mission of Restore Hetch Hetchy is to restore the Hetch Hetchy Valley to its original natural splendor.

For more information please visit www.hetchhetchy.org

Springtime is here! Two weeks ago I was hiking along the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir to Wapama Falls and was awed by the early spring flowers popping up just feet from the snow along the trail. While enthused by the beauty of the falls, it was also an ominous experience. For the first time I noticed a complete lack of bird life around the rim of the reservoir. One hundred years ago Hetch Hetchy Valley was teeming with birds and animals that made their home along the swampy banks of the Tuolumne River. It reminded me of the recent research I saw about the connection between the loss of wetlands--and bird habitat--over the last 100 years and the rise of the avian flu virus as a consequence of bird "overcrowding."

Today's headlines are a not-so-subtle reminder that OUR stewardship of OUR natural resources is intricately connected to the health and well being of our society. And that just because one form of stewardship served us well over the last 100 years does not mean it will serve us well over the next 100 years. Bringing the Hetch Hetchy Valley back to life will result in the rebirth of 9 miles of river and acres and acres of beautiful wetlands. And it will mean the return of thousands and thousands

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SF HQ Needed!

RHH would like to move from its temporary offices to a real headquarters in San Francisco.

Specifically we are looking for inexpensive retail space in a busy neighborhood. If you know of a space or a commercial agent who might help us please contact:

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of birds.

To that end, we at Restore Hetch Hetchy have been busy! A few highlights of the month:

1. We have hired a Field Organizer for the summer to design and lead our San Francisco outreach efforts. His Name is Max Szabo; he is a native San Franciscan and an experienced organizer. He will need your help with the numerous outreach activities we have planned so please email him at max@hetchhetchy.org to learn how you can be a part of our outreach efforts.

2. We have designed an exciting annual fundraising event/backpacking trip called "Muir's March" which is designed to raise money and promote our mission at the same time. More information about this exciting event is in the article below.

3. The Yosemite Charitable Foundation honored Restore Hetch Hetchy's major donors at a dinner on April 17th at One Market Restaurant in San Francisco. Long-time RHH supporter George Miller was awarded the **John Muir Heritage Award** for his commitment to fulfilling John Muir's dream of a restored Hetch Hetchy Valley.

We have big plans for the summer and we hope they include you! If you have not renewed your membership, please and do so now. If you have time to volunteer in the office during the week or in the neighborhoods of San Francisco on the weekends, [please click here](#). There has never been a more important time to engage people about changing the way we steward our natural resources. Let's do it for the birds!

Mike Marshall
Executive Director

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Your support for Restore Hetch Hetchy has never been more important. Your financial contribution helps pay for brochures, tabling permits and other critical community outreach expenses. Please take a moment and renew your membership online today. Or give a membership as a gift!

[CLICK HERE TO RENEW!](#)

MUIR'S MARCH

**7 days of challenges....
45 miles of sweat.....
100 years of activism....**

Follow in the footsteps of John Muir.
Become a leader in the fight.
Bring the Hetch Hetchy Valley back to life.

WHAT?

A guided 7 day backpacking trip/fundraiser for 20 people (2 groups) through the Tuolumne Grand Canyon to the O'Shaughnessy Dam. Each participant will raise a minimum of \$1800 in order to participate.

WHEN?

September 13-19, 2009

WHY?

To generate funds for the campaign to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park. Each "marcher" will raise a minimum of \$1800 from their family and friends in order to participate.

You'll receive fundraising training and assistance as well as the opportunity to train for the trip with experienced backcountry guides.

Not for the feint of heart: bears and bugs and rattlesnakes will all be making the trip as well!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS
EXCITING AND IMPORTANT TRIP**

[CLICK HERE](#)

OR CALL 415.956.0401

**JOHN MUIR LEADING A TRIP THROUGH THE
PATE VALLEY IN THE TUOLUMNE RIVER GRAND CANYON**



SAN FRANCISCO MEETING/BRIEFING

Come learn about our important plans to build support within San Francisco for the restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Without the backing of the people of San Francisco we can't accomplish our goal. A 2005 public opinion poll indicated 39% of San Francisco's voters supported restoration, 33% opposed and 29% remained undecided. We need your help to improve those numbers!

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

10:00 - 11:30AM

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 Larkin Street (at Grove)

San Francisco, CA 94102-4733

Civic Center Station (BART & MUNI)

rsvp to max@hetchhetchy.org

Come learn about Restore Hetch Hetchy's 2009-2010 "Plan of Action" and how you can play a leadership role. Bring a friend!



RHH PEOPLE

NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

At our April board of directors meeting **Mark Cederborg** was elected the President of the Board of Directors. Mark has served on the board for over 8 years, previously served as Vice Chair of the board and is the chair of the Restoration Committee. A lifelong Californian, Mark is a river restoration ecologist who lives in Marin. Congratulations Mark!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Restore Hetch Hetchy will not accomplish its mission without the support of volunteers like **Victoria Smith**. A professional photographer and model, Victoria has been taking a lead on organizing Muir's March and producing a quarterly printed newsletter (soon to be in your mailbox!). Why does she volunteer? "Having a long-standing interest in ecology and environmental conservation, as well as a life long love of Yosemite National Park, I feel like I've found a great fit for myself volunteering at Restore Hetch Hetchy. Being a part of the effort to restore Hetch Hetchy valley feels like such a valuable and meaningful way to spend my time. Learning more about San Francisco's water history and use had been particularly interesting to me as well."



Thank you Victoria!!!

For information on how YOU can volunteer please email Max at max@hetchhetchy.org or call 415.956.0401.

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