

Minutes of the Board of Directors of  
Restore Hetch Hetchy  
May 6, 2023

**I. ATTENDANCE**

- A. Board Members: Jim Fousekis, Ann Hayden, Lance Olson, Mark Palley, Craig Reynolds, Virginia Stock, and Roger Williams (Craig, Ann and Virginia by zoom)
- B. Staff: Spreck Rosekrans (ED), Carlos Antunez (Outreach Liaison), Julene Freitas (Administrator), and Marissa Leonard (Development)

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. Minutes. Roger proposed, Lance seconded approval of February 2, 2023 minutes, all approved.
- B. Resolutions for Bob Hackamack and Rex Hime, who both have passed away. Lance proposed and Roger seconded, all approved.
- C. Compliance Officer to replace Rex: Ann accepted the assignment, Roger proposed, Jim seconded, all approved.

**III. BUDGET AND FINANCE**

- A. 2023 1st Q Income Actual (\$150K) to Budget (\$105K), \$45K above. Mostly due to Ann Babbitt's 100K bequest. The Conservation Alliance declined the request.
- B. 2023 1st Q Expenses Actual (\$120K) to Budget (\$138K), \$65K below
- C. Current Cash Balance. About \$400K

**IV. DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING**

- A. Annual Dinner. Kim Stanley Robinson has agreed to speak at the Berkeley City Club on October 7, 2023. Shout out to Craig for recruiting Robinson. The Dinner Committee consists of Ann, Jim, and Roger. Jim will fund advertising in the Sierra Club publication. Julene asks Board Members to consider donations.
- B. On-Line Petition: Spreck reports that more than 500 persons have signed the “keeping promises” petition.
- C. Targeted YouTube and Facebook/Instagram Ads: Marissa reports that in one day more than 25,000 people hit the “How to Avoid the Crowd with Yosemite’s Best Kept Secret” ad, with some portion clicking the link to the targeting film targeted to people in California and within that group people who are interested in Yosemite and climbing. Cost about \$1,000 per run. No special rate for non-profits. Julene will look into Google non-profit rates or grants.
- D. Yosemite’s Best Kept Secrets: second phase of ad campaign will be a Google-paid search leading to this site at RHH’ web page.

## V. GROUND WATER RECHARGE

- A. Eastside. Spreck reports that recharging of the Tuolumne Basin is neglected. Spreck met with Sara Woolf, Executive Director of Eastside Water District, and other water managers. Eastside, just east of the City of Turlock, has a recharge basin, but for Tuolumne water to reach Eastside, it has to go through piping run by the Turlock Irrigation District (TID), which doesn’t want to lose any of its water or electric-generation rights. Lance wonders whether the state could require TID to work with Eastside. Spreck reports that Eastside does not have the facilities for large groundwater capture from the Tuolumne, and it would cost 10-100M to build those facilities – many times less than

building reservoirs.

- B. Ground Water Messaging and Politics. Craig suggests we not vilify almond farmers. Not our controversy. Spreck notes that the activists who want more water for fish lean to allowing rivers to have uninterrupted and varied flows.

## VI. KEEPING PROMISES

- A. Superintendent Cicely Muldoon has indicated she can't / won't meet with us until the Fall. We will meet in May or early June with her Chief of Staff Joe Meyer and Hetch Hetchy Liaison Ed Dunlavey.
- B. Superintendent's Compendium. Craig asks about legal authority for the compendium, and notice-and-comment process for it.
- C. Hours: Ed Dunlavey first said there was a security issue due to lack of cell-phone access; we inquired about StarLink; he later said there was a requisition process with that service; he later said that cell-phone access wasn't a security issue after all. Something of a run-around.
- D. Petition to Dept. of Interior on Access: The draft petition mentions compendium violations, specifically boating to preserve SF's filtration exemption. Craig urges hiring technical experts to undercut SF's claimed filtration need – is there any water quality difference between East Bay MUD vs. SFPUC? Lance suggests a DC law firm submit the petition, particularly Doug Wheeler of Hogan Lovell. Ann suggests contacting to Buzz Thompson at Stanford Law School for assistance.
- E. Petition Sub-Committee. Mark P, Jim and Craig if time permits will meet with Spreck.
- F. Legislation. Spreck met with Congressional staff to

McClintock about reintroducing the proposed access and rent increase statute, but they have diminished interest since Rex passed away.

**VII. TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

- A. Carlos went to the recent march with the Southern Sierra Miwok for tribal recognition. Overall, the tribe members were on the side of support but have concerns about artifact protection and whether the National Park Service would get restoration right.

**VIII. CALENDAR**

- A. Next Board Meeting is September 9, 2023.