

**Minutes of the Board of Directors of
Restore Hetch Hetchy
April 26, 2025 – Retreat at Evergreen**

I. ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Barb Andrews, Mark Cederborg, Jim Fousekis, Virginia Stock Johannessen (on zoom), Mark Palley, Lucho Rivera, Mecia Serafino, Pete Van Kuran, and Roger Williams

Staff: Spreck Rosekrans (ED), Julene Freitas (Administrator), and Tom Skeele (prospective Development Director)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes. Roger moves, Mark P seconds, all approve February 15, 2025 minutes

III. FINANCE

2025 Income to Date. Actual (\$58K) to Budget (\$32K), \$26K above.

2025 Expenses to Date. Actual (\$13K) to Budget (\$24K), \$10K below

Current Cash Balance. Around \$270K

Change of Investment Rule. Mark P proposes, Mecia seconds, giving ED and Treasurer the discretion to invest up to 20% of the cash balance in diversified low-cost stock and bond funds. Barb's friendly amendment is for the Treasurer to report at board meetings on the performance of the portfolio. All approved.

IV. DEVELOPMENT

Jim's Proposal: Jim's offer of \$25K was matched by board members, and Spreck did a search and found one potential candidate, Tom.

Tom Skeele: Tom worked as a Yosemite guide in the 80s and was incensed with this misuse of the park at Hetch Hetchy. He thinks RHH's ideas and objectives are excellent. When he left Yosemite and founded the Predator Conservation Alliance in Montana, he was the enemy of all the ranchers. But the steady push for the benefits of the wolves and other predators built a movement that re-established wolves in Montana. What he sees is missing is the building of a movement and a strategy for achieving RHH's goals and getting the message out. There is a need for a detailed outreach map with

dates and milestones. He also sees the benefit of building partnerships with other interested groups and constituencies, including the native tribes, as well as expanding outreach, seeing benefits of outreach to different regions, including the Bay Area, LA, the Central Valley, the entire state, Federal authorities, and conservation and park advocates, and tailoring the message to those different constituencies. Describes a Ted Turner-sponsored event with 100 major donors in attendance for his second wildlife organization.

V. IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS

Yosemite National Park and NPS: Spreck reports that for several reasons, including staff turnover, we have not had a follow-up meeting with the Hetch Hetchy administration, but are continuing to arrange a meeting through Chief of Staff Joe Meyer, who is staying on. Mark P and Spreck will submit a formal demand for a follow up meeting, listing the status of the various access efforts, and indicating that RHH will otherwise proceed to litigation.

Litigation. Spreck is interested in pursuing litigation over access issues, including boating, fishing, potable water, public services, signage and trails. He is of the view that litigation will benefit park visitors, increase RHH's visibility, raise money, reduce the value to SF of the reservoir, and other benefits. Potential legal issues were discussed. An ad hoc legal committee of Jim and Mark P will formulate questions to the interested pro bono law student from UCSF Law School. Jim will reach out to Earth Justice and Spreck will approach law firms for pro bono work, with Mike Lozeau in the mix for consideration.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Development Director: The Board recommends appointing Tom.

VII. CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting is September 13, 2025.