

### 35. Hetch Hetchy Policy Reaffirmation

Conservation Director Scott presented a resolution for consideration in response to the Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel's proposal to remove O'Shaughnessy Dam in Yosemite National Park and restore the Hetch Hetchy Valley of the Tuolumne River. Scott explained that the proposed reaffirmation of Hetch Hetchy policy states that the Club has always opposed the dam. The intent is to get action from Secretary Hodel rather than words. A serious study must be undertaken soon for action to take place before Hodel leaves at the end of the Reagan Administration.

MS(Reid-Wayburn) See final resolution below.

Minor wording changes were made at the request of Director Brower to drop comparatives and shorten the opening paragraph. Director Reid noted that the resolution was a cooperative effort and though reluctant to change the wording, agreed with the positive spirit of Director Brower's request.

MSC(Reid-Wayburn) The Sierra Club reaffirms its policy adopted in 1907 and 1910, and continues its historic and fundamental opposition to the damming of the Tuolumne River in Yosemite National Park. We welcome initiatives toward the restoration of the free-flowing Tuolumne River and Hetch Hetchy Valley.

Specifically--

- \*\* We urge Secretary of the Interior Donald P. Hodel to undertake immediately a feasibility study leading to a recommendation for draining Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and restoring Hetch Hetchy Valley.
- \*\* We call upon all interests to take an open minded, long view of this issue, and to study and assess alternatives to meeting their needs and concerns through alternative sources of water, power and revenue.
- \*\* Acknowledging our many and serious disagreements with Secretary Hodel and with this Administration, we salute this initiative, but call upon Secretary Hodel to demonstrate the seriousness of his public proposal by assuring that a feasibility study (funded by discretionary funds already available to him within the Department of the Interior) is concluded, and his official recommendation made, within the term of this Administration in office. We pledge our cooperation in this effort.

All were in favor.

### 36. Conservation Policy Guidelines

Assistant Conservation Director Gene Coan explained that the proposed guidelines for the development of conservation policy

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