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15,836 Signatures!

San Francisco voters will finally have say

Almost sixteen thousand. That's the number of people who signed a petition to demand that San Francisco create a plan for a **less destructive, more sustainable water system**, and for the return of Hetch Hetchy Valley to the American people.

Amazing, when you stop to think about it! That's far more signatures than required, and the city's Department of Elections has confirmed that the initiative will appear on the San Francisco ballot.

Earlier this year, Restore Hetch Hetchy (RHH) launched a sister organization, the **Yosemite Restoration Campaign** (YRC), to actively and directly lead the campaign to pass the initiative, which is currently called the "Water Sustainability and Environmental Restoration Planning Act of 2012." If it passes, the city must develop a plan by 2015, which will then be placed before voters for approval in 2016.



With media watching, volunteers deliver signatures to City Hall

"Elected leaders, and bureaucrats at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, have refused to admit that it's time for the city to develop a sustainable water system," said **Mike Marshall**, executive director of RHH and YRC.

"But the citizens of San Francisco care about environmental responsibility, and thanks to this ballot initiative, their voices will be heard."

For more information about the initiative, visit YosemiteRestorationCampaign.org.

What's Wrong With This Picture?

San Franciscans are so accustomed to the city's wasteful water management, we may not notice it when it's staring (or even spraying) us right in the face. **These photos show alarming misuse of drinkable water.** It's time the public looks more closely at the city's water practices.



Unlike other cities in the western U.S., San Francisco uses drinking water to wash its streets and sidewalks!

You've Got People Talking!

"The way San Francisco takes advantage of its bountiful water from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir would make John Muir weep."

—Los Angeles Times editorial, 2/15/12

"The issue is not only how San Francisco uses its water but whether there's any rationale, a century later, for the dam and the deal."

—New York Times editorial, 2/16/2012

"It's time to move into the 21st century."

—Sacramento Bee editorial, 1/26/12

"It seems ironic to me that San Francisco could lead the charge in so many ways — whether it's ecological and sustainable food in their daily lives — but every time they flush their toilets, they're despoiling a national park."

—Dave Mihalic, superintendent of Yosemite National Park 1999-2003, quoted in San Francisco Examiner, 6/25/12



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—East Bay Express, 3/5/12
"Few things are more hypocritical than San Francisco's cavalier attitude toward water. It's 2012, and yet the ostensibly progressive city has no water-recycling program."

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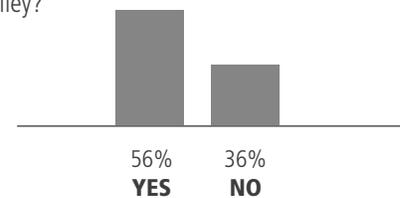
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The Movement That Kicked the Hornet's Nest

Your commitment to environmental responsibility has made 2012 a big year for the movement to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley. But even as public awareness of the issue grows, the establishment is spreading misinformation—for example, they say Hetch Hetchy is the "source" of San Francisco's water, rather than one of its storage tanks (the Tuolumne River is the source, of course). **We must work even harder to correct this misinformation.** Please sustain this vital work by donating today at donationpay.org/hetchhetchy.

Poll: San Francisco Voters Agree

Shall SF create a modern, sustainable water system to reduce use of Tuolumne River and allow for restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley?



SF Voters, David Binder Research, August 2011



This artist's rendering shows what Hetch Hetchy Valley could look like after being restored and returned to the American public.