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**Publication of Water Right Value Estimator**

Nevada water right holders in the Walker Basin can utilize a new tool to estimate the value of their water rights.

**Yerington, Nev.** – The Walker Basin Conservancy is making public its Water Right Value Estimator for Nevada Water Rights in the Walker Basin. This tool will provide a quick and easy way for Nevada water right owners in the Walker Basin to get a market value estimate of their water rights. The estimator requires users to input basic information from their Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) card(s). It is recommended to have the most up to date WRID card(s) available in order to get an accurate estimate of your water rights. To request your WRID card(s), contact WRID's Water Right Specialist, Sandy Neville, at [sandy@WRID.us](mailto:sandy@WRID.us).

A water right's value depends on several variables including location, size, and reliability. The reliability of a water right is estimated by analyzing its priority date fulfillment over a large range of previous water years. Purchase values of comparable water right transactions are also incorporated into the estimator to generate an estimate of a water right's market value. Actual water right offers are likely to be in the range quoted, however, each transaction is unique and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss details and answer any questions you might have.

Please note that this estimator is for surface water rights in the Nevada portion of the Walker Basin only — if you hold other water rights in the Walker Basin and are interested in engaging with the Conservancy to learn more about their water right acquisition program, please contact Silas Adams at [Silas.Adams@walkerbasin.org](mailto:Silas.Adams@walkerbasin.org) or by phone 775-463-9887 ext. 103.

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**About Walker Basin Conservancy:** The Walker Basin Conservancy is leading the effort to restore and maintain Walker Lake while protecting agricultural, environmental and recreational interests in the Walker River Basin. The Conservancy manages thousands of acres of land in the Basin and oversees revegetation activities, habitat enhancement and ongoing research. The Conservancy protects and monitors acquired water resources to ensure that they are used as intended for riparian and watershed stewardship and to increase stream flows to Walker Lake.

**About Walker Lake:** Walker Lake is a natural lake located in the geographic low point of the Walker River Basin and is the terminus of the Walker River. Decades of water diversions have resulted in declining water levels and dramatic increases in Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) to a level where Walker Lake can no longer support native fish or waterfowl. The Walker Basin Conservancy is working to acquire and protect enough water to reintroduce a stable population of Lahontan cutthroat trout, and other keystone species, in Walker Lake.