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CONGRESS VOTES ON LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

- Walker Basin Conservancy releases statement regarding the positive vote from Congress to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund-

YERINGTON, Nev.—The creation of the Walker River State Recreation Area, the newest addition to Nevada’s State Park system in a generation, wouldn’t have been possible without support from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This bipartisan program has been around for over five decades and we’re glad to see the House join the Senate in voting to revive it since it expired more than 120 days ago.

Permanent reauthorization, as well as full funding, of this key conservation tool is paramount for successful conservation and recreation initiatives in Nevada. We especially thank Nevada’s federal delegation, Sens. Cortez Masto and Rosen and Reps. Amodei, Titus, Horsford and Lee, for standing together to support this important bill.

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About the 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.

Walker Lake is an internationally protected stopover point for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway and an important fishery for threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout. Depleted freshwater inflows and changes to the hydrologic cycle have resulted in declines in lake levels and increases in salinity which threaten the ecological health of the lake.

