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SENATE VOTES ON LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

-Walker Basin Conservancy releases statement regarding Senate's recent vote on 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 Senate take action to revive it since the program expired more than 120 days ago. We thank Nevada's Senator Cortez Masto and Senator Rosen for voting to support LWCF.

Permanent reauthorization and full funding of this key conservation tool is paramount for successful conservation and recreation initiatives in Nevada. We are grateful for the support that Representatives Horsford, Lee, and Titus have already shown on the issue, and the House of Representatives must now follow the Senate's lead and vote to reauthorize and fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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About the Walker Basin Conservancy: The Walker Basin Conservancy is a nonprofit leading the effort to restore and maintain Walker Lake while protecting agricultural, environmental and recreational interests in the Walker River Basin. The Conservancy currently 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.

