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**WALKER BASIN CONSERVANCY COMPLETES FIRST WATER ACQUISITION SINCE 2016 FOR THE
RESTORATION OF WALKER LAKE**

Yerington, Nev.—November 1, 2018—The Walker Basin Conservancy (Conservancy) has completed the purchase of 9.88 cubic feet per second (CFS) of decreed water and 694 acre-feet (AF) of supplemental and new land storage water rights in Mason Valley. The Conservancy acquires land, water and related interests from willing sellers in the Walker River Basin to restore and maintain Walker Lake while protecting agricultural and recreational interests. In 2017, WBC assumed the lead role for the Walker Basin Restoration Program, previously administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

“This is a great step towards the goal of re-introducing a recovery population of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout in Walker Lake” said Jeff Bryant, Executive Director of the Conservancy. The Conservancy estimates that the Walker Program has acquired up to 45.5 percent of the water needed to restore Walker Lake to a long-term average of 12,000 ppm total dissolved solids (TDS), the level needed for optimal lake conditions and to support keystone species including Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and others.

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ABOUT: Established in 2014, the non-profit Walker Basin Conservancy is leading implementation efforts to restore and maintain Walker Lake while protecting agricultural, environmental and recreational interests in the Walker River Basin. WBC currently manages thousands of acres of land in the Basin and oversees revegetation activities, habitat enhancement and ongoing research. The Conservancy also 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.