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Walker Basin Conservancy Welcomes New Board Director

RENO, NEV.—April 23, 2018—This month, Walker Basin Conservancy (WBC) welcomes educator and civic leader John Patrick Rice as a board director. Rice is taking the place of WBC's former board director, Jeff Rife, a certified public accountant based in Yerington. Rife served on the WBC Board from September 2015 through March 2018.

Rice is a professor at Great Basin College in Elko and is serving his third term on Elko's city council. Rice served for six years on the board of Nevada Humanities, the last two as its chair. He is currently serving his first term as a member of the board of directors of the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center. He was appointed to that position by the U.S. Congress.

"We are thrilled to add John to the board," shared Jeff Bryant, Walker Basin Conservancy's Executive Director. "We're actively building a board diverse in experience and expertise. John brings with him a very specific understanding of the work we are doing with deep regard for Nevada's agricultural heritage and unique environmental resources. WBC also extends its gratitude to Jeff Rife for his years of dedicated service on the WBC Board."

The board of directors supports the work of the Walker Basin Conservancy and provides mission-based leadership and strategic governance. To get to know WBC's full board of directors, please visit walkerbasin.org/meet-the-board/.

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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 is responsible for stewarding thousands of acres of land in the Basin and oversees revegetation activities, habitat enhancement and ongoing research. WBC also acquires water rights from willing sellers and works collaboratively to protect and manage those resources for riparian and watershed stewardship, to support agricultural needs, and ultimately to increase stream flows in the Walker River to Walker Lake.

