

STORAGE WATER AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS

Lyon County, NV

The Walker Basin Conservancy is a Nevada non-profit that restores Walker Lake while protecting agricultural, environmental, and habitat interests in the Walker River Basin.

Due to the reallocation of storage water and change to restoration water needs, the Conservancy is making available approximately 700 acre-feet of storage water available for lease - 200 acre-feet from Bridgeport Reservoir and 500 acre-feet from Topaz Lake. The Conservancy invites current Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) users interested in leasing storage water to complete and submit a Bid Form below. Limit one bid per person.

The price for the bid is seventy-five Dollars (\$75) per acre-foot.

Leasing Format

WRID users submit a Bid Form on the Walker Basin Conservancy website stating the desired volume (in acre-feet), contact information, desired water source, and willingness to accept a lesser bid volume if demand exceeds available storage. The total storage water quantity available for lease is 700 acre-feet: 200 acre-feet from Bridgeport Reservoir and 500 acre-feet from Topaz Lake. The volume of storage water will be awarded in 10 acre-feet increments to all participating bidders through rounds until volume demand is satisfied or until allocated. If demand exceeds total available storage, the final round will be awarded to remaining bidders based on when the bid was submitted. **Bids will begin August 20, 2024 at 8:00 am and close August 26, 2024 at 5:00 pm, subject to availability.**

The Bid Form will be available for enrollment on the Walker Basin Conservancy website (<https://www.walkerbasin.org/>) beginning August 20, 2024 at 8:00 am and remain open until August 26, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

If you have questions, need help making a bid, or a bid form cannot be completed online, please contact Carlie Henneman for help:

Carlie Henneman

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Bid Submission and Auction Details:

- All qualified bids are binding;
- Limit one bid per person;

- Bid Forms will be accessible, completed, and submitted through the Conservancy website <http://www.walkerbasin.org/storage-lease-auction> between August 20, 2024 and August 26, 2024;
- If bidder cannot submit bid through the Conservancy website accommodations can be made by contacting Carlie Henneman;
- All uses of leased storage water are subject to WRID rules and regulations;
- Bidders must be current WRID patrons;
- Bids will have a set price of **\$75 PER ACRE-FOOT**
- Bids shall specify volume of storage water desired to be leased in 10 acre-feet increments;
- Bidders shall indicate whether they will accept a lower volume in the event their bid can only be partially filled;
- Each bidder will be awarded 10 acre-feet at a time until each bidder receives 10 acre-feet (i.e. round);
- Bidders will continue to be awarded in 10 acre-feet rounds until their desired volume is met; or
- If cumulative bid demand exceeds 700 acre-feet, the last round of available storage water will be awarded in 10 acre-feet increments in order of bid submission;
- Winning bidders will sign a lease agreement and the WRID transfer form for the Conservancy's approval and signature;
- Winning bidders must complete and sign all forms and provide a check for the entire amount within five (5) days of winning a bid. Failure to do so will result in the bid going to the next person in queue; and
- The Conservancy reserves the right to alter, amend, or modify any provision of this solicitation, or to withdraw this solicitation, at any time prior to the award of a lease at Conservancy's sole determination.

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