

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.

The Conservancy is making 3,000 acre-feet of storage water available for lease – 2,500 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.

Storage water will be awarded to the highest price/AF bid (\$5 increments) and then awarded to the second highest price/AF bid and so on, until allocated.

Leasing Format

WRID users submit a Bid Form on the Walker Basin Conservancy website stating the desired volume (in acre-feet), bid price (\$/acre-foot), 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 3,000 acre-feet: 2,500 acre-feet from Bridgeport Reservoir and 500 acre-feet from Topaz Lake. The acre-feet of storage water will be awarded to the highest price/AF bid (\$5 increments) and then awarded to the second highest price/AF bid (\$5 increments) and so on, until allocated. If submissions have the same bid price, storage water will be awarded in 10 acre-feet increments to those bidders through rounds until volume demand is satisfied or until allocated. **Bids will begin May 15, 2026 at 8:00 am and close May 26, 2026 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 May 15, 2026 at 8:00 am and remain open until May 26, 2026 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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Telephone: (760)417-9987

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 May 15, 2026 and May 26, 2026;
- 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 shall specify a price per acre-foot in \$5 increments;
- Bids will be awarded to the highest price/AF bid (\$5 increments) and then awarded to the second highest price/AF bid (\$5 increments) and so on, until allocated;
- 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;
- 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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