

**NOTICE of INTENT**  
to Award Discretionary Financial Assistance to a Single Source Without Competition

| Award Data                                     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 1. Single Source Justification Criteria        | CFDA #15.655 This Grant Agreement is being awarded without competition on the basis that the grantee organization (University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)) (2) Continuation - The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of an activity presently being funded, and for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity. USFWS and UCSB have been working cooperatively monitoring the ecological changes in Walker Lake for the past five years.                                                                                               |
| 2. Recipient or Type(s) of Eligible Recipients | University of California, Santa Barbara                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3. Award Amount                                | \$169,990.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4. Overview - Specific or Generic              | With five years of background monitoring and experiments completed, it is clear that Walker Lake is undergoing changes in ecology with lowered levels and rising salinity, but that potential losses of biological values incurred are reversible. Habitat availability and favorable salinities will support a healthy ecosystem but if the natural hydrograph cannot be maintained, lowering lake levels present an imminent threat to sustaining the existing community of aquatic life. Though the lake is recoverable, there is a continuing need to have easily measured indicators of biological health and tracking of the status of diversity and abundance. |
| 5. FWS Point of Contact                        | Mistylynn Summers, Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex<br>710 Hwy 395, Gardnerville, NV 89410<br>(775) 265-2425, misty_summers@fws.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |