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News Release

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Lafayette mosquito pools test positive for West Nile Virus

Spraying will continue at Waneka Lake and the North Finch Ave area, Waneka Lake Concert to move to Festival Plaza on Wednesday

Lafayette, Colo July 30, 2013 – While the overall number of mosquitoes in Lafayette is down, two mosquito pools have tested positive for West Nile Virus in Lafayette this week. One pool was located at Waneka Lake Park, and the other in the vicinity of North Finch Ave north of Baseline Rd near the Rothman Open Space. Waneka Lake Park previously tested positive for West Nile Virus the week of July 7.

The City's contractor, Colorado Mosquito Control (CMC), will continue its mosquito control efforts this week at Waneka Lake Park on Tuesday, July 30; and in the area north of East Baseline Road between Gough Avenue and Finch Street on Wednesday, July 31. CMC will use ground-based ULV (ultra-low volume) adult mosquito control at these locations after 10:00pm.

The concert scheduled for Wednesday evening at Waneka Lake has been moved. The Phat Daddy concert will be held at Festival Plaza (311 So. Public Rd) at 7:00pm on Wednesday, July 31.

Boulder County Public Health and City of Lafayette officials urge residents to remember the 4Ds:

- 1. Use DEET-enhanced insect repellent or alternative.
- 2. DRESS in long sleeves and pants.
- Avoid the outdoors from DUSK until DAWN.
- 4. DRAIN standing water outside your home.

"The best way for people to protect themselves against West Nile Virus is to follow the 4 Ds. The City will do its part to provide protection to our citizens; residents are encouraged to do what they can to fight against this virus", said Monte Stevenson, Director of Parks, Open Space and Golf at the City of Lafayette.

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The City of Lafayette contracts with Colorado Mosquito Control to conduct surveillance of adult mosquito populations and to provide limited adult mosquito control when predetermined disease and annoyance thresholds have been surpassed. The goal is to provide the greatest level of control of pest and disease vector mosquito populations while maintaining a balanced use of cultural, biological, and least-toxic chemical procedures that are environmentally compatible and economically feasible.

Culex mosquitoes increase in number as temperatures rise. Human infection of WNV can occur without symptoms. It can also cause mild to severe illness, including fever, extreme fatigue, head and body aches; lead to chronic disability, including tremors, vision loss, and paralysis; or even result in death.

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Please visit <u>www.comosquitocontrol.com</u> for information about Colorado Mosquito Control.

For more information about West Nile Virus, mosquito activity in Boulder County, or steps that you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones, visit www.BoulderCountyMosquito.net.

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